

St Johns Trail

Clues for your next stop

- 1: Start at CO4 0QN, end of Upland Drive, meeting Ipswich Road.
- 2: Another word for a place with lots of trees.
If you go down there you'll be sure to find a big surprise.
- 3: If you really wanted to you could go round and round all day.
- 4: The grass is greener on the other side (of the river)
- 5: Where Kings and Queens can rule the town.
- 6: You will find the final point of this trail at the base of one of the tallest structures in town, which could also be the name of an elephant.



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**WIN a How to get Kids Gardening Book
by Lee Connelly, The Skinny Jean Gardener.**

It's super easy! Take a selfie at the finishing point of the trail and post it on Instagram! Make sure to tag [@skinnyjeangardener](#) and [@incolchester](#) with the hashtag [#ColchesterGardenFestival](#).

A winner will be randomly selected at the end of the festival.



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St Johns Trail

Find all 5 points on the way into town, following the clues as you go, plus taking part in activities along the way.

Start at the end of Upland Drive, meeting Ipswich Road.

1

Ipswich Road, formally the A1232, is a road in Colchester. It was the historic coaching route and main road to Ipswich from the Middle Ages onwards.

Question: What road the Ipswich Road used to be part of?

Activity: Can you measure how wide the tree is on the grass area on the way into St Johns. How tall do you think this are could be?

2

This is the entrance into Highwoods, and another possible route into town, maybe try this way on the journey back home?

Question: If you walked to the bottom of this hill and continued, what part of town would you walk into?

Activity: Head into Highwoods and sit for a moment. What can you hear? If you sit quietly you might see the squirrels and even deer!

3

This is the bottom of Ipswich Road taking you into town. Years ago a garden centre sat on the other side which are now houses.

Question: Which garden centre used to be here?

Activity: Whilst you walk to the next point discuss what you'd do to make the roundabout more environmentally friendly. What would you like to see grown on this are.

4

This green area on East Street is a great place to enjoy.

Question: What is the river running next to this park called?

Activity: There is a large round seating area next to the park. Have a play on the park and then take a rest a listen to the river for a moment.

5

This is Colchester Castle, and if you are here during the right hours you can adventure around the castle and enjoy a picnic around the park.

Question: How many Windows can you see on the castle standing from the gates?

Activity: Head into Castle Park and take a walk around the castle. Discuss what happened here all those years ago and head down into the moat.



Heading into town for a walk on your own?

Why not listen to the St Johns Trail podcast with Lee Connelly, The Skinny Jean Gardener, as he talks about gardening ideas, makes and interviews! Find the podcasts on: incolchester.co.uk/garden-festival

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Congratulations

You've made it to the final part of the trail, here at Colchester's Jumbo Water tower, the largest remaining Victorian water tower in Britain! Also home to the very first Colchester Garden Festival School Show Gardens.

Question: How many bricks make up the water tower?

Activity: Take a photo at the end point of the trail and post this on social media tagging @skinnyjeangardener and @incolchester with the hashtag @ColchesterGardenTrail for your chance to win!

