

Beach House Park

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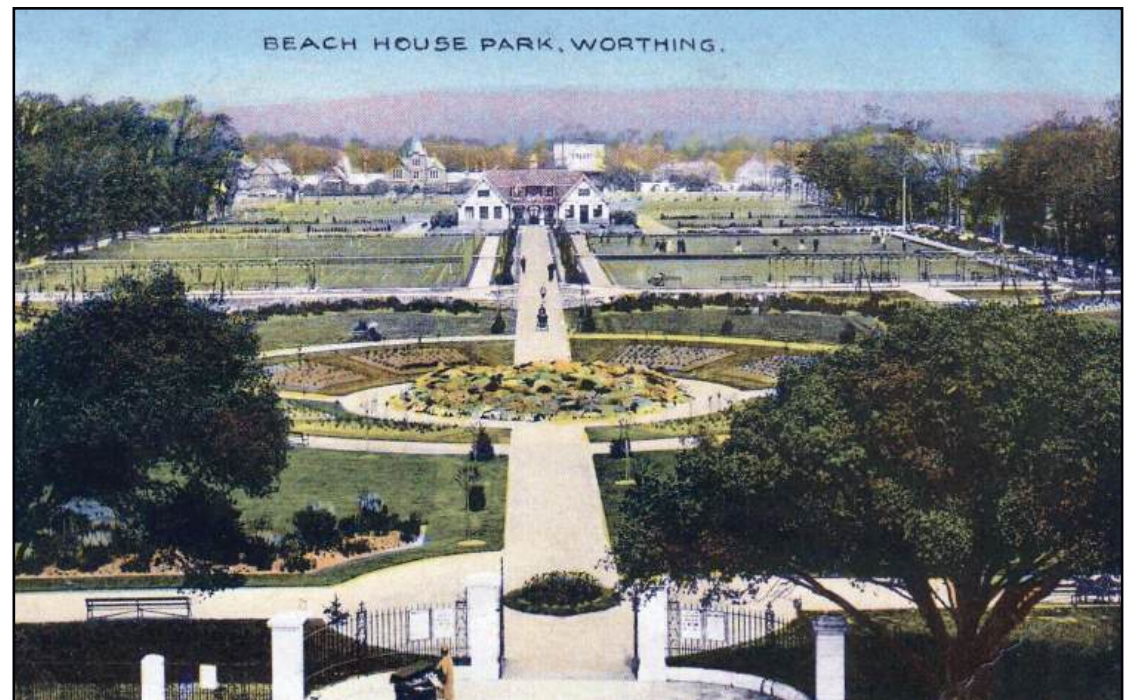
EDUCATION PACK

The education pack is designed for use by teachers, community groups and families to have fun learning about Beach House Park's heritage, wildlife, whilst encouraging young people to get out and explore nature!

The activities in the pack relate to the National Curriculum Key Stage 1 & 2.

We hope you enjoy exploring the park and visiting BugCycle Community Garden.

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COMMUNITY ARTS



Postcard c.1930s © West Sussex County Council Library Services.

History of Beach House Park

1922 - Worthing Corporation (the predecessor of Worthing Borough Council), purchased the land, a grazing field, for £8,250 from the Beach House Estate.

1924 - Beach House Park opened to the public; landscaped with formal ornamental gardens, including herbaceous borders, interesting tree species and sporting facilities: six grass and six hard surface tennis courts, plus two bowling greens.

1925 - The main pavilion was built at the centre of the park.

1929 - A third bowling green was added with an additional green five years later.

1935 - The West Pavilion was built nearest the greens and became the home of Worthing Bowls Club.

1967 - A fifth bowling green was laid to help accommodate all the clubs.

1972 - Beach House Park was selected for both national and world bowls competitions, due to the excellence of the greens. A new revamped pavilion was built adjacent to the original pavilion to accommodate these competitions.

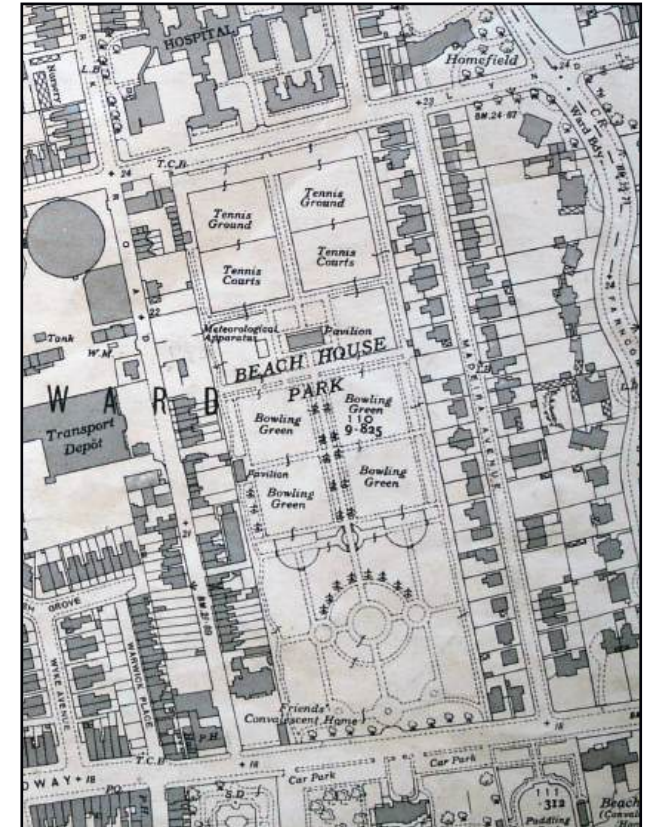
1992 - Beach House Park hosted the World Outdoor Bowls Championship for the final time.

2015 - BugCycle Community Garden was established by Creative Waves.

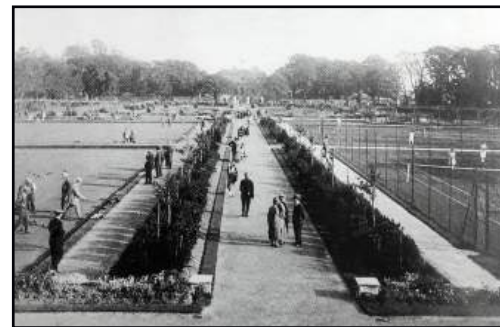
2022 - Three of the five bowling greens are decommissioned, with one adopted for dog exercise and two under consideration.

2024 - Beach House Park retains its fifth successive Green Flag award and the green space, as well as Beach House Grounds, are included in the Steyne Gardens Conservation Area to better protect their special character.

2024 - The 100th anniversary of Beach House Park.



Ordnance Survey Map. 1944



Beach House Park 1926



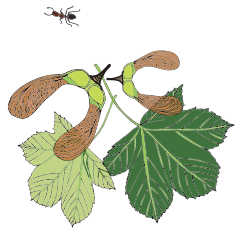
Bowls championships c. 1970's

Trees

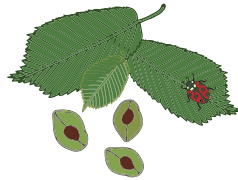
The park is formed by trees on its boundaries. There are London planes (*Platanus x hispanica*) at the southern end, a line of ornamental Cappadocian maple (*Acer cappadocicum*) leading up the main avenue to the 'Old Pavilion' in the centre of the park and a magnificent Weeping Beech (*Fagus sylvatica* 'Pendula') that is situated on the east side of building, adjacent to Bugcycle Community Garden.

BE A TREE DETECTIVE....

Can you find the trees in Beach House Park?



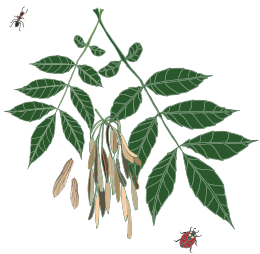
Sycamore



Wych Elm



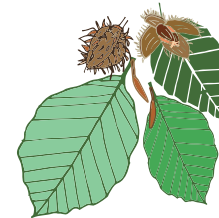
Oak



Ash



Norway Maple



Common Beech



Sweet Chestnut



Silver Birch












Horse Chestnut



Community Garden

Which Bugs can you spot in the garden today?

<input type="checkbox"/> Bee 	<input type="checkbox"/> Beetle 	<input type="checkbox"/> Butterfly 
<input type="checkbox"/> Ant 	<input type="checkbox"/> Spider 	<input type="checkbox"/> Ladybird 
<input type="checkbox"/> Worm 	<input type="checkbox"/> Wasp 	<input type="checkbox"/> Snail 

Can you find:

A flower for each colour of the rainbow?

Find the largest flower?

Spot the smallest flower?

Which colour flower are the bees & butterflies most attracted to when they are collecting pollen?

Look around, how many birds can you spot?

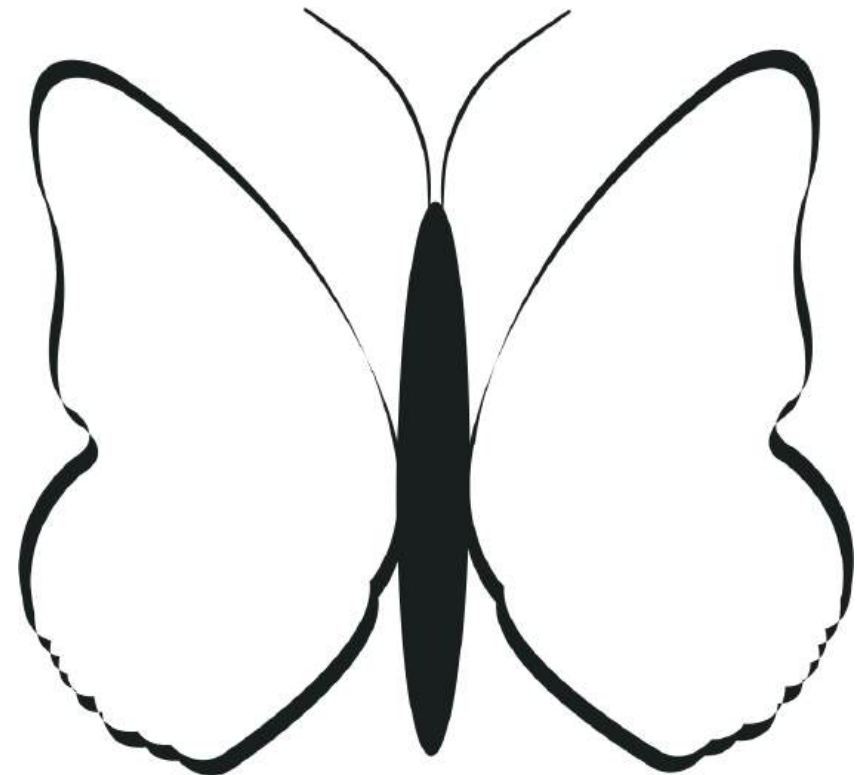
Can you see any birds nests in trees?

Close your eyes and listen, can you hear birds singing?

February 2015; a living Willow Dome was planted as part of a new community project 'Bugcycle' organised by Creative Waves. The project continues and has involved community groups, schools, students and volunteers, who have attended free workshops to create unusual planters, seating and artwork using recycled materials.

The previously disused area has been transformed into a creative, educational, sensory garden. The new habitat includes; a pond, wildflowers, vegetables, trees, herbs, attracting local wildlife a stumpery and a bug hotel for the insects!

Design your own patterned butterfly wings



SPOT THE BIRDS

Birds play a vital role in our ecosystem: they control pests, pollinate plants & spread seeds that can change our landscapes.

Each species has unique behaviours & bird song that can help you to identify them.
(There are over 600 species listed in the U.K.)

Birds are often busy & most chatty around dawn & the hour before sunset, when it's quieter & the temperature is cooler.

Our gardens & parks, especially near fruiting trees & bushes, are good places for bird spotting.

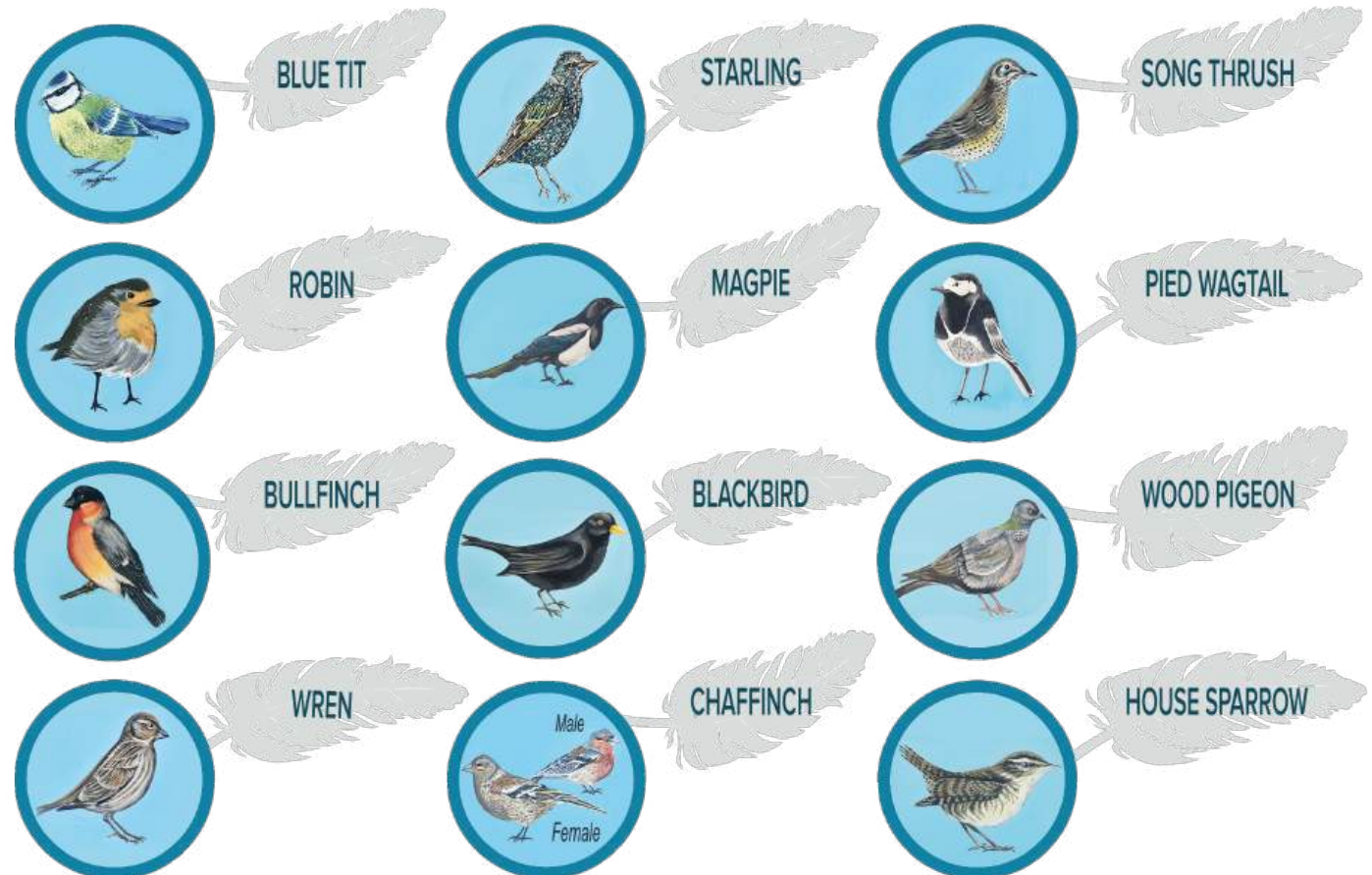
To help identify a bird, listen to the rhythm, tone & pitch. Does it sound cheerful, cross or relaxed?

Make up your own short song to help you remember their individual sounds.
Identification apps can help you learn about the birds you spot.

In urban areas we can help birds by providing food, water & shelter. Avoid using pesticides.

The 12 birds can be found in BugCycle Community Garden.
Special thanks to the talented young people who painted the birds.

The bird trail, designed by Creative Waves, was made possible with The National Lottery Heritage Fund, with thanks to National Lottery players.'

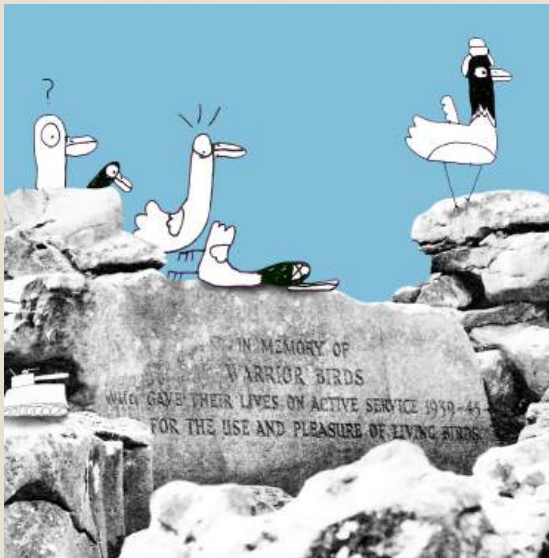


THE WARRIOR BIRD MEMORIAL

in Beach House Park

In memory of the warrior birds
who gave their lives in active service
- 1939 to 1945

And for the use and
pleasure of living birds.



During the war the pigeons
carried messages between 'The
Lines' - Between the soldiers -
there were no telephones, no
mobiles on the battle grounds.

100,000
were used
to carry messages.

20,000
were killed in action,
doing their job.

People were paid to look after
them in Pigeon lofts all over Britain.

THIS IS THE ONLY MEMORIAL
TO THE WARRIOR BIRDS



'WINKIE'



Winkie was a pigeon serving with
the Beaufort Squadron No. 1
RAF Pigeon Service.
She is mentioned on the Memorial.

When the boat she was on was
attacked, she flew home and
delivered the message showing
where the boat and crew were.

ALL THE CREW WERE
RESCUED SAFELY.

THE MEMORIAL IS THE
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