

# Watford WORD TRAIL



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This trail was put together to teach about Watford's history in a fun way and to show off some of the town's award winning open spaces. There's information about each Park included in this trail along with a question which will lead you to a letter. There are nine letters in total and they all add up to spell a word to do with Watford's history, you can work out the nine letters by taking the first letter of each answer. See if you can get them all. If you are having difficulties at any point, it may help to check the information boards in the Parks or open spaces.

**For further information on all of Watford's Parks and open spaces you can go to:**  
[www.watford.gov.uk/directory/11/Parks\\_open\\_spaces\\_and\\_playgrounds](http://www.watford.gov.uk/directory/11/Parks_open_spaces_and_playgrounds)

## Waterfields Recreation Ground, WD17 2RG

This Park is located between Shaftesbury Road and Water Lane and joins with the field opposite Radlett Road. Here you'll find a children's playground, fitness trail, historical landmarks and a sculpture trail. There's two possible letters to get from this Park!

- One concerns the structure you'll pass under when walking from Radlett Road Playing Fields to Waterfields Park. You'll pass through one of five walking between these two green spaces.
- Around Waterfields Park and along to Radlett Road Playing Fields, as well as further, there's a sculpture trail which was put in to show parts of the nearby history. One such sculpture is found in Waterfields, along the path which goes from Water Lane to Shaftesbury Avenue. Here the figure of a gentleman is visiting the Park to enjoy the lido, which was once there. What does he seem to be doing?



## Radlett Road Playing Fields, WD24 4LH

Connected to Waterfields by a pleasant walk this Playing Field, opposite the Radlett Road estate, once hosted the famous American showman Buffalo Bill and his Wild West show who visited almost 120 years ago. These days the playing field welcomes a number of circuses and events throughout the year. It is also home to the Glen Rovers Gaelic football and hurling club and multi-use courts and an outdoor gym which can be used by the public. Here there are two letters you need to find.



1. Running through Waterfields, Radlett Road Playing Fields and Knutford Playing Fields this watery clue can also be found in Oxhey Park and Riverside Recreation Ground. There are four bodies of water named the same in the UK. Here you're looking for the name of the body of water.

2. You can use the multi-use courts for a range of sports and games. However one way to keep score in many sports is by getting the ball to the back of, or in the... what?



## St Mary's Churchyard , WD18 OEG

Sitting in the centre of town, just off the high street, is one of Watford's Green Flag open spaces, St. Mary's Churchyard, which is home to a lot of Watford's history. You can find George Doney's grave, the Free School and many other interesting parts of Watford's past. There's only one letter to find here.

- The letter you are looking for concerns a Watford myth about a non-believer who was buried in St Mary's churchyard. They asked if something could be buried with them, which would grow if they found an afterlife. So a fig tree was buried with them, and grew from where they were buried. A fig tree grew from the site and so the plot became known as the Fig Tree... What?



Do have a look at the information board if you need assistance.

## Cheslyn House & Gardens, WD1 7 4SL

Just off Nascot Wood Road running parallel to Hempstead road, this open space is sometimes called Watford's best kept secret. The lovely House & Gardens was left to the town by Henry and Daisy Colbeck. Henry was the architect of the House & Gardens. This charming garden features an aviary, pond, sculptures and a range of beautiful flowers. It's another of Watford's Green Flag winning open spaces. There are two letters to work out here.

- Crawling up the house and around some of the trees in the garden this wiry, leafy common garden visitor loves to climb anywhere it can - whether up the house or around a tree. It is often sung about at Christmas with its friend Holly.



- Although given to Watford by the Colbecks, this land used to be owned by someone else. This was a very powerful family that once owned most of Watford. You will find the letter we are looking for either in the beginning of their rank or the place name in their title. It's not duke or baron, if you need help do have a look at the information board.



## Goodwood Recreation Ground, WD24

Not far from Cheslyn House & Gardens, just off Minerva Drive, which can be reached by coming off of Courtlands Drive onto Goodwood Avenue or off Hempstead Road onto The Drive then left onto Greenbank Road, this green spot contains an outdoor gym, children's playground and some woodland. There are two letters to be found here.

1. Below your feet there are lines carrying things to and from different places. Although not used much here these days, in the capital it is what we call the entire tube map.
2. Although nocturnal flying hunters a family of these creatures can be seen perched on a nearby bench no matter the time of day. I wonder who who they are waiting for?

Enter your answer here:

For more information on the history of the parks and the town do visit Watford Museum, located just down from Watford High Street Station on the High Street or their website at: [watfordmuseum.org.uk](http://watfordmuseum.org.uk)



Please remember to sanitise your hands regularly and keep a 2m distance from others when using Watford's parks and playgrounds.



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