



# Great Linford Manor Park Alphabet Trail



# How to Use this Guide

On the back of the guide you will find a map of Great Linford Manor Park showing the 26 alphabet plaques that there are to find. When you locate them, read the inscription around each letter, tick the box in this guide and complete the suggested activity!

It may take multiple visits to find every plaque and you may wish to visit in different seasons. We hope you have a great time exploring the park.

## Let's Get Started!



The almshouses were also used as a school building. What subjects do you think would have been taught here?

Bonus activity: Take pictures of the plaques as you go around the trail to spell your name in a photo collage.

Take a rubbing of some Blisworth Limestone in the space below:





Count how many steps there are down from the railway walk.

Take a few minutes to meditate in the Doric Seat. Quiet your mind and close your eyes. Listen out for bird song, rustling leaves and the gentle lapping of water in the canal.

Open your eyes and imagine the historic view across the valley.



Using only sticks that you find on the ground, make a piece of natural art which replicates the squared pattern on this plaque.

Walk to the highest ground near you. What can you see from here?



Write the name of a boat that you can see!

Can you spot any water birds?

Think about what animals may have been kept in these fields.

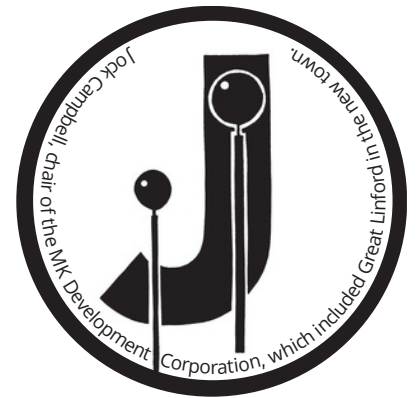
Take a selfie with a sheep sculpture! Don't forget to tag us on social media @TheParksTrust.



Many children had to go to work at the time of the Industrial Revolution (1750-1900). Think about what job someone of your age may have had to do at this time.

How many MK Parks can you name?

What do you love about Milton Keynes?



Design a shield or helmet for your own knights below!

Find the ancient lime tree. Take a photo and revisit the tree in another season to compare its changes.





Imagine you are arriving at the manor for a grand Georgian party. What might you be wearing?

If you're feeling brave! - ballroom dance with your friends and family.

One of Napier's most famous prescriptions was a pair of slippers made from pigeons! Can you design some slippers in the space below?



What do you think these would "cure"?



The way that we treat animals in the UK has changed enormously since the 1800s. Look for ways that The Parks Trust are providing habitats to protect our local wildlife.

Can you find any signs that show that horses are still welcome in the park today?



Look for fossils in stones that have been drawn out from the quarry.

Aside from humans, how many other things can you think are transported by railway, both historically and today?



Visit the bronze lime leaves in the spring. Try to cup some running spring water in your hands - remember, it's not safe to drink!

Read the poem etched into the stone on the Hine Spring. How does it make you feel?

Whilst pulling boats along the canal, horses would have munched on plants and trees along the towpath.

Can you identify any edible plants, such as blackberries?



Imagine getting to design your own dream home and gardens. What features would you include in yours?

What features of village life can you see in the local area?





Sit in the leaf seat and soak up the sunshine. Study the veins in the sculpture and compare to a real leaf nearby.

Find the leaf stepping stones and see if you can hop along them.

Find your favourite tree in the arboretum. Try to locate its ID tag and write its name below:

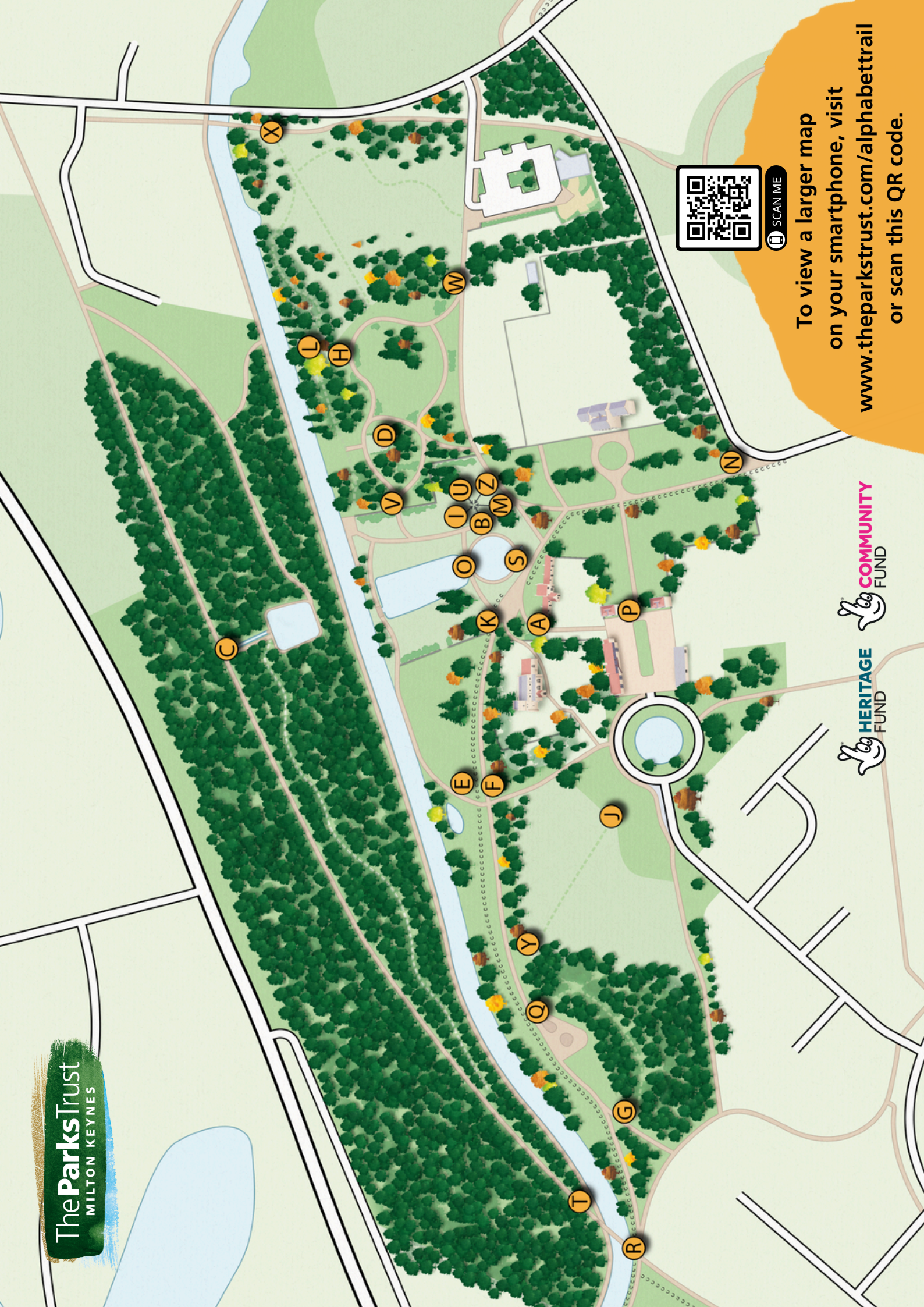


Look for wildflowers and pollinators. Can you identify any of them?

If you know your zodiac sign, write it below. You can also look up your zodiac symbol and draw it here.



*Thank you for taking part!*



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