

# Bird box trail Memorial Park

## Can you find them all?



### About the trail

Reigate & Banstead Borough Council's Greenspaces team has teamed up with the 'Men in Sheds' project and talented local artists to create an imaginative, colourful bird box trail at Memorial Park in Redhill. It follows the success of the Earlswood Lakes trail.

With so many people tied to their portable devices, the aim of the project is to encourage people to look up and around them while visiting the site, to appreciate its wonderful flora and fauna.

The boxes will not only benefit the local bird life - the site's bat population will also be able to use some of the new homes as roosts.

The bird boxes were made by the Men in Sheds group based at Furnistore in Redhill. The project gives men the opportunity to socialise while developing their making skills and interests in a friendly, safe environment, helping to combat social isolation and improve health and wellbeing. The boxes were then decorated by local artists and our council staff.

There are 22 eye-catching, decorative bird and bat boxes to spot around the park in all. See how many you can find.

Thank you to the council staff and local artists who contributed to this project; Helen West, Kirstin Wood, Clare Ritchie, Rob Steele, Alan Bixby, Nigel Ellis, Tamsin Lucy, Simone Measday, Avril Jones, Fiona Patterson-Fraser, Danielle Rogers, Wendy Steedman, Valerie Morrones, Oscar Clarke, and St Joseph's Preschool.

### About Memorial Park

Memorial Park is one of Reigate & Banstead's Green Flag parks and was awarded Gold in South East in Bloom and Park of the Year. It is nestled in the heart of Redhill and has a host of great facilities including a café, children's playground, tennis courts, basketball court, sensory gardens, trim trail and even a little library. There is something for everyone at this very special park.

The park opened in 1897 during Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee as a football club and was only open to the public during matches.

Following the First World War, a public collection was established to commemorate those who served and the park, which was converted into a recreational park, was renamed "Memorial Sports Ground" and held in trust by the Borough Council.

In the 1980's the football club moved to their current Kiln Brow home and the park was revamped.

Memorial Park benefitted from a £1.5 million refurbishment in 2014, resulting in the park you see today. It was dedicated as a Fields in Trust to commemorate the World War I centenary. Redhill Youth Football club still play at the park today.

### Where to find us:

Memorial Park, 65 London Road, Redhill, Surrey RH1 2JF



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