

# Nature Scavenger Hunt

Can you find these signs of nature in your local park?

## Tree buds – look closely!

Look at a twig or branch and see if you can spot a tree bud. Wrapped up in the bud are tiny, new leaves waiting for the warmth and light of spring to start growing.



Tree Bud

## Signs of wildlife – get down!

Getting down on ground level can help you to discover natural treasures such as droppings, feathers and shells. Can you find any?

Other signs of life are trail marks. Can you spot any entry/exit holes made by beetles in dead wood? Or maybe some spindly tunnels made by beetle larvae under bark?

There are lots of hazel trees in Harrow's parks, look underneath them for empty nut shells. Are there any clues telling you what has eaten the nut?



Beetle holes



Larvae tunnels



Catkins (flowers)  
found on a Hazel Tree

## Birds – look up!

Birds are active looking for food or maybe calling out, in the case of male birds, to mark their territory. What birds can you see/ hear? Look out for gulls on the fields



Blue Tit

Can you find...



... a creepy crawly?

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... a smooth stone?

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... a feather?

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... a spider's web?

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... a flower?

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Headstone Manor Farm

c.1915



## Did you know?

Harrow's parks haven't always been open for the public to enjoy. Some parks such as Stanmore Recreation, Cedars Open Space and Canons Park were once private gardens to grand houses. Other parks like Headstone Manor Park and Newtown Ecology Park were used for farmland.

Can you find any clues to what your local park might have once been? Look for information panels, ridges in the ground or trees and ponds that look landscaped or unnatural!



Ridges and furrows in  
an old crop field

## Outdoor Photo Challenge

Can you take a photo..

- with a tree
- standing in a muddy puddle
- sitting on a bench
- of the moon
- in the rain
- of a street sign beginning with the first letter of your name



Oak



Hazel



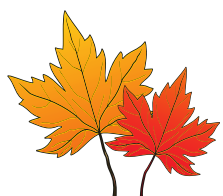
Birch



Ash



Horse Chestnut



Sycamore

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