



8 Yellow Rattle



2 Cinnabar Moth on Ragwort



3 Maidenhair tree



4 Four Elms



5 Ox-eye Daisies



6 Hornbeams



7 Wild Carrot



8 Kidney Vetch



9 Poplar



10 Knapweed



11 London Plane



12 Mulberry Tree



14 Bee on Teasel



15 Turkish Hazel

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Facts and figures from our i-Tree eco-survey of tree canopy across Lewes: <https://thefriendsoflewes.files.wordpress.com/2019/03/friends-of-lewes-i-tree-eco-survey-report-2019.pdf>
Mapping of Lewes trees by Lewes Urban Arboretum is available through the phone app: <https://www.curio.xyz/about>
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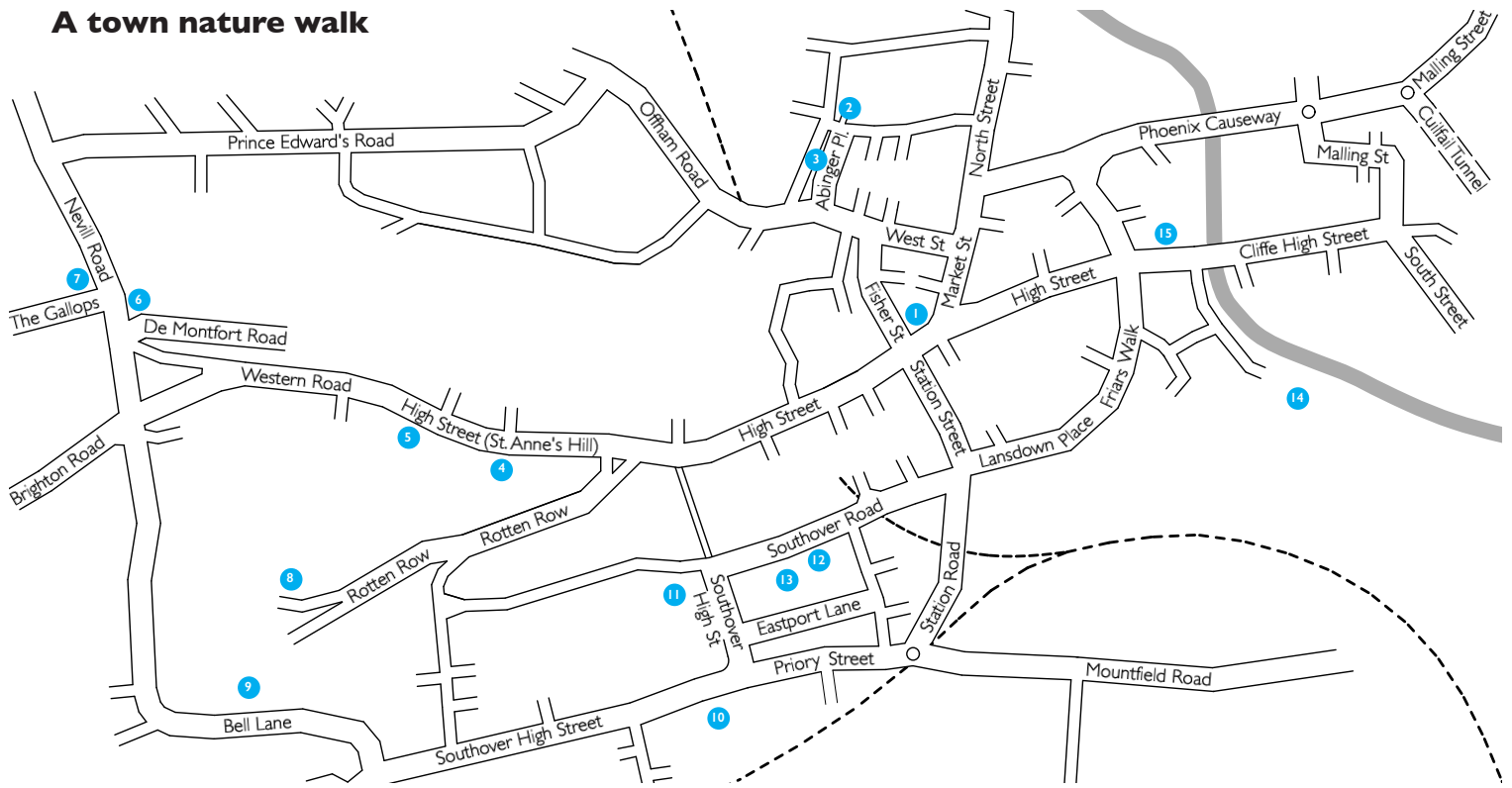
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Lewes Heritage

A town nature walk



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1 Start at the Tourist Information Centre

Nature point

2 St John sub-Castro Churchyard
Abinger Place
BN7 2QA
TQ414104
Access via Church Row alongside the church

What you can see

This historic churchyard is currently being rewilded. The biodiversity is increasing, so benefitting pollinators such as Honeybees. In Summer look for black and yellow striped Cinnabar Moth caterpillars on Ragwort.

3 Maidenhair Tree
Next to 3 Abinger Place
TQ414103

Maidenhair Tree, *Ginkgo biloba* is a primitive, resilient tree that is very pollution-tolerant. The trees across Lewes are good for our health removing 12.6 tonnes of air pollution a year.

4 Four Elms, New Horizon
121 St. Anne's Hill
High Street
BN7 1XJ
TQ410099

Elms, *Ulmus* New Horizon: joint Friends of Lewes and ESCC project to replace Elms lost to DED. Lewes trees like this reduce water run-off by 21,400 cubic metres per year!

5 St Anne's Churchyard
High Street
BN7 1RJ
TQ408100
Wildflower meadow at south end of the churchyard

Wonderful display of Ox-eye Daisies in Spring followed by a wide range of chalk-loving flowering plants, including Bird's Foot Trefoil, Lady's Bedstraw, Hawkweeds, Toadflax, Valerian and Poppies.

6 Junction of De Montfort Road and Nevill Road
TQ405101
West of ex-Police Garages

Two Fastigate Hornbeams, *Carpinus betulus*, and a Willow-Leaved Pear, *Pyrus salicifolia*, planted by Friends of Lewes. Usefully, by busy roads, Lewes trees produce 1,500 tonnes of oxygen per year.

7 The Gallops WFL
BN7 1LR
TQ405101
Steep bank on west side of Nevill Road

Masses of Wild Carrot and Kidney Vetch in mid-summer. Over 50 species identified including Bedstraws and Crane's Bills as well as 3 sorts of Campions: Red, White and Bladder.

8 Lewes Cemetery WFL
Rotten Row
BN7 1LJ
TQ407097
Banks of path leading up from entrance and large unmown area on east side of cemetery

A wide range of Vetches and Trefoils, Knapweeds and Cowslips. Very good for pollinators such as Small Blue Butterfly on Kidney Vetch. A very rare bumblebee, the Brown-banded Carder, was seen here recently.

Nature point

9 Bell Lane Recreation Ground
TQ407096
Entrance via Rotten Row, from bottom gate of cemetery

What you can see

Poplar, *Populus x canadensis*: one of several established trees screening the Recreation Ground. The Hawthorn and Hornbeam hedge nearby was planted by Lewes Urban Arboretum, LDC and Beaver Cubs in 2020.

10 Southover Churchyard
Southover High Street
BN7 1JH
TQ414098

Managed carefully by the church Eco-Team, the churchyard displays a beautiful array of wildflowers in Spring and Summer including: Ox-Eye Daisies, Knapweed, Bedstraws, Bird's Foot Trefoil and abundant Yellow Rattle.

11 London Plane, Southover High Street, entrance to Western Road school car park
TQ412097

"Champion" London Plane, *Platanus x hispanica*, credited with helping to clear London of smog! Mirrored by an Oriental Plane, *Platanus Orientalis digitalis*, planted by Lewes Urban Arboretum in 2015.

12 Southover Grange Gardens WFL between Southover Road and Eastport Lane
TQ420100
Wildflower 'island' at east end of garden

A sea of Daffodils and Cowslips in Spring followed by at least 50 species of wildflowers later in the year: including Yellow Rattle which suppresses the grass which enables other plants to grow.

13 Mulberry Tree, Southover Grange Gardens between Southover Road and Eastport Lane
BN7 1TL
TQ413098

This Mulberry Tree, *Morus nigra*, is a large, old and much-loved tree. The trees of Lewes sequester 600 tonnes of carbon every year - so think what this tree has stored!

14 Railway Land Nature Reserve
TQ 420100

A large nature reserve on the west bank of the Ouse with a wide variety of habitats; woodland, reed-bed and water-meadows. Plentiful birds, butterflies, bumblebees and other pollinators.

15 Outside Waterstone's Bookshop
220-221 High Street
TQ419102

This Turkish Hazel, *Corylus colurna*, provides welcome shade and shelter. Our trees not only benefit our environment and our wellbeing, but also benefit insects, birds and wildlife through increasing biodiversity.