



History & Nature Trail 2

Welcome to the 3rd and final North Stoneham History & Nature trail, hosted by the North Stoneham Community Group. We hope you enjoyed trails 1 & 2 and found out all about the history of the area where we live.. It is an interactive trail, with quiz questions to answer as you go around. This 3rd trail is approximately 2 miles long and will take you 1-1.5 hours to complete.

We've tried to make sure most of the trail is wheelchair/pushchair friendly, however, there will be areas you may not be able to access. You can just skip these steps.

Let's begin!

Step 1

The trail starts at YMCA Eastleigh. If you're not already there, walk there now.

Step 2

Make your way towards the green space.



Question 1

If you look now, you can see homes as well as the play park, trees and flowers. In 800 AD, the land belonged to the Hyde Abbey in Winchester and the abbots looked after the land. What might you have seen back then in this spot?

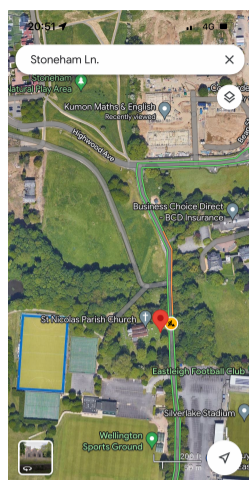
- a) A monastery
- b) Cows and bee hives
- c) Fields

Answer: b

That's right! This area back then would have been covered with cows and bee hives.

Step 3

Make your way into the church yard at St Nic's.



Question 2

There are lots of graves here but some are a bit special. They are Commonwealth War Graves. These graves were for people who died in the war from other Commonwealth countries so that they would be remembered. Can you guess how many Commonwealth War Graves there are here? Count them if you like!

- a) 3
- b) 5
- c) 7

Answer: c

That's right! There are 7 in total. 1 from the First World War and 6 from the Second World War.

Question 3

Inside the Church is a memorial to Lord Hawke. If the Church is open, you are welcome to go in for a look. Do you know why he was famous?

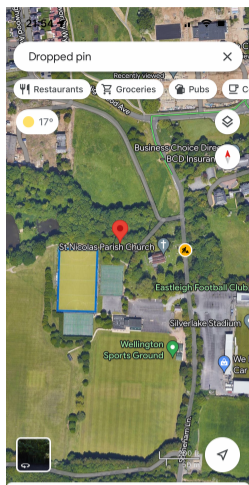
- a) He's regarded as the founder of the modern day British Navy
- b) He founded the Commonwealth
- c) He founded the YMCA

Answer: a

That's right! People often regard Lord Hawke as the founder of the modern day British Navy. He joined the Navy in 1720, rising through the ranks quickly. He brought spending under control and introduced more structure and organisation.

Step 4

Walk to the back of the church yard and into St Nic's car park.



Question 4

With the church behind you, look through the mesh fence. Amidst the overgrown bushes, can you see some parts of a wall? This is a landscaping feature that Capability Brown designed. Do you know what it's called?

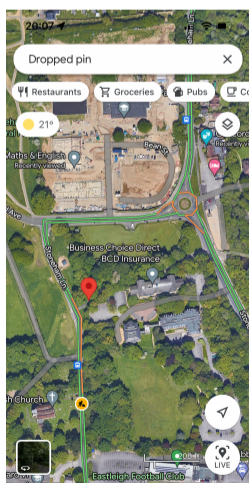
- a) Ha-ha
- b) Ra-ra
- c) Baa-baa

Answer: a

That's right! This wall is known as a ha-ha. The wall is sunk into the ground, creating a barrier on one side and an uninterrupted view of the landscape from the other.

Step 5

Make your way carefully across the road towards the cut through to the Concorde Club.



Question 5

As you crossed Stoneham Lane, you may have noticed that there was a slight hump in the road. There is a legend about why that hump is there. Do you have any idea why

that is?

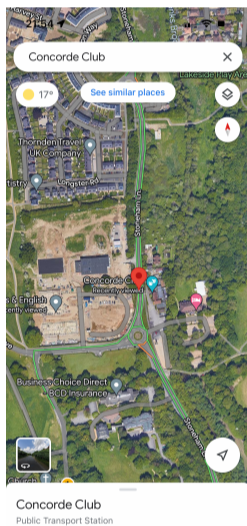
- a) The builders of the road ran out of time and money to flatten it properly
- b) There's a stream under the road that runs into Monks Brook and it needs the extra height to allow it to flow
- c) There used to be an underground tunnel between St Nic's and the old rectory so that the vicar didn't get wet in the rain!

Answer: c

That's right! Legend has it that there was a tunnel between the Rectory and the Church so that the vicar didn't get wet in the rain!

Step 6

Head to the Concorde Club



Question 6

The Concorde Club isn't part of the new estate but was a very important part of the old estate. Do you know what it used to be?

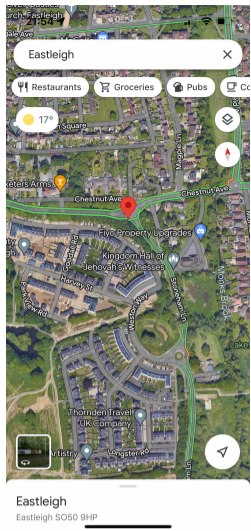
- a) The gatehouse
- b) The local pub
- c) The local school

Answer: c

That's right! When the building was originally built, it served as a local school

Step 7

Walk towards the junction of Stoneham Lane & Chestnut Avenue



Question 7

Can you see the cottages on the opposite side of the road? Someone in particular used to live in one of these cottages when it was part of the old estate. Do you know who?

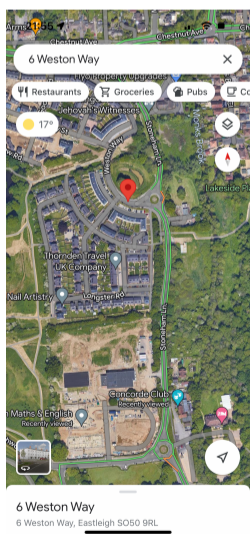
- a) Blacksmith
- b) School teacher
- c) Wheelwright

Answer: a

That's right! One of these cottages used to belong to the Blacksmith who worked on the old estate.

Step 8

Walk back up Stoneham Lane and into the park at Weston Way.



Question 8

Do you know why this part of the estate is called Chestnut Park?

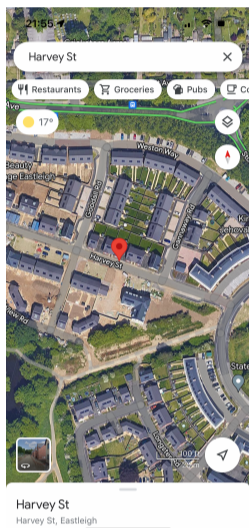
- a) The blacksmith used to roast chestnuts which were popular with the locals
- b) There are lots of squirrels here who feed on chestnuts
- c) There are a lot of horse chestnut (conker) trees here

Answer: c

That's right! This part of the estate contains a lot of horse chestnut trees, so it was given the name Chestnut Park. Can you see any?

Step 9

Walk along to Harvey Street and find a spot where you can see Harvey Street, Gannaway Road and Goodall Road.



Question 9

Do you know where these 3 roads get their names from?

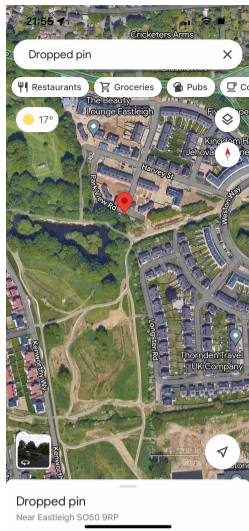
- a) People buried at St Nic's
- b) Names on the War Shrine
- c) People who lived on the old estate

Answer: b

That's right! These 3 streets are named after Pte Arthur Gannaway, Pte Arthur Goodall and Gunner Alexander J. Harvey, who can all be found on the Stoneham War Shrine. Highwood decided to commemorate some of the names on the Shrine by naming streets after them.

Step 10

Head down Park View Road and see if you can see the fishing pond at the end.



Question 10

Can you see the fishing pond through the trees? In Victorian times, do you know what the lake was used for?

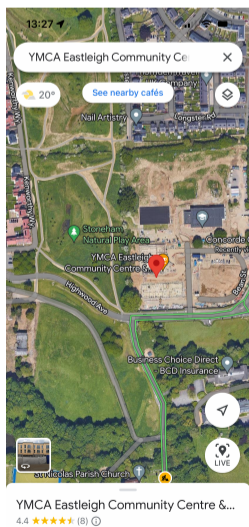
- a) Boating lake
- b) Duck pond
- c) It's always been a fishing lake

Answer: a

That's right! You could often see a number of boats bobbing around on the lake in Victorian times.

Step 11

Head back towards the YMCA to complete the trail. There's 1 more question when you get there!



Question 11

As you walked back through the green space, you may have been very lucky and spotted some deer (or at least see their footprints!). They can often be found roaming

around the streets at night, eating everyone's plants and flowers! Do you know how long deer have lived here at North Stoneham Park?

- a) Only the last 100 years. They came here as other parts of the town developed
- b) Over 1000 years. They were here with the monks
- c) Since the 1500s when the Earl of Southampton created a deer park here

Answer: c

That's right! Deer were first introduced here in the 1500s by the Earl of Southampton and they've been here ever since! They are part of the reason so much green space has been left around the park.

Finished!

Well done! You've now completed the final NSP Summer Trail! You may want to reward yourself with a little treat in the YMCA cafe.

We'd love to hear your feedback on the trail. If you had any issues whilst walking around, please let us know. You can drop us an email at [**nscommgroup@gmail.com**](mailto:nscommgroup@gmail.com)

We really hope you've enjoyed the 3 trails we've created and that you now know a lot more about the history of the estate and the nature that you find here.

As always, thank you for your continued support to the NSCG. We couldn't do it without you!