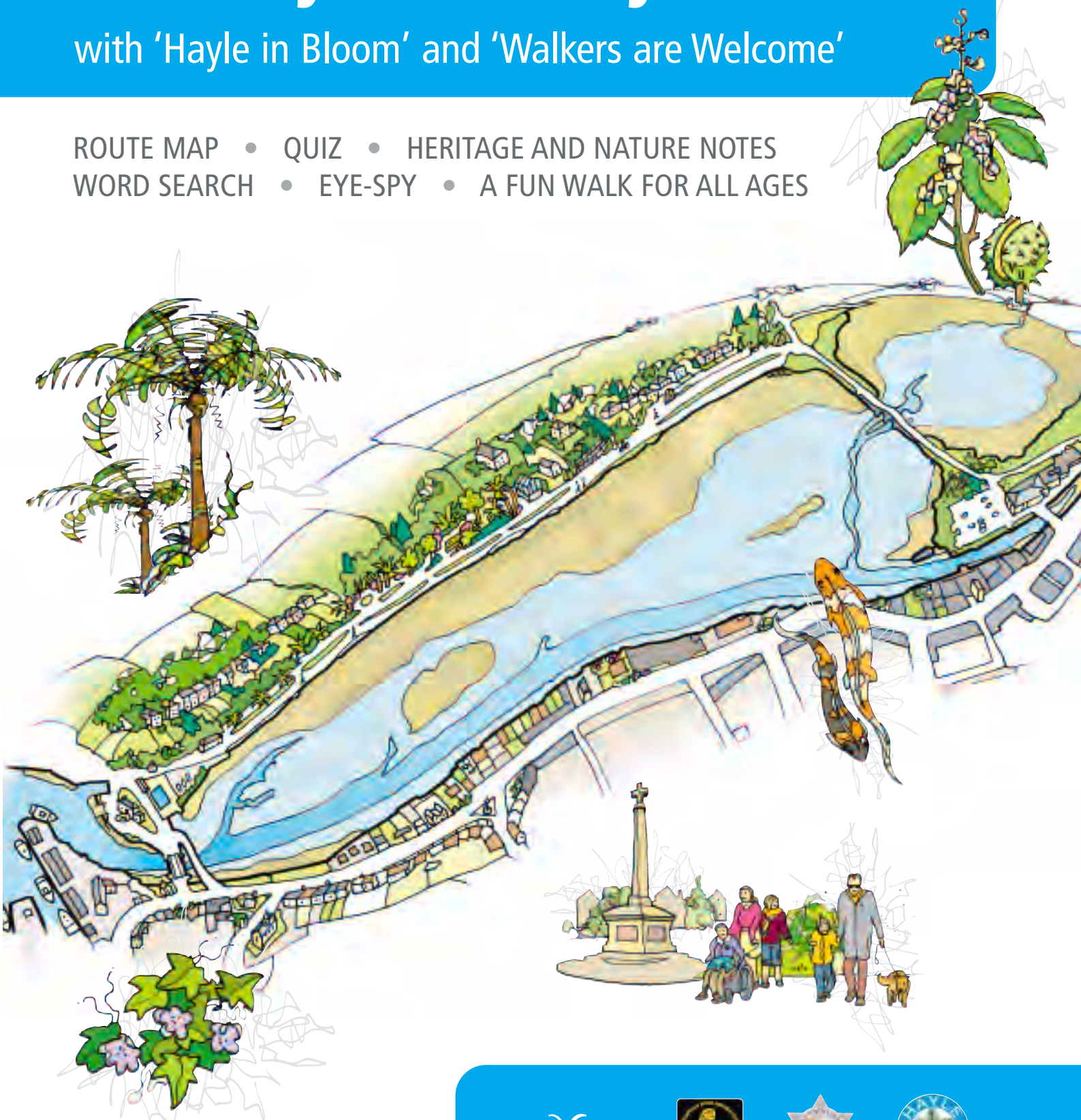


Walking and learning for all with

# The Copperhouse Family Activity Trail

with 'Hayle in Bloom' and 'Walkers are Welcome'

ROUTE MAP • QUIZ • HERITAGE AND NATURE NOTES  
WORD SEARCH • EYE-SPY • A FUN WALK FOR ALL AGES





# The Copperhouse Family Activity Trail

**Distance:** 1.7 miles or 3km approximately.

**Suitability:** Level (tarmac, gravel and pavement). There are plenty of seats along the route to be able to take time to enjoy the views. Wheelchair accessible for most of the route, however some drop kerbs are high in places, although alternative route is possible.

**Duration:** 1.5 hours - but don't forget to visit some of the shops.

**Parking:** Free parking by Hayle Open Air Swimming Pool and a pay and display car park next to Hayle Library and Tourist Information Centre, Commercial Road.

**Refreshments:** There is a variety of cafes, pubs and bakeries along the town part of route.

**Public Toilets:** In the pay and display car park, Commercial Road, uni-sex toilets and disabled facilities. There are also facilities (disabled) for customers at the supermarket store en route.

**Public telephone:** In the town, near the library on the main street (Commercial Road).

Tree Fern  2 points



The compass on the doorstep of the Customs House was used to set ships' compasses.

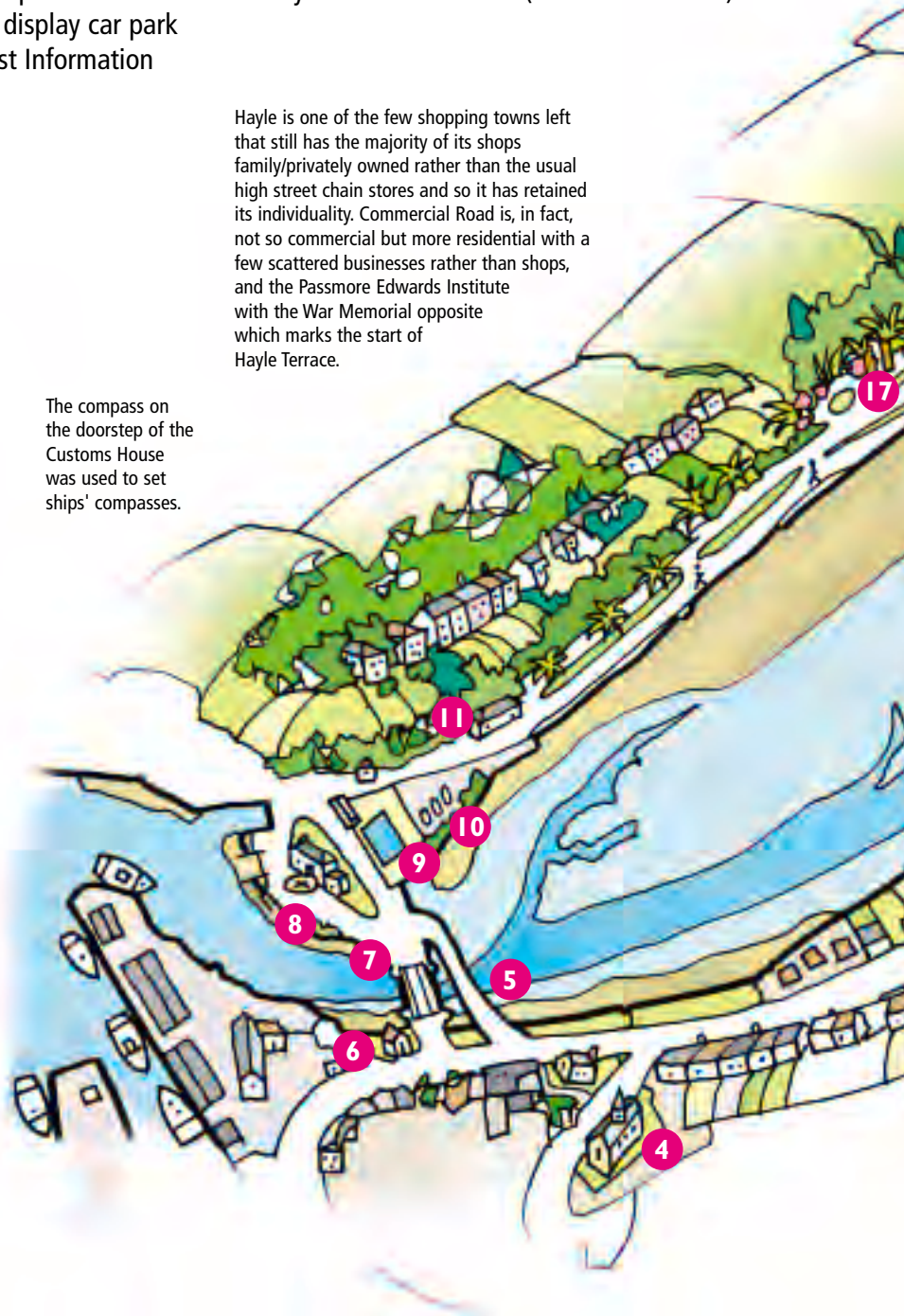
Compass Stone  2 points



Egret  3 points

Eye-Spy total

Hayle is one of the few shopping towns left that still has the majority of its shops family/private owned rather than the usual high street chain stores and so it has retained its individuality. Commercial Road is, in fact, not so commercial but more residential with a few scattered businesses rather than shops, and the Passmore Edwards Institute with the War Memorial opposite which marks the start of Hayle Terrace.



Copperhouse is named after the Cornish Copper Company which ran a copper smelter and other works between 1758 and about 1860. The distinctive black blocks used for walls and buildings around Copperhouse are called 'scoria' and are made of slag from the Cornish Copper Company's furnaces.



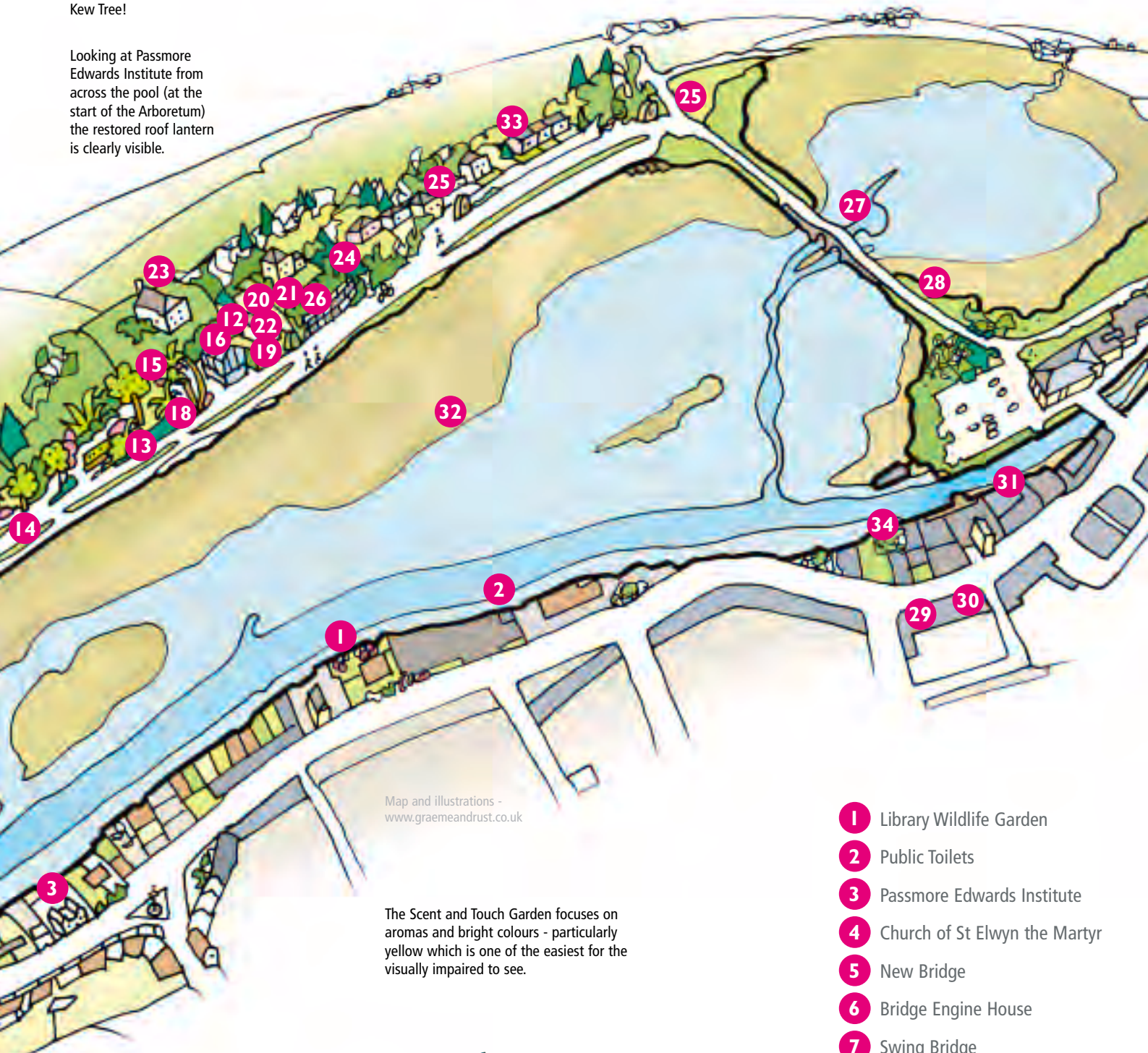
The gardeners who work from the Greenhouse (known as "The Hut") are happy to answer questions and show plants etc of special interest ... ask about the Kew Tree!

The King George V Memorial Walk, approximately 0.6 miles or 1km long, was created in 1935 to commemorate the Silver Jubilee of King George V and Queen Mary. A popular venue for walkers and bird watchers, it is a lovely, level walk with panoramic views across

Copperhouse Pool. The Victorian-style lamps, new benches and the Scent and Touch Garden were added as part of Hayle's Millennium Project. The King George V Arboretum, parallel to the Memorial Walk, has a very fine collection of specimen trees planted in 1952.

The Black Road, with the Black Bridge, at the eastern end of the Memorial Walk, leads through the supermarket car park to Copper Terrace.

Looking at Passmore Edwards Institute from across the pool (at the start of the Arboretum) the restored roof lantern is clearly visible.



Map and illustrations - [www.graemeandrust.co.uk](http://www.graemeandrust.co.uk)

The Scent and Touch Garden focuses on aromas and bright colours - particularly yellow which is one of the easiest for the visually impaired to see.

The foundation stone of the Passmore Edwards Institute in Hayle was laid in 1893 and officially opened by Mrs Passmore Edwards in April 1896.

Midway along the Hayle Terrace is the interesting and ornately fronted "Garden Shop" built originally as a retail dairy. This single storey shop has a fine classical front of dressed granite. The tympanum over each opening has patterned leaded glazing with painted farming scenes, including milk maid and cow depicted in the principal stained glass panes.



War Memorial 1 point

- 1 Library Wildlife Garden
- 2 Public Toilets
- 3 Passmore Edwards Institute
- 4 Church of St Elwyn the Martyr
- 5 New Bridge
- 6 Bridge Engine House
- 7 Swing Bridge
- 8 Customs House - compass
- 9 Swimming Pool - old dock
- 10 Swimming Pool Car Park
- 11 Copperhouse Halt
- 12 Jungle Garden
- 13 Tree Ferns
- 14 Scent and Touch Garden
- 15 Loquat Tree

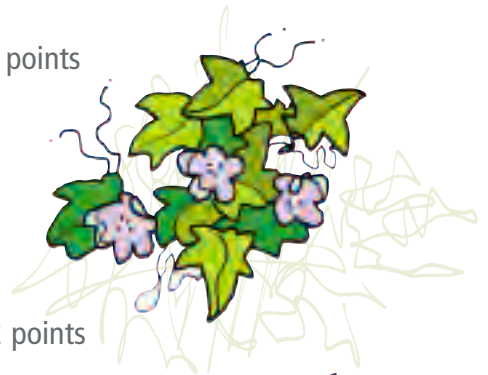
Copperhouse Pool was built in 1788. With its black scoria block retaining walls, it was used as a storage reservoir to hold back the water at high tide. At low water this was released, thus scouring out the channels leading towards the sea, allowing large ships to enter the harbour. Now it is a RSPB Nature Reserve and a site of special scientific interest.

The two-arched Black Bridge was built of scoria blocks from the Smelting Works in 1818 as part of the access road from Ventonleague to Riviere and North Quay. At the request of the Reverend William Hockin, the rector of Phillack, one of the arches was made higher than the other to allow him to take his boat under it so that he could reach his own quay at the bottom of the Rectory garden.

Market Square and Fore Street, are fine examples of an 18th/19th century main street with many original shop fronts and other interesting buildings (blue plaques). From the open parts of Fore Street there are panoramic views of Copperhouse Pool.

- 16 'The Hut'
- 17 Beast Mansion
- 18 Magnolia
- 19 The Kew Tree
- 20 Walnut Tree
- 21 Giant Redwood
- 22 Yucca Guatemalensis
- 23 Riviere House
- 24 Cycle Trail - marker post
- 25 Boundary Stones
- 26 Scoria Blocks
- 27 Black Bridge
- 28 Black Road
- 29 St George's Hall
- 30 Market House

Ivy Leaved Toadflax  4 points



Goldfish  2 points



Black-headed Gull  2 points

Boundary Stone  2 points



Mute Swan  4 points

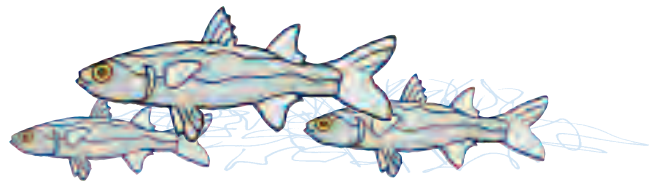


Hayle in Bloom panel  1 point



Herring Gull  2 points

Grey Mullet  6 points



31 Copperhouse Dock and Canal

32 Mudflats and shallows

33 Riviere Cottages - Alms Houses

34 Copperhouse Quays

Indian Chestnut Tree  2 points



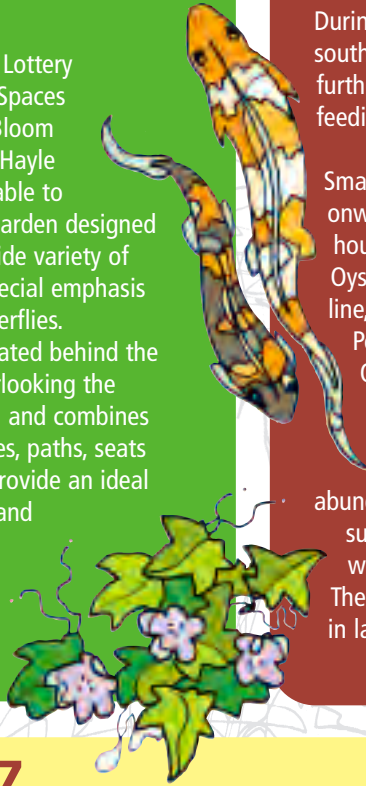
Scoria Blocks  1 points





## LIBRARY WILDLIFE GARDEN

Thanks to the Big Lottery Fund's Breathing Spaces project, Hayle in Bloom working with the Hayle Library has been able to create a wildlife garden designed to encourage a wide variety of wildlife, with a special emphasis on attracting butterflies. The garden is situated behind the Hayle Library overlooking the Copperhouse Pool and combines stone walls, hedges, paths, seats and a shelter to provide an ideal place for wildlife and a calm, relaxing environment for humans to watch them.



## NATURE NOTES

During the colder months of the year, the milder climate attracts many birds driven south by the harsher weather in other parts of the country, Northern Europe and even further afield. Large flocks of Widgeon, Teal and Shelduck spend most of the winter feeding on the mudflats with the resident Swans.

Small numbers of Goldeneye, Little Grebe and Coot also arrive from late October onwards. Up to 3,000 Golden Plover and several hundred Lapwings spend the hours of low water resting on the Pool, together with Dunlin, Redshank and Oystercatchers. Flocks of Curlew come down from the moors to hunt along the tide-line, with tiny Sandlings and Turnstones for company. Snipe visit in very cold winters. Peregrines and Kestrels scour the estuary mud for weak birds and Pigeons. Occasionally the bright flash of a Kingfisher can be spotted near the Swimming Pool or the Stepping Stones in front of the Copperhouse Dock.

Along the Scoria Wall flanking the north side of Copperhouse Pool is an abundance of wildflowers. Kidney Vetch, Lucerne, Glasswort, Pale Flax and rarities such as Ivy Roomrape, Balm-leaved Figwort and Rosy Garlic can be found there, with many more colourful species, blooming around the Pool throughout the year. The Pool is now a nationally important feeding ground for birds which can be seen in large numbers during the spring and autumn migration periods.

## QUIZ

Your name

- Why does the water in Copperhouse change level? .....
- How many nesting boxes can you find along the Memorial Walk? .....
- Which animal lives in a drey? ..... and did you find the drey? .....
- When was the Arboretum planted? .....
- How many ponds are there along the walk? .....
- What is the Beast Mansion made from? .....
- What was the Scent and Touch Garden built to celebrate? .....
- Why are the plants in the Scent and Touch Garden yellow? .....
- Which National Cycle Network goes along the Memorial Walk? .....
- Using the National Cycle Network signpost how many miles is it to a) Camborne ..... b) Redruth ..... c) Penzance .....
- Who built the Riviera Cottages? .....
- How many arched windows do they have? .....
- What is unusual about the Black Bridge? .....
- What goodies did you buy from the shops in Copperhouse? .....
- When was the Library Wildlife Garden opened? ..... and name 3 birds listed there .....
- When was the foundation stone of the Passmore Edwards Institute laid? .....
- Who officially opened the Passmore Edwards Institute? .....
- Why was the Iron Swing Bridge built? .....
- How many of Hayle's Blue Plaques did you find? ..... look out for more as you walk around town!
- Who wants a swim in the Hayle Open Air Swimming Pool? .....

... WE HOPE YOU ENJOYED YOUR WALK



LOOK FOR ...

Little Egret  
Shelduck  
Mute Swan  
Carrion Crow  
Grey Heron  
Black-headed Gull

Date Palm - *Phoenix Canariensis*  
Walnut - *Juglans Regia*  
Loquat - *Eriobotrya Japonica*  
Giant Redwood - *Sequoiadendron*  
Indian Horse Chestnut "The 3rd generation Kew Tree" -  
*Aesculus Indica*

Goldfish Ponds  
Grey Squirrel's Drey  
Beast Mansion  
Jungle Garden  
Scent and Touch Garden

# HAYLE'S BLUE PLAQUES

There are 51 Blue Plaques to be seen on buildings, monuments and other structures throughout Hayle. You will pass a number on this trail. Use the following list to help you find the ones 'hidden' in the word search.

Royal Standard Inn  
Bridge House  
Swing Bridge  
Customs House

Church of St Elwyn the Martyr  
Passmore Edwards Institute  
Riviere Cottages  
St George's Hall

Copperhouse Foundry Office  
Phillack Church Hall  
Market House  
Black Bridge

WORD SEARCH

Q	M	Y	E	M	A	R	K	E	T	H	O	U	S	E	F	C	U	F	B	T	C	E	Z
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## HAYLE IN BLOOM

Hayle in Bloom was formed in January 2000 with the objective of taking part in the Royal Horticultural Society's annual BRITAIN IN BLOOM competition. We have done very well so far, winning Gold and Silver Gilt, Neighbourhood awards and many cups for various achievements. The citizens of Hayle now have reason to take even more pride in their town and its improved appearance.

Hayle in Bloom maintains close contacts with schools in the area through the adopt-a-plot scheme, supporting the South West in Bloom painting competitions and through projects such as the nesting boxes, butterfly garden and school talks on protecting our environment. Bodriggy Academy tend their Adopt-a-Plot and have constructed the Beast Mansion.

The nesting boxes were constructed by Hayle Community School and installed by Hayle's gardeners. Six have been placed along the Memorial Walk and a further six at the Millpond.

Friends of HAYLE IN BLOOM are invited to attend our meetings, which are held on the last Monday of the month at the Hayle Rugby Club, and to join in all of our activities, including Adopt-a-Plot, where you take responsibility for a small piece of land in and around Hayle.

Even if you don't take an active role, your membership fee of £2.00 helps to support our work of beautifying Hayle. For more information visit [www.hayleinbloom.org.uk](http://www.hayleinbloom.org.uk).

## WALKERS ARE WELCOME

The Hayle area, linked with Gwinear-Gwithian and St Erth, is the first in Cornwall to be awarded 'Walkers Are Welcome' status. This community-led scheme demonstrates the town's commitment to ensuring that footpaths and facilities for walkers are maintained in good condition, benefitting both local people and visitors.

The steering group is working on collating a variety of walks that cover not only the town of Hayle and its wonderful industrial heritage but also the coast and hinterland to include the Towans, St Erth, Gwithian and Godrevy Head and has been involved with the production of the Discover Hayle Map and Website, [www.haylemap.org.uk](http://www.haylemap.org.uk), which encourages car-free days out whilst exploring the flora, fauna and heritage of the area. Pick up a copy at the Tourist Information Centre in Hayle Library, Commercial Road as you pass to visit the Library Wildlife Garden. Many walks, published by various groups, are already available on the Hayle Town Council website [www.hayletown.net](http://www.hayletown.net). Other walks are available on the Walk4Life website [www.walk4life.info](http://www.walk4life.info) and more will be added in the future. We are also working with other groups to produce wheelchair-friendly routes.

If you would like to have your favourite walk added please do not hesitate to contact us by email to [townclerk@hayletowncouncil.net](mailto:townclerk@hayletowncouncil.net) or phone 01736 755005.



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