



Community art projects blaze green trails

PUT your walking boots on this summer and visit the Green Art 3D Sculpture Trail at various locations in St Albans. The sculpture trail features temporary public art created by artists and community groups using biodegradable materials.

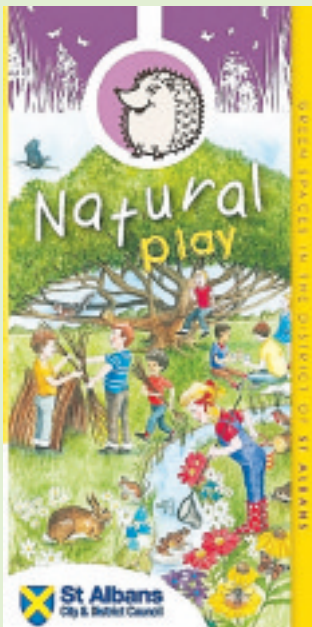
Over the next few weeks, new sculptures will be added to the collection. The sculpture trail sites include the Alban Way, Clarence Park, Everlasting Lane, the Watercress Wildlife Nature Reserve (off Riverside Road), Downedge Community Space (corner of Batchwood Drive and Verulum Rd) and Verulamium Park. More information will shortly be available at www.stalbans.gov.uk/sculpturetrail.

Pictured is a piece by artist Pauline O'Dell who has created a living willow vessel on the bank of the Mere (Watercress Nature Association Reserve). This woven structure echoes the baskets used to gather watercress.

A second community project, the Green Eye On St Albans photography exhibition, runs at the Albans Arena until 8 August. The photographs, taken by residents and local groups, highlight local environmental issues. Energy use, protection of the Green Belt, congestion and food production are just some of the issues that are explored.

Admission is free during box office hours.

Are your children excited about nature?



A BRIGHT new 'natural play' leaflet gives youngsters ideas for things they can do in the countryside.

It explores building dens, looking for bugs and beasties and collecting leaves and seeds for a collage and has lots of suggestions for where you might take your children to explore the big outdoors on your doorstep. To download a copy visit www.stalbans.gov.uk/natural-play

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Waste and recycling in hot weather

ARE you wondering how to keep flies, smells and creepy crawlies away this summer? Remember that food waste can go in either your green or black wheeled bin so it can be collected weekly – just rotate the bin you put it in depending on which one is to be collected next.

Some areas have purple sacks and green bags instead, but the same principle applies.

Don't leave uncovered food, food waste and dirty food containers, including barbecues, lying around.

Wrap food waste tightly in newspaper, kitchen paper, cardboard or paper bags to go in with your green waste. Food can be wrapped in plastic if it is going in your black wheeled bin (but no plastic, please, in your green waste).

Rinse yoghurt pots, food trays and other non-recyclable food packaging and wash bottles, jars and cans before you put them out to be recycled.

Finally, store bins out of direct sunlight, don't fill them to overflowing and make sure you keep lids tightly closed.



Yellow rattle, a vampire at heart

Parasitic plant helps meadows

THIS pretty little annual sends out roots that weaken neighbouring grass plants and give other species more chance to survive.

The Council is using yellow rattle to turn selected grassland into wildflower meadows. The effects can already be seen in Verulamium Park helping wild flowers to establish.

Labour and machinery has been provided free of charge by the Council's grounds maintenance contractor John O'Conner, and in Verulamium Park, the Friends of Verulamium Park have sown seeds.

Keeping St Albans City & District Clean and Green

If you spot a problem with...

- ✓ Abandoned vehicles
- ✓ Illegal fly-tipping
- ✓ Graffiti or litter
- ✓ Dog fouling or stray dogs
- ✓ Dumped rubbish
- ✓ Illegal fly-posting
- ✓ Overgrown hedgerows
- ✓ Spills from refuse collection
- ✓ Accumulation of leaves
- ✓ Pest control
- ✓ Damaged street furniture
- ✓ Street cleaning required
- ✓ Drugs paraphernalia
- ✓ Trees (overgrown/obstructing highway)
- ✓ Empty/derelict property
- ✓ Air pollution (bonfires/fumes)

...please contact

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