



Welcome to Otford Adventures

A community project for local families aimed at getting children outside, exploring nature and using their imagination.

Did you know?



The Otford Solar System is the world's largest scale model.



Otford roundabout is the only listed duck pond in the country.



Otford Palace was built over 500 years ago, and was one of the three largest buildings in Tudor England.



St Bart's Church is twice as old as the Palace, with parts dating from before the Norman Conquest in 1066.



All newts are carnivorous, and feed on insects, worms, snails and slugs.... 'Euuck...!'



The trees that line Newt Pond were planted to create a hedgehog highway so they can move safely between fields.



Henry VIII (and many other kings of England) enjoyed hunting here. This land was a deer park where stags were specially bred for the Chase.



This old oak tree measures 5.4m around its trunk. This wide girth means that it probably grew from it's acorn in about 1595 -almost 430 years ago.



Otford Scouts started in our village in April 1913. Today it welcomes new joiners from ages 6-14 years.



The black and white stripes on the spitfire were added for D-Day landings to stop friendly fire from our American friends.



Bee orchids mimic the insect that they want to land on them to help spread the flower's pollen. They are rare so be careful where you tread!



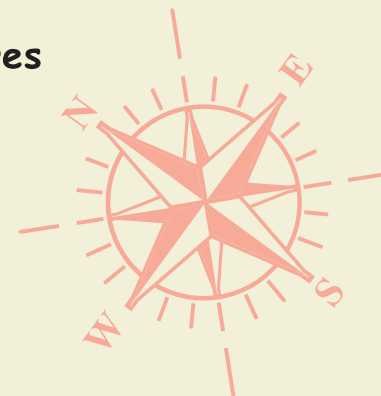
The Vanishing Pool mysteriously appears when there has been a lot of rain.

Map key features

- Residential streets & paths
- Woodland & meadow
- Roads, car parks & train track
- Wetland, ponds & streams

Red dotted line indicates general direction and possible adventure.

Look out for the Otford Adventure markers to help guide the way.



Sharing Your Adventures



We want to hear, read and see how you have been inspired by Otford Adventures. Please share your creations online. [#otfordadventures](https://www.instagram.com/otfordadventures).



We will showcase our top picks at the annual Otford Fete and announce 3 winners on the day.



You can find reading suggestions and more challenges at www.otfordsociety.org.uk. We will share regular updates on the Otford Village Facebook Hub.



Can-you-do challenges



Look out for scarecrows on Otford Allotments from mid-July onwards.



Can you make your way around the summertime Labyrinth?



Have fun hiding from friends and building dens at the woodland camp.



Make the train driver toot the horn.



Try a juicy apple in late-August. This 'magic apple tree' is the last survivor of an orchard that once flourished here.



Can you see any insects staying at the Bug Vegas Hotel?



Is there an odd or even number of butterflies hiding amongst the trees?



Spot the magical doors along Fairy Glade Way.... carefully rub one of the doors with your finger and make a special Wish.



Find what lies inside the treasure trees.



Form a band and sing your heart out.



Can you hear your own echo under Echo Tunnel?



At sunrise and sunset many rabbits come out from their underground burrows on the railway embankment to nibble fresh grass... how many can you count?

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