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## Hertfordshire Orienteering Club



Orienteering is an outdoor sport that exercises mind and body. It is for everybody from gentle walkers to competitive runners, from age 8 to 80. You can run or walk at your own pace on the courses planned to suit your age and experience. The aim is to navigate between control points marked on a map. In competitive orienteering, the challenge is to complete the course in the quickest time, choosing your own best route. It can take place in woods, moorland, parkland or urban areas. Special kit is not essential. Look for all the Centenary Orienteering events in and near Welwyn Garden City on [www.herts-orienteering.club/fixtures/wgc100/](http://www.herts-orienteering.club/fixtures/wgc100/). All events will

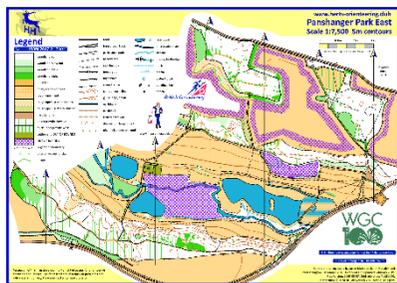


suit both runners and walkers.

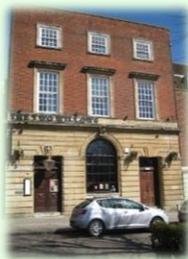
The Hertfordshire Orienteering Club welcomes people of all ages and abilities and we have a particularly strong junior section. We provide training for those new to the sport. Events take place most weekends and on evenings during the summer.

We hold events on many areas in and around Welwyn Garden City including Sherrardspark Wood, Stanborough Park, Moneyhole Park, Panshanger Park, Mardley Heath, Nomansland Common, Heartwood Forest and Ellenbrook Fields. Visit our website (and its “newcomers” page) for more information.

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### The Two Willows



Thank you to The Two Willows for sponsoring the preparation and printing of this map. The Two Willows pub is in Howardsgate in the heart of Welwyn Garden City.

It's a great place to stop for a relaxing drink, whether after work or during the weekend, with its superb selection of cask ales and traditional beers and ciders. You can also enjoy great tasting pub food, at great prices, including a range of pub classics and delicious burgers.

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# Welwyn Garden City Photo Trail



WONDERFUL  
WELWYN GARDEN CITY

- ❑ Explore the history of the garden city
- ❑ Run it or walk it
- ❑ Discover some things that you did not know about WGC
- ❑ Do it solo or as a group or family



**Start anywhere.** The Coronation Fountain at the top of Howardsgate in the town centre is control number 1 if you need a landmark. Simply match up the pictures to the numbered circles on the special orienteering map overleaf. Write the letter for each picture in the correct lettered box. Visit all the control points in any order (or as many as you feel like doing). Street names are omitted to make the challenge greater.



**Scale.** This is a large-scale map drawn at 1:4,000 (at A3) or 1:6,000 (at A4). That means that every one centimetre (or 10mm) on the map represents 40 metres (A3) or 60 metres (A4) on the ground.

**Symbols.** The map uses standard orienteering symbols. These are explained in the legend on the map. Yellow is used to show open areas, white to show wooded areas, and darker shades of green to show thicker trees.

- ❑ Take care with traffic, especially if you are running. Cycles and electric cars are silent.
- ❑ Please respect all private property. Do not enter private areas marked in olive green. You will be able to see all the control points from pavements and other public areas.
- ❑ Observe the government's current guidance on the precautions to control the coronavirus (COVID-19).



**Walking suggestion.** Visit some or all of the control points. Take time to learn some new things about people and places from the history of the garden city.



**Running Challenge.** Visit all the control points. Use your skill to decide which is the most efficient order. Record the time it takes you. Try the controls in a different order on another day and see if you can beat your first time.



**Running Time Challenge.** Visit as many controls as you can in 30 minutes (returning to your start point). Use your skill to decide which controls to miss out (if any). Record the number of controls collected and deduct one control for every minute (or part of a minute) late. The optimum route to visit all the controls is between four and five kilometres.

Check your answers on [www.herts-orienteering.club/fixtures/wgc100/](http://www.herts-orienteering.club/fixtures/wgc100/)

No.	Description	History
1	Coronation Fountain	Erected to mark the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in 1953. This was also marked by street parties and a 25 mile cycle race.
2	Christchurch Baptist Church	Building started on this church in 1938 at a cost of £4,500.
3	Large Oak Tree (16 metres high)	In common with many trees in the town, this pre-dates the establishment of WGC. Existing lanes were used for residential housing and mature trees lining the lanes and fields were preserved.
4	Daily Mail Model Village	This was planned as a practical exhibition of various different construction methods and materials. It was opened in 1922. It fitted in with the Daily Mail's campaign for action to solve the huge post-war housing shortage. Some residents objected to the Daily Mail's over-large publicity hoardings and threw them into the nearby farm pond.
5	Barn Theatre	This was created in 1932 out of one of Lower Handside Farm's great clapboard barns.
6	Blue plaque at No. 17	The first National Secretary of the Youth Hostels Association lived here.
7	Blue plaque at No. 43	This is the first house to be occupied (in December 1920) in the new garden city.
8	Information Board	See photographs (items 2 & 3) of 18 <sup>th</sup> and 19 <sup>th</sup> century cottages on the information board. Then look round and see what they look like now.
9	Information Board	The branch line to Luton and Dunstable was opened in 1858 and closed to passenger traffic in 1965. See the picture of the freight train hauling London's refuse on its way to landfill.
10	White Bridge	This was built in 1925 to span the railway line to Dunstable. It provides a vantage point for looking all the way down Parkway.
11	Memorial wall	This commemorates Louis de Soissons who, early in his career, was appointed as Architect and Town Planner for WGC in 1920. He was responsible for the layout of the town and the adoption of a neo-Georgian style for the buildings. He ensured a broadly harmonious design for the town over a period of 42 years.
12	Sculpture 'Ad Astra'	The sculptor was Kathleen Scott, wife of Captain Scott of the Antarctic and mother of Sir Peter Scott, well known as a naturalist and TV broadcaster in the 1960s.
13	John Lewis ( <i>formerly the Welwyn Stores</i> )	The Welwyn Stores were built in 1939 to provide food, clothing and household goods for the growing town. It had previously operated from much smaller premises. It was owned by the WGC Company and had something of a retail monopoly in the early days of the town.
14	Anniversary Arch	This commemorates the 75 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the town.
15	Waitrose ( <i>formerly the Cherry Tree restaurant</i> )	This was built in 1933 to provide the town with a restaurant and dance floor. There was a bowling green where the car park is now. Look up at the Cherry Tree symbol on the wall.
16	Blue plaque at No. 16	Sir Frederic Osborn lived here. He was an enthusiastic supporter of Ebenezer Howard's ideas and played a leading role managing the town and its development until 1936

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17	Tapi carpets shop	Look up to see the two statues representing Demeter, Goddess of Plenty and Hermes, God of Commerce, sculpted by Hubert Yencesse around 1965.
18	St Francis of Assisi Church	The church was opened in 1935. It was expected that traditional towers and steeples would be too expensive for the churches and that influenced the decision to plant poplar trees to provide some height contrast.
19	Focolare Centre for Unity	Three Canossian Daughters of Charity (an order of nuns) came to the new garden city in 1922 and founded a convent school. Since 1986 it has been the base of the Focolare movement in Britain, an international inter-faith organisation. Look for the commemorative plaque in the wall of the low building to the left.
20	Charter House ( <i>formerly Welwyn Theatre</i> )	This NHS office was built as the Welwyn Theatre and was open from 1928 to 1983. Little remains of the original building other than the facade. Look for the plaque to the left of the main entrance.
21	The Two Willows ( <i>formerly Barclays Bank</i> )	The first Barclays bank in WGC was opened in 1922 in a wooden shed before moving here as the town grew. The current building featured as one of the pubs in the 2013 movie "The World's End" featuring Simon Pegg. See if you can find the small plaque telling you what the pub was called in the film.
22	Doctor's Tonic pub	This used to be the town's cottage hospital. It was opened in 1940 and operated until the QEII Hospital opened in 1962. It also featured in "The World's End".
23	Sculpture 'Dawn'	This was sculpted by local artist, David Evans. Its location caused controversy and it was moved from place to place before finding its present situation.
24	Blue plaque at No. 10	Welwyn Garden City was a centre of the British film industry in the 1930s and one of its film directors lived in this house. Look at the information board to find out where Welwyn Film Studios were located
25	Blue plaque at No. 5	Sir Ebenezer Howard lived here. He had the vision to create the garden city movement and established Letchworth Garden City. Later, he was the prime mover in founding WGC

## Welwyn Garden City Centenary – celebrations and walks

Welwyn Garden City has influenced the design of towns throughout the world. 2020 marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its founding. The Welwyn Garden City Centenary Foundation and its dedicated team of volunteers have created new walks to mark the centenary year. Orienteering is one of many sports staging events as part of the celebrations in 2020 and 2021.



**City of Trees** – Including walks around Sherrardspark Wood, Beehive Tree Walk, Handside & Stanborough, and The Campus: [www.wgc100.org/city-of-trees](http://www.wgc100.org/city-of-trees)

**Centenary Walk** – A 20.20km circular walk: [www.wgc100.org/centenary-walk](http://www.wgc100.org/centenary-walk)

**Digital Heritage Trails** – Explore the heritage of the town with your smartphone. The trails start from Waterstones bookshop outside the Howard Centre. Scan the QR code in the shop window and you will be shown where to go next and information on each site. Further details at: [www.welwyngarden-heritage.org/news/item/303-wgc-heritage-trust-digital-town-trail](http://www.welwyngarden-heritage.org/news/item/303-wgc-heritage-trust-digital-town-trail)