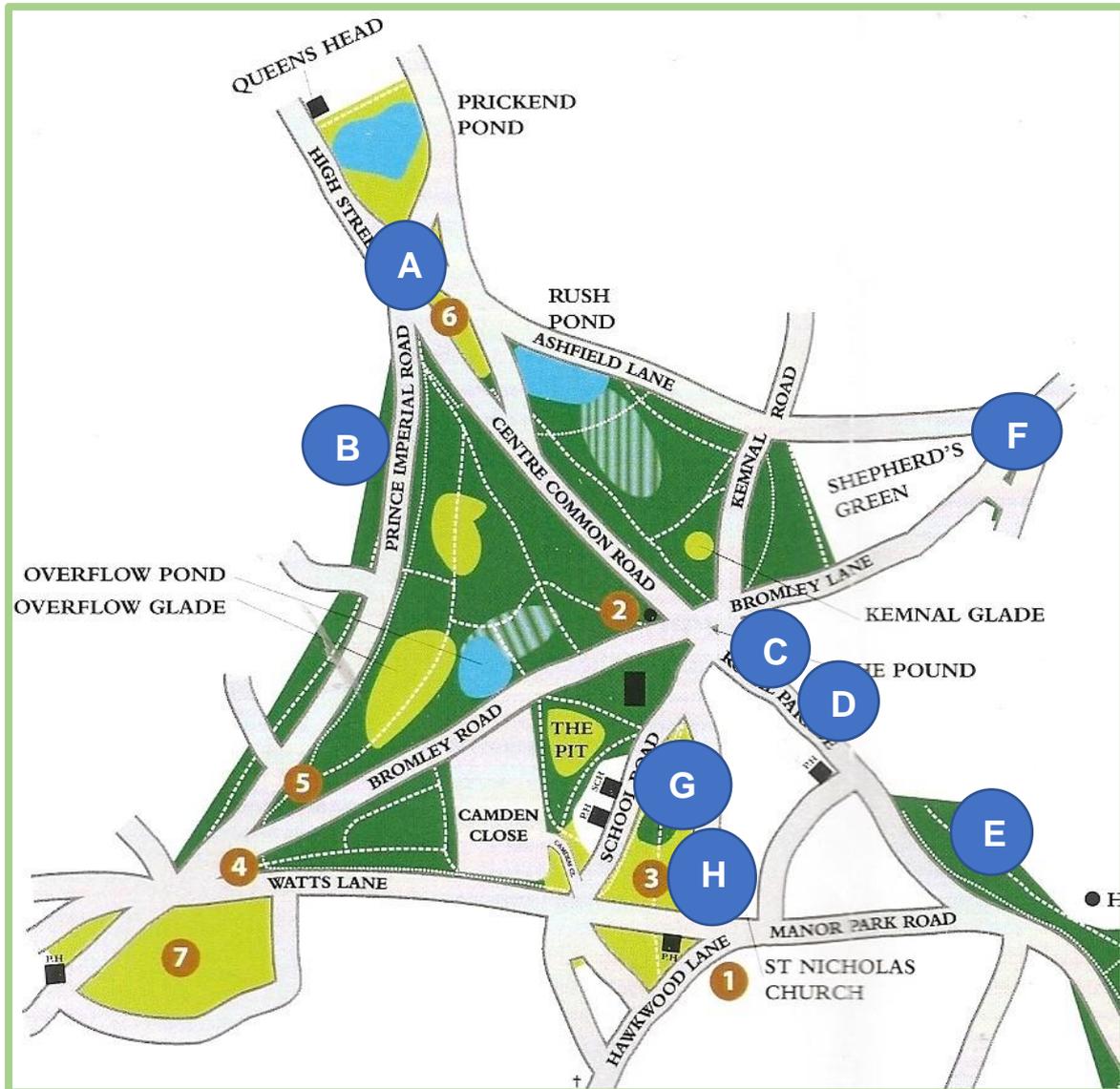




Out and About on Chislehurst Commons – Commemorative Trees



Key

1. **The Old Fire Station – offices of Chislehurst Commons.**
2. **The War Memorial.**
3. **The Cockpit.**
4. **Hangman's Corner.**
5. **Monument to the Prince Imperial.**
6. **May Queen site.**
7. **The Cricket Ground.**

- WOODLAND & SCRUB
- PONDS
- GRASSLAND
- WETLAND
- HEATHLAND

- FOOTPATH
- BRIDLEPATH

Our woodland has developed over the last 100 years or so since the grazing of animals on the common ceased. It contains a variety of trees - Oak, Beech, Chestnut, Ash, Rowan, Hawthorn, Silver Birch, Hazel, Alder, Sycamore, Holly and Yew - with a few others such as Cherry and Crab Apple. Most grew naturally but we have a few that commemorate national events.

A	The Peace Tree, at the top of the High Street, opposite Hornbrook House car park. A Horse Chestnut, planted in 1919 to mark the end of the 1st World War.	
B	A Whitebeam outside Chislehurst Methodist Church donated by the Metropolitan Garden Association in 2002 to mark the Golden Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II.	
C	An Oak Tree at the War Memorial junction, planted in 1911 for the Coronation of King George V and Queen Mary. The commemorative stone was placed there in 1951, together with some others around the common, as part of Chislehurst's celebration of the Festival of Britain.	

<p>D</p>	<p>The Lime trees on the section of common land opposite Royal Parade were planted in 1897 to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria.</p>	
<p>E</p>	<p>This Beech tree, opposite the Bull's Head, was planted in 2000 to mark the Millennium.</p>	
<p>F</p>	<p>In 1977, a Horse Chestnut was planted at Shepherd's Green on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II. The Palace was consulted about the choice of tree, and a reply was received saying that Her Majesty was delighted to hear that a tree was to be planted but would like the Trustees to choose a suitable native species.</p>	
<p>G</p>	<p>The Oak on the Village Green opposite St. Nicholas Primary School. It was planted in memory of all those who died in the Falkland Islands Conflict of 1982.</p>	

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This Chestnut stands near the Cockpit, on the site of the crater made by one of the last bombs to fall on British soil during the 1st World War. It fell in the night of May 19th 1918, which was Whit Sunday. At the request of some residents, a tree was planted and surrounded by railings with a plaque. The first tree died and was replaced. However, there was local feeling that the memorial was an inappropriate reminder of the terrible conflict. In 1927, the site was vandalised, and the tree broken. Although another was planted, it did not flourish, and the site became neglected. It was clear that there was no longer any public will to retain it as a reminder of the War.

The Chestnut in the photo above was planted in 1937, in the same spot, to celebrate the Coronation of King George VI.

Chislehurst Commons is the organisation that has responsibility for managing the 180 acres of local common land under an Act of Parliament.

We have two Keepers, Jonathan Harvie, our Head Keeper, and Peter Edwards, our Assistant Keeper, whose knowledge, and dedication are invaluable. Everyone else involved in the administration, maintenance and development of the area does so on a voluntary basis.

The Act made no provision for funding, and we depend on donations and our wonderful Working Party to enable us to continue to preserve this precious natural resource.

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