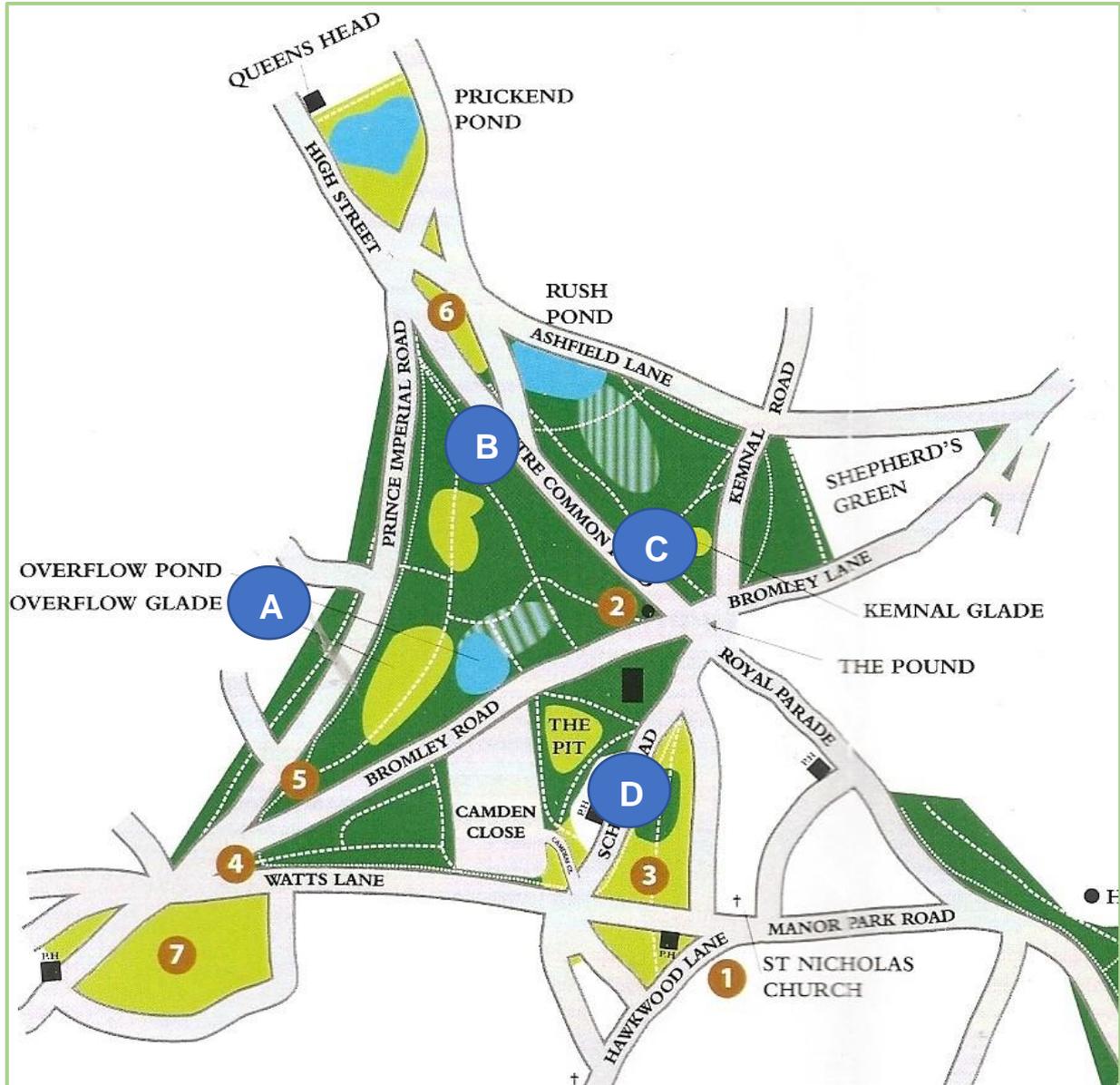




# Out and About on Chislehurst Commons Family I-Spy - in the Woodland



## 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. The May Queen site.
7. The Cricket Ground.

WOODLAND & SCRUB	
PONDS	
GRASSLAND	
WETLAND	
HEATHLAND	

FOOTPATH .....  
BRIDLEPATH .....

**Our Woodland is full of exciting things just waiting to be discovered!**

**Here are some of them. The position of the first four are shown on the map, but you can find examples of the others all over the woods.**

**A**



**At the side of the footpath along Prince Imperial Road, between the two ends of Wilderness Road.**

**Holes in dead wood made by a woodpecker. There are Great Spotted Woodpeckers and Green Woodpeckers on the Common. When a tree has to be cut down, as much as possible is left as a habitat for insects, bats and birds.**

**Green parakeets often come along afterwards and live in the holes made by the woodpeckers. If you listen carefully, you may hear the drumming sound of the woodpecker making another one.**

**B**



**To the right hand side of the footpath through the woods towards the War Memorial.**

**Is it a monster or a shy woodland creature? It's up to you and your imagination!**

**C**



**Towards the end of the footpath past Rush Pond towards Bromley Lane, on the left hand side.**

**The tree has gradually grown around this "No Cycling" sign, and it will eventually disappear altogether.**

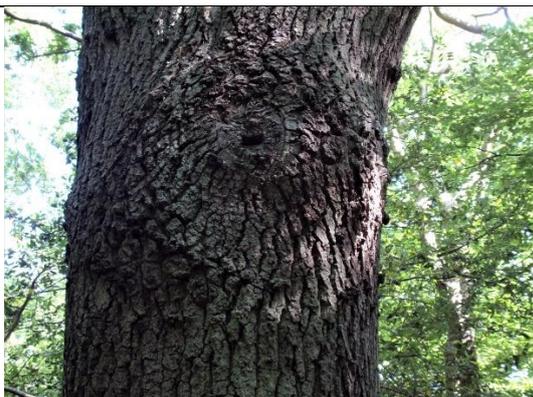
**D**



**On the edge of the woodland opposite St. Nicholas Church on Church Lane.**

**This Oak tree is one of our older trees. It was pollarded early on in its life – it was cut down and grew up again with three new trunks. Boundary marker trees were often pollarded to make them distinctive.**

## Now see what else your sharp eyes and imagination can find!



The scar that formed when a tree lost a branch.



You can find the age of a tree by counting the rings. It puts on one ring each year. You can guess what the weather was like in a particular year by how wide the ring is.



Tree bark has all sorts of patterns. And sometimes you can see a face in it.



The branches of this tree have grown together to create a “window”.



A “Phoenix” tree. These are trees that have fallen over, usually in a strong wind, but have managed to survive and are still growing. There are some on the Common that date from the 1987 hurricane.



The roots of this tree look like the foot of a gigantic bird!  
They absorb water and nutrients for the tree, but they also give it stability.

We hope you enjoyed this activity. There are more on our website  
[www.chislehurstcommons.uk](http://www.chislehurstcommons.uk)

**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.**

**Would you like to be a true friend to the Common? You can donate via our website - [www.chislehurstcommons.uk](http://www.chislehurstcommons.uk)**