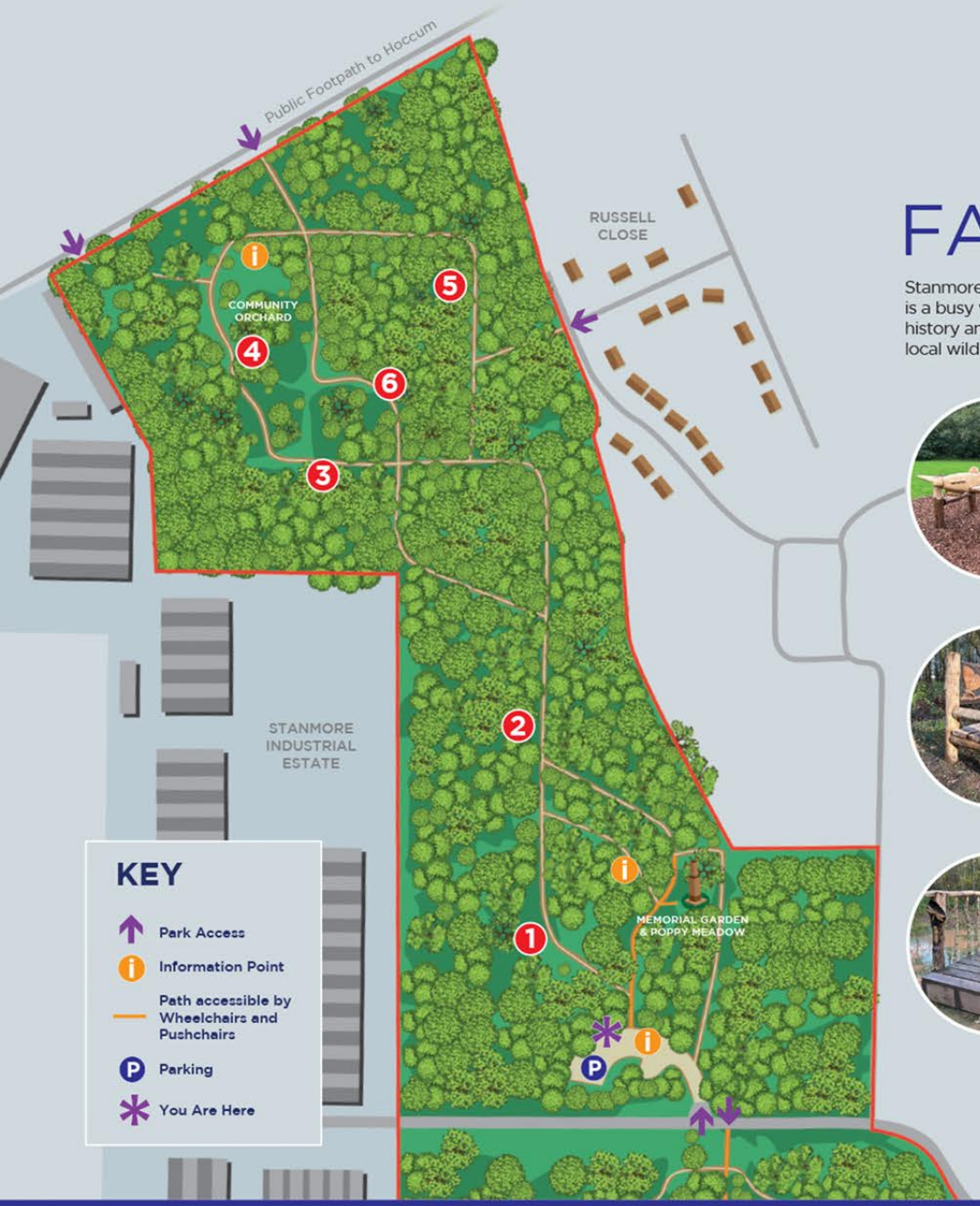
STANMORE COUNTRY PARK

FAMILY DISCOVERY ART TRAIL

Stanmore Country Park is peaceful and quiet.... But was once a busy RAF training camp and now in the woodland, ponds and meadows is a busy world of wildlife. The Family Discovery Art Trail features sculptures created by artist Anthony Hammond, that interpret the history and natural wonder of this woodland environment. The trail provides a wonderful opportunity to learn about park history and local wildlife, as you wander through the woodland and discover art along the way.





1 HAWKER HURRICANE AEROPLANE WITH BALANCE BEAMS

Carved oak aeroplane and two balance beams. Compete to reach the wings and be the first to take the pilot's seat. Inspired by one of the RAF camp's original gate guardians which is now found at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington DC.



2 SPLAYED WILLOW TREE WITH KRAKEN, FAIRY AND LEAF PROPS

Fantastic, splayed tree known locally as the 'Octopus' with carved oak props. One shows a shipwreck with a sea monster - the kraken - inspired by local school children. One prop picks out different leaf motifs found in this immediate area. And several props with little fairy houses to honour local stories.



3 WHITE LETTER HAIRSTREAK BUTTERFLY BENCH

Butterfly Bench with carved oak back which represents the lifecycle - from egg to caterpillar to chrysalis to adult - of the White Letter Hairstreak butterfly. A critically endangered butterfly that is found on site near its favourite food source, the elm.



4 ORCHARD WILDLIFE TOTEM POLE

Carved Totem Pole, which is an interpretative sign, interpreting the wildlife that can be found within an orchard. Spot apex predators, insect eating creatures and insects as well as fungi and blossom that make up the food chain in a thriving orchard.



5 WILDLIFE BRIDGE

Carved oak and hazel Wildlife Bridge. The oak abutments have been carved with wildlife that can be found in and around natural ponds. Creatures such as common toad, dragonflies, pond skaters, hoverflies, and herons. Take a moment to see what pond wildlife you can spot from the bridge.



6 VIOLET HELLEBORINE ORCHID BENCH

Made from cleft oak, the oversized bench back is carved by hand to represent the Violet Helleborine which is a woodland orchid found on site during summer months. Named after the colour of the stems, which are dark purple to violet in colour, whereas the flowers are cream.

Scan the QR code to find more information including a short film about the sculptures by the artist.

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Stanmore Country Park is managed by Shropshire Council in partnership with a volunteer group named **Friends of Stanmore.**

Contact **01746 781192** or visit **www.shropshiregreatoutdoors.co.uk** for more information.

Please enjoy the park responsibly including using the waste bins provided for dog waste and litter. For safety reasons it is suggested that visitors keep to the main path network and ensure children are supervised by an adult at all times. Hazards include ponds and uneven ground.