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# Sensory Garden

Chertsey Recreation Ground

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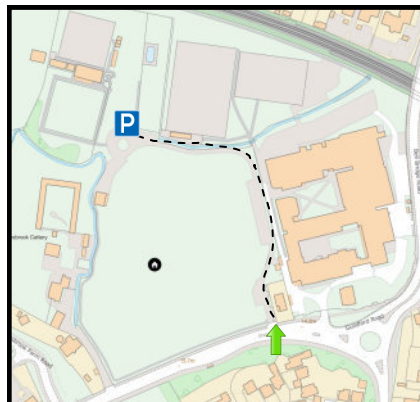
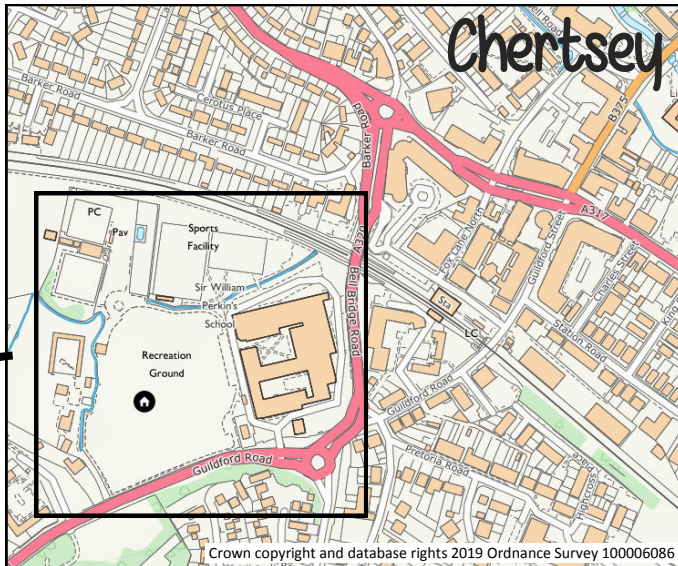
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# Directions

The entrance to Chertsey Recreation Ground is next to the entrance to Williams Perkins School, off Guildford Road.

Drive past two sets of parking bays continuing to the very end of the access road. There are 23 parking bays and one disabled parking bay.



Addlestone



Chertsey



# Start...

If you start at the bed on the left hand side of the car park you will see the notice below.



The inscription states:

**This extension to the Chertsey recreation ground consisting of about 2 and two third acres of land and the pavilion at the northern end of the bowling green were gifts by J A Tulk Esq. J P. C.C. to the Chertsey Urban District Council and were opened for the use of the public in 1935. The year of the Silver Jubilee, of their Majesties, King George V and Queen Mary.**

# Historical Information on John Augustus Tulk

John Augustus Tulk was born on the 26 August 1882 in Addlestone. Mr Tulk became Deputy Lieutenant for Surrey, Justice of the Peace, and a governor of Sir William Perkins School from 1925. It is therefore appropriate that the vehicular entrance to Chertsey Recreation Ground is located next to Sir William Perkins School.

John A Tulk then became Chairman of Chertsey District Council from 1927-28. He was subsequently elected as a Surrey County Councillor, and became Alderman, Vice Chairman and then Chairman of Surrey County Council in 1944.

John A Tulk initially lived in his parents home in Simple Marsh Road, Addlestone but then moved to Ruxbury, on St Ann's Hill in the picture below. Mr Tulk died in May 1956 in Chertsey.



**Photo of Ruxbury, St Ann's Hill**  
*Courtesy of Chertsey Museum*

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If you walk to your left you can access the path with railings and a hedge along the edge of the bowling green to the sensory garden.



The sensory garden was constructed in 1995 funded from the Tulk Bequest. The sensory garden was designed by Kevin Davies of Robert Davies John West Architects and built by Stanley Saville and Kenneth Wallace who were members of the

Runnymede Borough Council's Parks Team when they built the garden.



Entrance to the Sensory Garden where you will see grasses for sound and plants for scent e.g. hyacinths in the spring.



The sensory garden has planting for all the year round. There are scented hyacinths and Daphne's in spring.

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The sensory garden was officially opened by the Mayor of Runcy Cllr Gerry Gleeson on the 29<sup>th</sup> June 1995.



Benches are incorporated in the beds so you can sit amongst the herbs and flowers. This bench makes the soft lambs ear accessible to touch.

In the middle of the sensory garden is a wooden arbour covered with wisteria and a rambling rose with a water feature full of boulders, bordered with railings. There is seating to the right of the water feature backed with reeds and grasses.

This is a wonderful place to listen to the birds, feel and smell the plants and enjoy the smell of the different herbs.

Behind the pergola and water feature is a mixed bed containing hollyhocks, oxeye daisies, herbs, grasses and different coloured heucheras.



If you walk back into the centre of the sensory garden you will see a mosaic wall with seating next to herbs such as fennel, lavender, mint and sage.



Nature-themed mosaics on the wall in the sensory garden

To access the public ladies and gentleman toilets walk away from the mosaic wall towards the water feature and turn left so you are walking with the car park and sensory garden to the back of you. There will be a bed of shrubs on your left and further on you will see two benches and a litter bin. The toilets are in a brick building on your left.



When you walk back along the edge of the bowling green towards the car park you will find another quiet area on your right containing an outdoor ping pong table.

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### Facilities at the Sensory Garden

- Toilet facilities including a disabled toilet accessed by the multi-purpose sports courts
  - Benches to sit on
- One disabled space and 23 non disabled car parking spaces
- A portable defibrillator located on the side of the bowling green building

# Information on the herbs in the garden

## **Fennel**

People choose fennel for its licorice-like flavor and health benefits. Ancient practitioners used fennel in natural remedies and the practice continues.

## **Lavender**

Lavender oil is believed to have antiseptic and anti-inflammatory properties, which can help to heal minor burns and insect bites. Research suggests that it may be useful for treating anxiety, insomnia, depression, and restlessness

## **Mint**

Mint, also known as mentha, is actually a genus or group of around 15-20 plant species including peppermint and spearmint. Mint is believed to have a number of health benefits. It is a calming and soothing herb that has been used for thousands of years to aid with an upset stomach or indigestion.

## **Sage**

Sage is used for digestive problems, including loss of appetite, stomach pain bloating, and heartburn. In manufacturing, sage is used as a fragrance component in soaps and cosmetics. It is native to the Mediterranean and south-eastern Europe.