

Hidden Nature in Stirchley Ward Trees, Shrubs and Plants

Have a look around Stirchley Ward to look for all the roads that have some sort of shrub, tree or plant in their name.....

- Ashbrook Road and Grove
- Ash Tree Road
- Elm Tree Road
- Greenoak Crescent
- Hazelwell Crescent/Fordrough/Lane/Road/Street
- Holly Road
- Ivy Road
- Laurel Road
- Nine Elms Road
- Oakley Road
- Pineapple Grove/Road
- Rose Cottages

Q. What do we use wood for?

A. Many things.

Q. Where might we find wood in our homes?

A. Doors, furniture, small boats, toys; what else can you think of?

Q. Different woods are used for different purposes – so what was oak used for in Tudor times for example?

A. Ships

Q. Beech wood is particularly good for making upright chairs. What is the furniture in your home made of?

Q. When might we use branches of holly?

A. Christmastime

Q. Where in Stirchley/Stirchley Ward would you find a mural depicting a tree?

A. Stirchley Park

Hidden Nature in Stirchley Ward Buildings & Infrastructure

Questions	Answers
Which building in Stirchley has a picture of a tree outside?	British Oak Public House
What is the building made of mainly?	Brick – Look at the decorative features on the walls!
Look at the Hazelwell Public House – why is Hazelwell such a popular name in Stirchley?	There is/was a ‘spring’ (water rising up through the ground) nearby.
What is Stirchley Community Church’s building made of?	Mainly brick, can you see the decorative features on the building?
Look at the doorway on Pershore Road, what is over the door?	Terracotta tiles that look like fish scales.
Look upwards – what do the words say and what is the date?	Stirchley Institute, 1891
What are brick and terracotta made of?	Clay from quarries or mines. when it undergoes different processes it is suitable for use in different ways: e.g. bricks for building and terracotta for decorative purposes. Look at the Victorian and Edwardian houses and shops in your area.
Look at Stirchley Baths, what is that building made of?	Brick, stone, glass.

<p>What is glass made from?</p>	<p>Usually sand, soda ash, and limestone.</p>
<p>What is your home made of? Brick? Stone? Wood? Or something different?</p>	
<p>Why is there a mill depicted on the village name signs for Stirchley?</p>	<p>A long time ago there was a mill in the area, it probably used the local river to power it.</p>
<p>Q. Different types of light-controlled pedestrian crossings are named after birds - Pelican & Toucan – which is which? Are there any near your home?</p>	<p>Clue: one type has two symbols that light up, the other only has one.</p>

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'Features of Nature'

Where can you find the following 'features of nature' or references to them?

Have a look at names of streets or in the parks as you travel around.

boorn	= a small river	The Boorn forms one of the boundaries of Stirchley Ward. Follow it from Bond Street, to Stirchley Park, Umberslade Road, pick it up again on either side of the Pershore Road, then where does it go?
dell		Dell Road
ford	A river that crosses a road, where do you think there used to be one in Stirchley?	Fordhouse Lane, look for where the river now goes underneath the road
hill		Cornhill Grove
marble	It used to live in Stirchley Baths, where is it now?	It has been recycled into a bench in Stirchley Park
moor		Wildmoor Close

mountains		Hazelwell Park they are referred to by a signpost and the mounds are representations of mountain ranges.
rough	In a road/street name it might refer to an old farmtrack, where is there one in Stirchley?	Hazelwell Fordrough
stone	These stones were brought here specifically to play on.	Hazelwell Park
well	Hazelwell' refers to a 'spring – where do you think there might be a spring (water rising up through the ground)	Hazelwell Park - you probably won't see the water rising up but you might find some very damp or boggy areas.