



# OVRA's Summer Holiday Treasure Trail 2024

## The Mystery of the Missing Key



Lord Onslow Opening the Door of the First House.

On 30th October 1920 a ceremony was held to celebrate the completion of the first 2 houses in the brand new Onslow Village. During the ceremony, Mr F. Litchfield presented Lord Onslow with a silver key bearing the inscription 'I opened the first cottage in Onslow Village'. \*

But shortly after the ceremony Lord Onslow went on holiday and accidentally dropped the key and lost it.

Follow the trail and solve the clues to discover where the key was lost. Each clue enables you to cross off the name of a place on the map below. When only one place remains uncrossed, you have found where the silver key lies buried.

\*This is absolutely true! To find out more about the history of Onslow Village visit the Onslow Village tab on the OVRA website at [ovra.org.uk](http://ovra.org.uk)



**Direction 1:**

The trail starts and finishes by the parade of shops opposite the village hall.

Find the footpath next to William's Property Management, that leads up to Powell Close. There are 2 clues to solve as you walk along this short path.

**Clue 1:**

What happened here on September 5th 1782?

Find a place on the map which is associated with this answer and cross it off, the missing key won't be found there.

**Clue 2:**

Find the 3 white letters on a blue background. These 3 initials should allow you to cross off somewhere else on your map.

**Direction 2:**

Continue walking straight ahead towards the little path that leads to the playground on the rec. There is a clue to find as you go.

**Clue 3:**

As you walk, keep looking down. Find the initials FH. When you find them it will allow you to cross off somewhere else on the map.

**Direction 3:**

Follow the little footpath to the left and enter the rec by the Scout Hut. Head over towards the play park. You'll be able to solve the next 2 clues by looking very carefully around here.

**Clue 4:**

Where is this fossil buried? You won't find the silver key there!

**Clue 5:**

The plant under the hedgehog shares part of its name with a place on the map - the key isn't there either.

**Direction 4:**

Follow the path through the play area and into the arboretum. Walk straight to the large information board. As you face the board take the path on your left that leads further into the arboretum.

**Clue 6:**

Stay on the path and ignore the little track that goes off on your left. Keep going until you find the tree with the leaves in the photo. Look for the label that gives the Latin name for this tree and it will allow you to cross off another place on the map.

**Direction 5:**

Retrace your steps back to the big information board. As you stand with your back to the board take the path on your right that leads up to the gate on Manor Way.

**Clue 7:**

When you get to the gate look for 5 red letters. They will allow you to cross off another place on the map.

**Direction 6:**

Carefully cross the road and turn right along Manor Way heading towards the A3. As you walk along look for the next 2 clues.

**Clue 8:**

Look for 2 big containers next to each other on the verge. There are 2 large letters on the cylinder. They are the initials of a place you can cross off.

**Clue 9:**

Number 49 has something on its roof. Count how many, and solve an anagram to cross off another place on the map.

**Direction 7:**

When you get to the footpath sign turn left and walk along the footpath to where it meets the end of Abbots Close. There is one clue to find along this stretch of path.

**Clue 10:**

Find this image. The first letters of each of the 3 words associated with it will enable you to cross off one more place on the map.

**Direction 8:**

Walk along Abbots Close. There are 2 clues to solve as you go.

**Clue 11:**

One of the houses on Manor Way is named after both a type of tree and a type of feather. It has the same name as somewhere on the map.

**Clue 12:**

Find a couple that come from Horsham and you'll find another place to cross off the map.

**Direction 9:**

Follow Abbots Close around to your left until it rejoins Manor Way. Carefully cross the road and turn right. Walk a little way until you get to a lamppost with a little path that takes you back in to the rec.

**Direction 10:**

Once in the rec, turn right and leave the field through the large wooden gate you can see ahead of you. Walk down the short track until you meet Wilderness Road.

**Direction 11:**

Carefully cross the road and head towards Litchfield Way which you'll see to your left. Turn right into Litchfield Way and walk along until the road bends to the left.

**Clue 13:**

At the corner look for a bird cut in stone. This gives a clue to another place you can cross out.

**Direction 12:**

Do not follow the road around to the left, but continue walking straight on, with the railing on your left. At the turning circle, where the railing stops, turn left and walk along Vicarage Gate.

**Clue 14:**

One of the houses on Vicarage Gate shares a name with a place on the map. When you find it, cross it off.

**Direction 13:**

Walk down to All Saints Church and Church Hall. There are two clues to be answered here. You might have to search around a bit!

**Clue 15:**

One of the roses near the church was planted at the end of 1997. When you find it you'll be able to cross off another place on the map.

**Clue 16:**

When you find 600X450 you'll be able to cross off one more place on the map.

**Direction 14:**

Walk a little way back up Vicarage Gate until you reach the footpath on your right. Walk down the path between the tall fences and at the bottom turn right and walk along to where Bannisters Road and Hedgeway meet.

**Direction 15:**

Very carefully cross over the road here and veer slightly left so that you are walking along East Meads. When you see Ellis Avenue on your left carefully cross over the road. As you go look for Clue 17.

**Clue 17:**

Find the picture in the next box. It appears more than once on this stretch of road. Identify the animal which has been blanked out and cross out the associated place.

**Direction 16:**

Walk up Ellis Avenue. At the top turn left and walk along the road to the Village Hall, being very careful as you cross Orchard Road.

**Clue 18:**

Look around the outside of the Village Hall until you find a king on a horse. There is a word under the king. Scramble it up and you can cross off one more place.

**Direction 17:**

Cross over the road carefully so that you are next to the shops and solve the final clue.

**Clue 19:**

Find the picture in the next box and spot the difference. This will enable you to cross out the final place.



Congratulations you've finished the trail! There should only be one place left on your map, revealing where Lord Onslow dropped his silver key.

We hope you had fun looking for the clues. If you would like to be entered into the prize draw then email your answer to [info@ovra.org.uk](mailto:info@ovra.org.uk) or scan the QR code below and fill in the contact form on the website. Remember to include your name! The winners will be announced at the end of the school holidays.

