



# Bracknell in Bloom Celebration 2012

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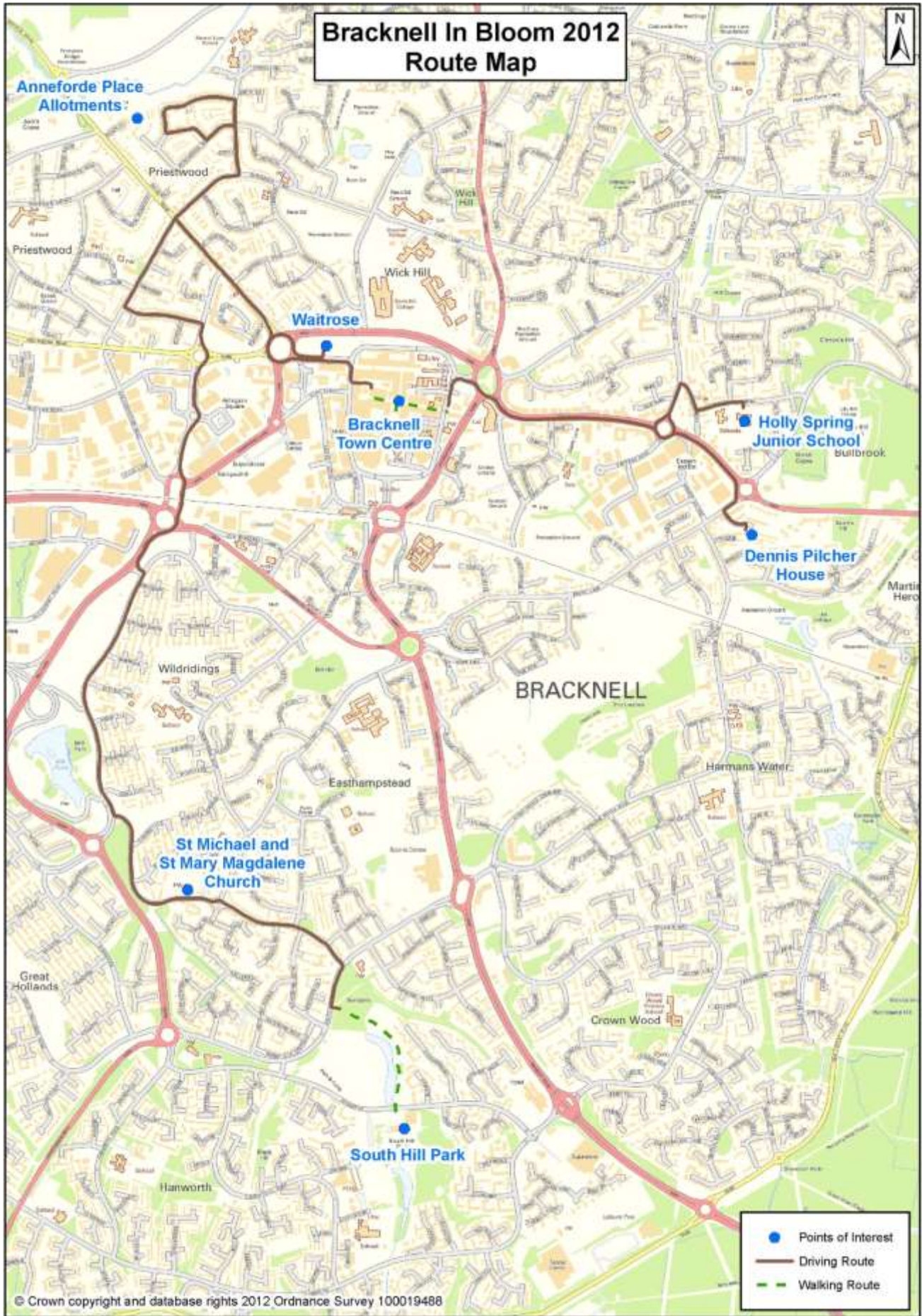


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# Bracknell In Bloom 2012 Route Map





# Dennis Pilcher House



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Dennis Pilcher House is a sheltered housing complex managed by Bracknell Forest Homes housing association. Resident, Sandra Holmes leads the group that tends the community garden which is enjoyed by all the residents. The garden won the best newcomer award in the community garden category in last year's Your Gardens competition, a public horticultural competition open to residents, businesses and schools in Bracknell. This is a relatively new garden and the Your Gardens judges were particularly impressed with the wide range of plants as well as the environmental provisions incorporated in the garden.

## Comments:

# Holly Spring Junior School

Holly Spring Junior School won the best school garden category in last year's Your Gardens competition.

Due to extensive building works currently taking place and planned for the near future at the school, the school garden, tended for by the gardening club, has to make use of whatever land is available. This year the gardening club is looking after two small gardens either side of the school hall. The horticultural inspiration is Doug Frankham, grandfather of two gardening club members'. Doug has been showing the children how to grow not only flowers but vegetables and helped the children design and plant a floral display to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee and the Olympics.

## Comments:

# Holly Spring Junior School



Some members from last year's winning Gardening Club



Planting the Union Jack floral display in May 2012 and the result one month later





# Town Centre



Winter trough



# Town Centre

Although the new Waitrose store opened in autumn 2011, the regeneration of the rest of the town centre has still to take place. The year round floral displays add much needed colour and interest to what would be a rather tired looking town centre. This year, troughs and hanging baskets have been planted in red, white and blue to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee and Olympics. There are also accents of gold in the displays to reflect Team GB going for gold at the Olympics and Paralympics.

## Comments:



# Waitrose



The bug hotel created by  
Binfield CE Primary School



# Waitrose

Waitrose Bracknell was the first new store to be built in the town centre for over 25 years when it opened last year and is one of the retailer's 'greenest' stores to date. It incorporates pioneering new features to benefit the environment and to reduce carbon dioxide equivalent emissions by around 80%. Features include: - a 'living' wall, a 'green' roof, a bug hotel and a new energy centre will shortly be introduced which will produce the store's heating, cooling and electricity.

## Comments:



# Anneforde Place Allotments

Ted Love's water harvesting system



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This allotment site is managed by Bracknell Town Council and has 22 plots. Ted Love, who won last year's Your Gardens 'Most environmentally friendly allotment award' is based at Anneforde Place. Ted believes in wasting nothing and recycling everything and has a spectacular water harvesting system.

**Comments:**

# St Michael and St Mary Magdalene Churchyard

The churchyard is one of the few unchanged natural sites left since the development of Bracknell new town in the 1950's. At the entrance is an ancient yew tree which has probably been a feature for over one thousand years. Some of the grass is kept long and cut in rotation to encourage a biodiversity of plant and wildlife. Volunteers monitor plant and animal life and bird boxes and bat roosts are sited in the trees. The churchyard is home to the rare devil's bit scabious as well as cowslips, holly, butterflies and stag beetles.

## Comments:

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# South Hill Park



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The restoration project of the historic parkland at South Hill Park is nearing completion and the Earl of Wessex is due to officially open the restored grounds at the end of July. The project has been mainly financed by a significant grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund and the Big Lottery Fund. The restoration work undertaken includes: - construction of a 200m boardwalk across the balancing pond at North Lake, dredging the South Lake, extensive tree work and replacement with native species, the restoration of the classic Yew Walk and planting to re-establish the form and shape of the garden and parkland.

## Comments:

# Places of Interest

## Your Gardens Competition

Mr Tom Henry's front garden is always a spectacular floral display. This year he has over 30 hanging baskets and troughs and has gone for a red, white and blue colour scheme.



## Sponsored Roundabout

The Sperry Gyroscope roundabout is maintained by Arlington Square, one of Bracknell's major business parks. The Sperry Gyroscope factory was sited where the business park is now located. In the centre of the roundabout is a sculpture of a gyroscope by Philip Benthon.



## Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge

Eight of Bracknell Town Council's recreational spaces are going to be protected for posterity after doing extremely well in the "Save a Space for Me" Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge public vote. Two of the fields are on the route – Wildridings Playing Field and Mill Park.



Wildridings Playing Field



Mill Park