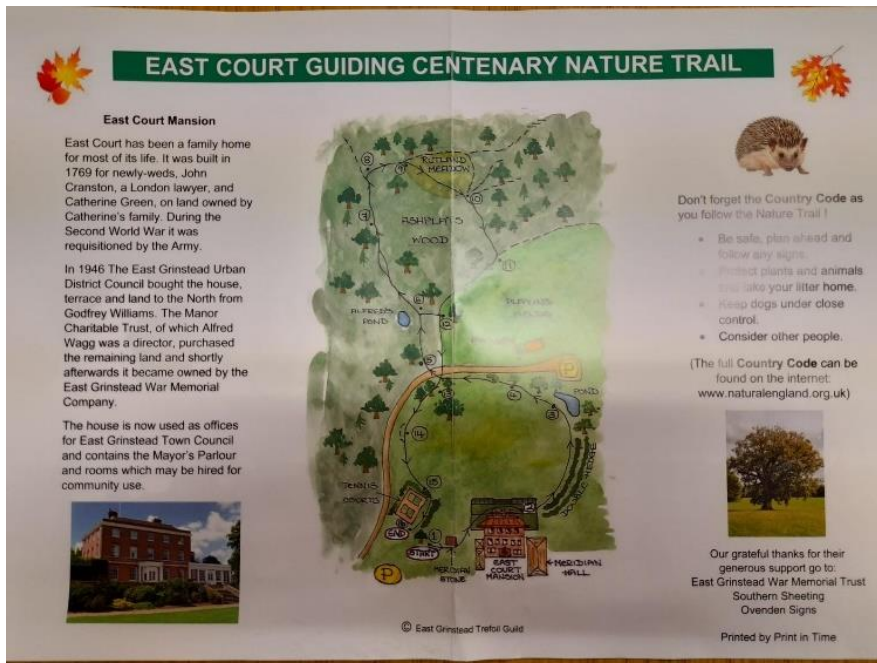


Report East Court Trail, East Grinstead, 19/5/22 by Margery Nash

May's Hive Adventure took us to East Court, site of the Guiding Centenary Trail created by East Grinstead Trefoil Guild. After two damp, muddy recces, seven of us did the walk on a gloriously warm, dry, summer's evening. We hope the photos give a flavour of the trail for those not able to join us. East Court, now used by East Grinstead Council, sits, like Greenwich, on the Meridian Line facing east over an undulating wooded landscape.

The trail takes just over an hour and you pass over grassland and through woodland. Armed with our trail packs, containing a route map, paper and a wax crayon (available from E G Trefoil Guild), we set off to find the sixteen posts each topped with a brass plaque featuring a variety of things, from bluebells to birds to buildings. The participants took it in turns to do the brass rubbings with the wax crayon from the pack. At the end of the walk we strolled back to St Swithun's Church Hall, where we were welcomed by East Grinstead Trefoil Guild and treated to delicious cake and tea or coffee.



East Court Trail map



Owl plaque



Lisa doing the first brass rubbing - but is she in the east or the west?! (Millennium Iron Stone memorial, weighing 11 ½ tons, in the background)



Walking through woodland



Cakes provided by EG Trefoil members



The seven participants enjoying refreshments