

**Saturday**  
**22<sup>nd</sup>**  
**JUNE**  
**12 - 4pm**



“I’ve always thought that as a canal running in front of the Botanic Garden and Brookside, with its various branches down Trumpington Street and under Lensfield Road to feed the ponds at Emmanuel and Christ’s, Hobson’s Brook has shaped the townscape almost as much as the River Cam as well as being a source of fresh drinking water leading to the market fountain. At present there is no coherent story pulling it all together from Nine Wells into the town centre.”

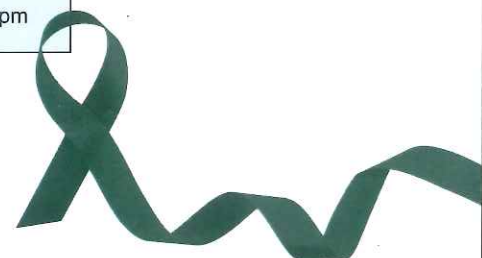
*Allan Brigham*

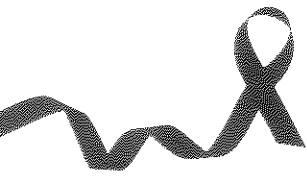
Cambridge Celebrates  
**National Civic Day**

Walk the Hobson Trail:  
 Nine Wells to the Market fountain  
 Follow the blue ribbon trail

<b>Hub 1</b> CB2 0AJ	<b>Nine Wells Local Nature Reserve</b>	Fresh Water Spring Source Meet members of City Council's Nature Reserve Cam Valley Forum Cambridge Geological Society
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	<b>Vicar's Brook Hobson's Park Brookland's Avenue</b>	Clay Farm Centre Hobson Square. CB2 9FN (Loos & café available)
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<b>Hub 2</b> CB2 1JE	<b>Cambridge Botanic Garden Hobson River Trumpington Road</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> Century gates Enjoy rare opening & fine vistas (No access to Gardens)
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<b>Hub 3</b> CB2 1EN	<b>Hobson's Conduit Brookside / Lensfield Road</b>	Meet members of the Trustees of Hobson's Conduit. See how water is channelled along Trumpington Street.
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	<b>Market Fountain</b>	
<b>Hub 4</b> CB1 0SS	↕	<b>CPPF</b> Visit stall by Guildhall  ~Water Awareness~ Public drinking water tap
	<b>Cambridge Central Library Exhibition 'Nine Wells to the Market Fountain'</b>	
	Exhibition continues 21 <sup>st</sup> June – 28 <sup>th</sup> June 2019 Monday – Friday 9.30 am – 6pm Saturday 10am – 6 pm	

NATIONAL CIVIC DAY  
 Cambridge Past Present & Future





See Cambridge City Council's Nature Reserve at Nine Wells. Meet members of Cam Valley Forum. Track Vicar's Brook through the Great Kneighton development and the new bird reserve in Hobson's Park. Find the Long Road culvert and walk beside the Hobson River to Brooklands Avenue. Get an enhanced view of the Hobson River from Botanic Garden bridge on Trumpington Road. Meet members of the Board of Trustees of the Hobson Conduit at Lensfield Road. Follow the freshwater flowing along Trumpington Street runnels. Meet Cambridge Past Present & Future in the market and see the garlanded fountain and have a drink of freshwater!

## Directions

**Nine Wells/Vicar's Brook** The Hobson Trail commences at the Nature Reserve at Nine Wells. This is the site of ancient freshwater chalk springs and the source of the freshwater which Thomas Hobson brought into the City of Cambridge to originally flush out the unsanitary water in King's Ditch. Volunteers from the Cambridgeshire Geological Society and Cam Valley Forum together with biodiversity experts will be at Nine Wells to describe aspects of this precious water source.

From Nine Wells the freshwater flows into Vicar's Brook and walkers will be able to track the Vicar's Brook by picking up Cycle Route 11 towards the Francis Crick roundabout, turning right to walk over the new Addenbrooke's Road railway bridge and right into the newly created Hobson's Park. By following the western boundary of the park, parallel to the haulage road, walkers will reconnect with Vicar's Brook on the housing development of Great Kneighton. At the edge of the 'country park', walkers will notice that Vicar's Brook flows through a culvert under the guided busway route. At this point, walkers cross the guided busway, turn left towards a pedestrian crossing at which walkers turn right into the Hobson's Square and walk to the right of Clay Farm Centre to connect with Lime Road in the direction of Long Road. Walkers passes Trumpington School along Lime Road, turns right into Whitelock Drive and left into Plantation Avenue to then cross Long Road. Turning right to walk over the Long Road culvert and view Vicar's Brook/Hobson River flowing under Long Road. Then left to pick up the established public right of way.

### **The Hobson River - Long Road - Brooklands Ave - Botanic Gardens**

Vicar's Brook/Hobson River flows under Long Road and walkers continue along an established public right of way by turning left off Long Road. This pathway eventually emerges at Brooklands Avenue and the Hobson River, as it is described in W.D. Bushell's, 'Hobson's Conduit, The New Cambridge River' (1938), flows under Brooklands Avenue to emerge in front of the Cambridge University Botanic Garden. The Botanic Garden gate on Trumpington Road will be unlocked on national civic day giving a rare and enhanced view from the bridge of the Hobson River, the 18th century gate and the sluice gate.

### **Conduit/Lensfield Road to Trumpington Street runnels - Market fountain**

The Hobson River flows under Bateman Street and alongside Brookside to the Conduit where members of the Board of Trustees of Hobson's Conduit will be on hand to explain how the freshwater supply is then channelled into the runnels along Trumpington Street and eventually arrives in the Market Square fountain.

### **Cambridge Market Square**

Cambridge City Council has recently certified an existing water tap for public drinking water in the Market Square. This is part of the national REFILL campaign app. <https://refill.org.uk/>

Cambridge Past Present & Future will have a stall outside the Guildhall where the civic society will be on hand to talk to walkers about the charity.

An exhibition of images from the Cambridgeshire Collection: 'Nine Wells to the Market fountain' in Cambridge Central Library, Lion Yard CB2 3QD from Friday 21st June - 28th June. Opening times are: Monday - Friday 09.30am to 6pm, Saturday 10am - 6pm, Sunday noon - 4pm