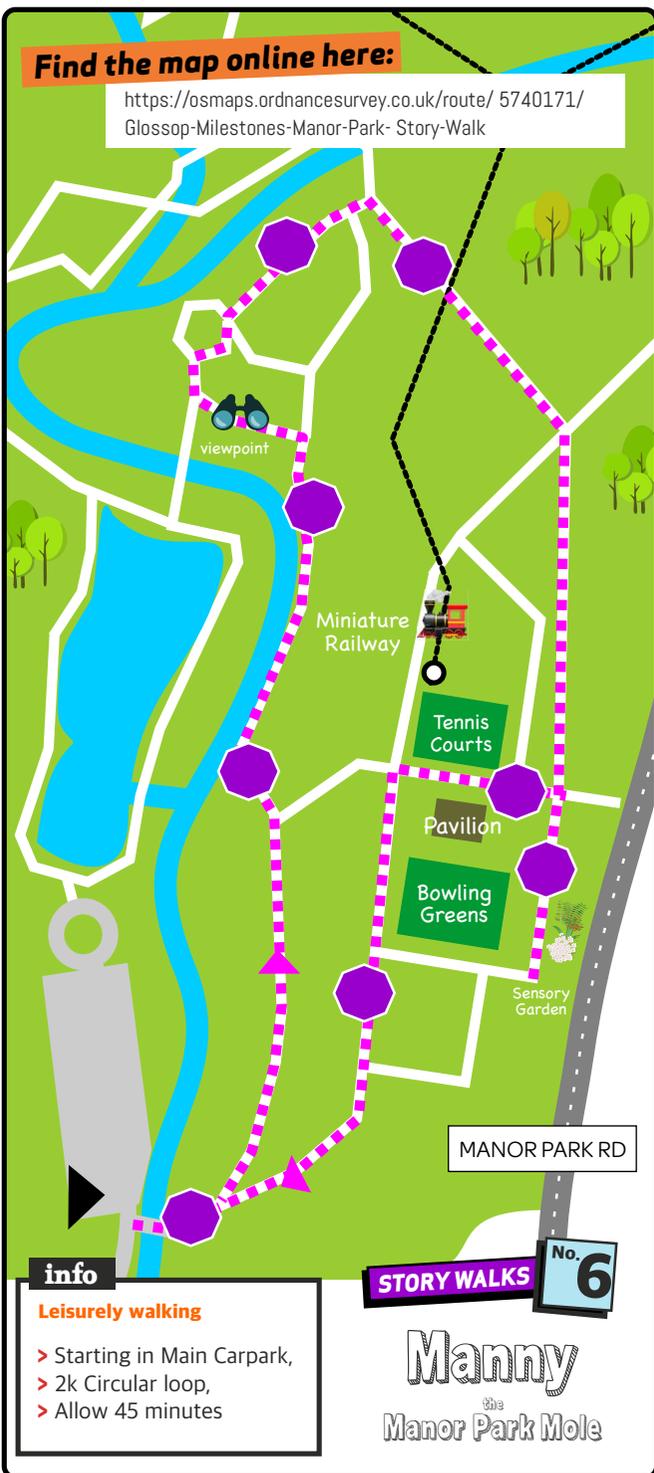


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STORY WALKS No. 6

Manny
the
Manor Park Mole
goes for a walk
in Lockdown

By Helen Thornhill



One quiet morning in lockdown Manny the Mole of Manor Park was setting off on his usual morning walk around the park. He loved the early mornings, the park was quiet and he and his animal friends had the park to themselves. As Manny climbed out of his hole he checked that he had everything he needed, he whispered to himself, 'phone, keys, mask and sanitiser', he repeated this over and over so he didn't forget anything.

It was a dull, damp day but Manny was looking forward to his walk. He set off across the small footbridge into the park (Marker 1) where behind the park notice board



stood a large horse chestnut tree. Manny looked up to see the tiny buds of new growth appearing on the branches of the tree, he smiled as he knew this meant Spring was on its way. Manny skipped up the hill towards the bowling greens, where he saw Rosie Robin busily rummaging in the undergrowth looking for grubs (Marker 2). 'Good morning Rosie' Manny said from a distance, 'tweet, good morning Manny, where are you going?' replied Rosie. 'I'm going to buy Harriet the Hedgehog  some food and newspapers, she's shielding during the pandemic and needs help.' Said Manny. He turned and continued to walk towards the store.

At the store Manny put on his mask and entered the shop, he quickly bought a few essential items he knew Harriet needed. He paid and left the store. Outside Manny removed his mask and cleaned his hands with

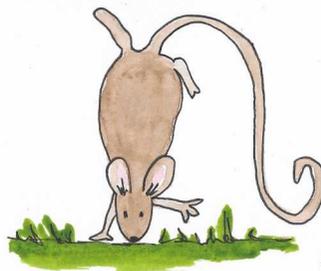
the sanitiser he carried with him. Manny walked towards the sensory garden and turned right (Marker 3) and walked to the bench, he put on his mask  and put



the shopping in front of the entrance to Harriet's home. Manny stepped back and called to Harriet, after a moment Harriet appeared from her home, she had a mask  and gloves  on, she greeted Manny, 'Thank you Manny, you are very kind'. Manny nodded and replied 'Stay safe Harriet and if you need anything else please give me a call', Harriet quickly picked up the shopping and went back into her home.



Manny removed his mask and looked at his watch, 'Oh, I'm a bit late' he thought. Quickly he turned and walked towards the Rose Gardens, passing the tennis courts and crossing the train track (Marker 4 and 5) and into the Rose Garden he trotted. As he came around the corner he could see Darren the Dormouse waiting for Manny at the bench (Marker 6), Manny waved as he approached



the bench, Darren waved back and started to walk ahead of Manny, keeping two metres apart.

The two friends walked around the Rose Garden and down by the riverbank, they chatted as

they went, enjoying each other's company, laughing and joking at the crazy things they'd done together before lockdown, how they'd built a raft, that had sank because they loaded it up with acorns and how they'd enjoyed playing hide and seek in the woodland and forgot to look for Olivia the Owl. 



This chat reminded them how many friends they have and how they both looked forward to the time that they can all play safely together again soon. Manny and Darren said goodbye and waved to each other as they parted at the playground to go back to their homes.

Manny was glad he'd been able to help his friends today, helping Harriet with her shopping and Darren with his mental health.



Manny smiled as he sat in his hole washing his hands for 20 seconds before preparing his lunch, yummy grubs and leaves.