

Key to the Trees Numbered on the Map

- 1 *Abies pinsapo*—Spanish Fir
- 2 *Acer pseudoplatanus*—Sycamore
- 3 *Aesculus carnea*—Pink Horse Chestnut
- 4 *Aesculus hippocastum*—Horse Chestnut
- 5 *Ailanthus montanus*—Tree of Heaven
- 6 *Araucaria araucana*—Monkey Puzzle
- 7 *Betula verrucosa*—Silver Birch
- 8 *Calocedrus decurrens*—Incense Cedar
- 9 *Carpinus betulina*—Hornbeam
- 10 *Catalpa bignonioides*—Indian Bean
- 11 *Cedrus atlanticus*—Atlantic Cedar
- 12 *Cedrus deodara*—Deodar Cedar
- 13 *Cedrus libani*—Cedar of Lebanon
- 14 *Chamaecyparis lawsoniana*—Lawson Cypress
- 15 *Cupressus macrocarpa*—Monterey Cypress
- 16 *Cupressus* sp.—Cypress species
- 17 *Fagus sylvatica*—Beech
- 18 *Fagus sylvatica* v. *cuprea*—Copper Beech
- 19 *Ilex aquifolium*—Holly
- 20 *Larix decidua*—European Larch
- 21 *Liriodendron tulipifera*—Tulip Tree
- 22 *Picea sitchensis*—Sitka Spruce
- 23 *Pinus excelsa*—Bhutan Pine
- 24 *Pinus nigra*—Black Pine
- 25 *Pinus sylvestris*—Scots Pine
- 26 *Platanus acerifolia*—London Plane
- 27 *Quercus ilex*—Holm Oak
- 28 *Quercus robur*—Common Oak
- 29 *Robinia pseudoacacia*—Locust Tree
- 30 *Sequoiadendron giganteum*—Wellingtonia
- 31 *Taxus baccata*—Yew
- 32 *Taxus baccata* v. *fastigiata*—Irish Yew
- 33 *Thuja occidentalis*—White Cedar
- 34 *Tilia europea*—Lime
- 35 *Ulmus* sp.—Elm

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Introduction

THIS GUIDE has been prepared as part of the contribution of the Abingdon Naturalists Society to the Abingdon Festival, 1970, and the European Conservation Year, 1970.

The origin of the Park dates from the first Charity Commission scheme for Christ's Hospital of 1859, in which the Governors were directed "to set apart and adapt not less than ten, nor more than twenty, acres of Conduit Field for a public recreation ground for the inhabitants of Abingdon". It was decided to set up a new park of about 14 acres, and it was named after Prince Albert, who died in 1861. A monument to his memory was erected in 1865 at the north end of the Park.

In its early days the Park was maintained in good condition, and there were many occasions when commemorative plantings of trees were made. In the latter part of the last century it was neglected, and it was not until after 1911, when Mr. Arthur Preston became Master of Christ's Hospital, that efforts were made to restore it. Mr. Preston, with Mr. Aldworth, the park-keeper, systematically cut back the undergrowth and weeded out the unnecessary trees. The result of the work was to turn the Park into a very fine area for recreation. The Park Committee laid down tennis courts, and areas for bowls and croquet, and preserved the centre as grassland for a playing area for

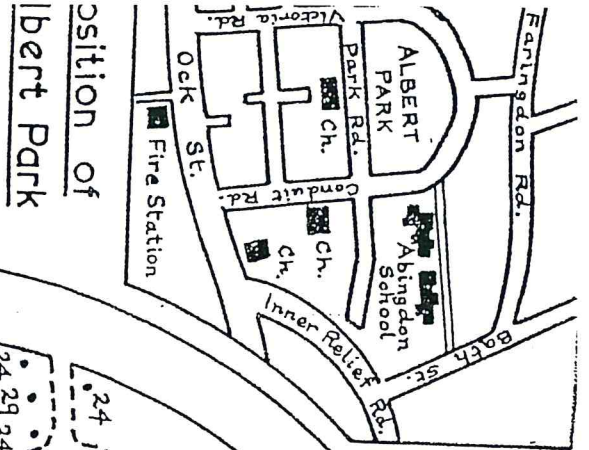
children. The Park suffered to some extent during the 1939—45 war, but in the last few years Mr. Bridges and his assistant have restored it to a very fine condition. At present the Park contains a varied collection of trees, some dating from the middle of the last century, and it provides a much used and valued amenity for the inhabitants of Abingdon.

A Tour of the Trees in the Park

There are many hundreds of trees and shrubs in the Park, and the aim in preparing this short Guide has been to select representative mature trees and to give their position on the map attached, together with a key to their botanical and common names. It is hoped that this Guide will help visitors to identify and enjoy the trees they see on a tour around the main paths.

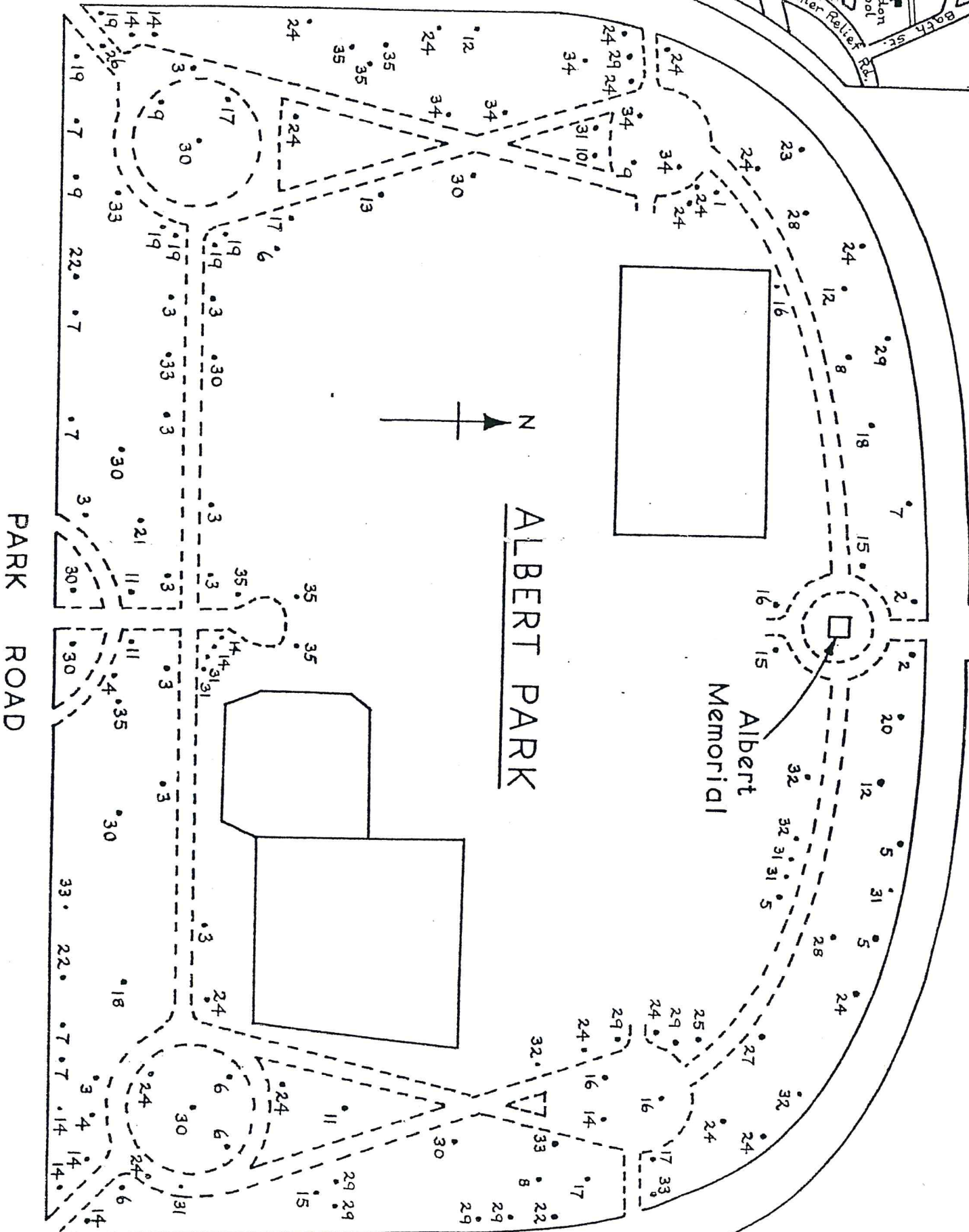
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Position of
Albert Park

PARK CRESCENT



ALBERT PARK

Albert
Memorial

PARK CRESCENT

PARK ROAD