

'The World's End' – Filming Location Trail

Last year, Letchworth Garden City and Welwyn Garden City were used as locations for the latest movie from Simon Pegg and Nick Frost, directed by Edgar Wright, 'The World's End'.

The film is due for release on Friday 19 July; showing at Letchworth Garden City's Broadway Cinema – which played host as one of the filming locations – called The Mermaid. Stop in on your walk to book your tickets (open from 14:30 weekdays or 10:30 weekends) or book online at www.broadway-cinema.com

Discover eleven of the more central filming locations used in the film around Letchworth Garden City with this short trail. Directions to other locations are included too.

Start from the [Local and Tourist Information Centre](#) on Station Road

Turn right out of the [Local and Tourist Information Centre](#) and right again into The Arcade. Walk through the Arcade and once in Leys Avenue turn left. The building immediately on your left is the

1 [The Three Magnets](#) pub which became '*The Trusty Servant*' for the film. Leys Avenue and Leys Square with the fountains set into the pavement (across the road from the Three Magnets) were also used in the film. Continue to walk down Leys Avenue to the last shop on the right

2 [71 Leys Avenue](#). This was '*The Good Companions*' and had a new front attached for filming so it looks very different. Carry on walking to the end of the road and turn right. Walk along and cross the two mini roundabouts crossing to the far side of Norton Way South. You are now at

3 [Howard Park Bowling Green](#) which also featured in the film. Cross back over the road and head up Gernon Road (see signs to multi-storey car park) until towards the top of the road you see on your right

4 The [Thai Garden Restaurant](#), which was transformed into '*The Beehive*'. Continuing further up the road the

5 [Broadway Cinema](#) again is on your right. The cinema was '*The Mermaid*' for the film. Turn left at the top of the road and walk across into the Broadway Gardens. Walk down through the gardens to the fountain at the far end. Crossing the road keep going in the same direction along the Broadway (about 350m) until you come to the roundabout known as

6 [Sollershott Circus](#). This was used in filming and is the UK's first roundabout with six roads meeting here. (If time is short or you do not wish to walk as far as the roundabout you may go across the front of the Town Hall and pick up the trail as it returns towards Morrisons). Retrace your steps back along

Broadway, through the gardens and cross the road to continue along Broadway Walk. On your left there is a seating area outside the front of

7 Morrisons supermarket which was also used in the film. In the seating area is a plinth holding a bust of Ebenezer Howard whose revolutionary ideas on town planning produced the Garden City Movement and the building of Letchworth Garden City. On your right you will see a parade of shops facing the car park at the back of the Town Hall.

8 Situated in this parade is **The Arena Tavern** which became '*The King's Head*'. Continue on down Broadway Walk noting the

9 Broadway Hotel on the left. This was the first licensed premises in the Garden City. The townspeople voted to keep the town 'dry' until 1959. Both Baldock and Hitchin, the two nearest towns, were old coaching towns and so there was no lack of licensed premises nearby for those wishing to indulge in alcoholic beverages. At the end of Broadway Walk cross over to the

10 Railway Station. The booking office's beautiful Arts & Crafts frontage was covered to become '*The Hole in the Wall*' pub. Across the road from the station you will see

11 The Colonnade pub. In the film it was '*The Two Headed Dog*'. Much filming was done in the central streets of the town, mostly at night.

Filming also took place at **Norton Common Bowling Green** off Icknield Way and a scene in the beer garden of '*The Two Headed Dog*' was shot in a service yard behind one of the shops. However, this yard is not accessible to view.

The grand finale of the film takes place at **The Gardener's Arms** pub – '*The World's End*' of the title. This is on the very edge of the town and is best driven to, over 1 mile from the railway station (use SG6 4LG in your sat nav).

From the Railway Station drive across the bridge and turn left at the mini roundabout. Carry on straight over the next mini roundabout and follow the road (Icknield Way) right to the end where it meets Wilbury Hills Road. **Letchworth Cemetery** is here and is also seen in the film. Turn right and **The Gardener's Arms** is on your left.

**See 'The World's End' at Letchworth's Broadway Cinema
(The Mermaid!)**

**Tickets available now! Shows from 19 July... Book online
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