

The Town Hall

Fellowship Fact

When the Town Hall and Assembly Rooms were built, the power was all electric. Now the buildings in Fellowship Square also use solar to generate electricity.

Amity's Activities

Solar power comes from a renewable energy source, which means the source isn't used up to give us energy. What is the source for solar power? (Circle the icon).



Look up!

Can you see the clock tower on the roof? It is covered in copper. Copper is a reddish-brown metal, but the air makes it change colour. What colour is the clock tower now?

Trade Secrets

On the pillars at the entrance of the Town Hall you will see carved sculptures representing different jobs that were popular in the 1930s. These included Brick Layer, Architect, Painter and Heating Engineer. What type of job might you like to do? Draw or write about it here.



The buildings are built with Portland stone, this is a Jurassic aged rock, quarried (or extracted) from the Isle of Portland on the Dorset Coast. Touch the walls of the buildings. What is the texture like?

The Assembly Hall

Fellowship Fact

The faces below are based on the masks worn by actors in Ancient Greece. The masks were worn to show different emotions or feelings.

Come and say hi!

I'd like to introduce you to two of my friends over on the Assembly Hall. Their names are Comedy and Tragedy, can you guess who is who?

Need a clue? Look up!



Dairy Farm

Amity's Activities

How might a comedy or tragedy make you feel? Circle an emoji for each.



Amity's Activities

Did you know that there used to be a dairy farm on the Fellowship Square site? What kind of animal would you expect to see on a dairy farm? (Circle the icon).



Coats of Arms

I Spy two coats of arms!



Fellowship Fact

There are two coats of arms in Fellowship Square, Walthamstow and Waltham Forest. This is because Leyton, Walthamstow and Chingford were separate councils until 1965. When the three councils merged to form the London Borough of Waltham Forest a new coat of arms was created using elements from each of the three designs.

Amity's Activities

Look around the square to find one place where the original Walthamstow Coat of Arms is displayed and one place where the Waltham Forest Coat of Arms is displayed.

Can you spot any features that came from the original three coats of arms?



Fellowship Square Trail

See a Fellowship Host afterwards to collect a prize for taking part!



Hello, my name is Amity the Lion, my name means friendship. Another word for friendship is Fellowship, which is also the name of the square you are standing in today. Come with me to explore the square. See if you can spot two carvings of me somewhere on the Town Hall.

In 1929 Walthamstow District Council launched a competition to design a new Town Hall for Walthamstow. The winner of the competition was Philip Dalton Hepworth. The symmetrical design was for three buildings: The Town Hall, Assembly Hall and Courthouse. However the start of the Second World War meant that the courthouse was not built until the 1970s and the style was very different to Hepworth's original design.



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Go West



Come with me to the west of Fellowship Square, can you see some construction work taking place?



Fellowship Fact

The new civic building will complete Phillip Hepworth's original plan for Fellowship Square. It will replace the magistrates' court and have a café/restaurant space on the ground floor.

Amity's Activities

What type building would you like to see in that space?

Look over to the west lawn, can you see the Beacon?

A beacon chain was traditionally used for communications – As one beacon was spotted in the distance, the next would be lit and so on. The beacon chain is now often used as symbol of unity and community.

Amity's Activities

The Walthamstow Beacon was set up to mark the Millennium and has been lit to mark special occasions since, including the London Olympics and the Queen's Jubilee. What celebration would you like to light the beacon for?

The Beacon



Flying the Flag

There are two flag poles outside the Town Hall. The main mast flies the union flag. The secondary mast usually flies the Council Flag, this sometimes changes if there is a celebration or recognition day.

Amity's Activities

Draw the flag currently flying nearest to the Assembly Hall. Do you know what this flag is?



An Act of Remembrance



Amity's Activities

Look closely at the statue of the woman standing at the memorial. Can you describe her? How do you think she might be feeling?

Fellowship Fact

The War Memorial made of Aberdeen granite was originally located at Lloyd Park in front of the William Morris Gallery but was relocated in 1960. It commemorates the service men and women of Walthamstow who died in the Great War and the Second World War.

Fountain of Fun

Amity's Activities

Can you count how many water jets there are?



The Assembly Hall ceiling is made up of hanging and hollow plaster circles, which gives the building its excellent acoustic properties. The Chief Sound Engineer of one of the larger British recording companies called it, "probably the best of its kind in South East England"

- 1 Choose a spot anywhere in Fellowship Square, sit down, close your eyes and listen carefully. What can you hear? (Birds? Construction? Traffic? Children playing? Fountains?)
- 2 Recreate one of the sounds you can hear.
- 3 Choose a conductor – when the conductor waves or points towards you, make your sound.
- 4 Create a piece of music.
- 5 Take it in turns to be the conductor.

Fellowship Fact

The Fellowship Fountain was opened to the public in July 2021. The water feature has multi-coloured jets which can play in time to music.

Orchestral Ensemble



Let's stand by the Main Gates and look down at Fellowship Square

Amity's Activities

Why do you think the name Forest Road was chosen? Hint: If you go all the way to the end of Forest Road, to the east, what is growing there?

Philip Hepworth used symmetry for the layout of the buildings. Can you see any other examples of symmetry in Fellowship Square? Write or draw them here

Main Gate



Fellowship Fact

Forest Road was originally called Clay Street, taking its name from the soil in the area. In June 1886 it was renamed Forest Road.