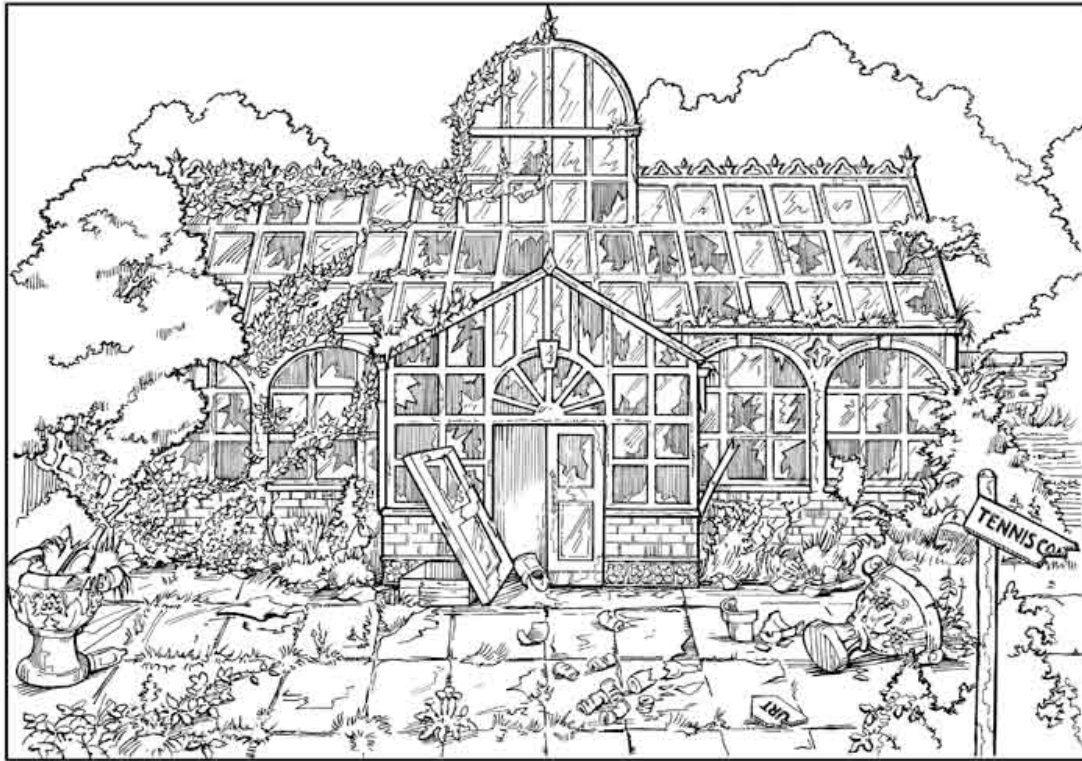


## Derelict park features

### 6) Glasshouse



This small heated glasshouse, which once housed exotic plants and butterflies, was one of the main attractions of the park. It remained in use until the early 1960s, when the number of park staff was reduced and the plants and butterflies were removed to save running costs. When it first opened there was an admission charge of a penny. Just before it closed, admission was by voluntary donation box since it was no longer commercially viable to pay the salary of a keeper. Since then, the glasshouse has been used occasionally to stage exhibitions or craft fairs, but increasing maintenance costs led to its closure a few years ago. Hundreds of panes of glass are broken and the metalwork is rusting. Water penetration and frost damage has affected interior flooring.

- Estimated cost for repairing the structure: £150,000.
- Estimated cost for reinstating the heating system: £45,000.
- Estimated cost to lay a fixed floor: £10,000.
- Estimated cost to reintroduce plants and pathways: £20,000 - £40,000.
- Estimated cost to install sprinkler and watering system: £25,000.
- Estimated annual cost of energy bills: £4,000.