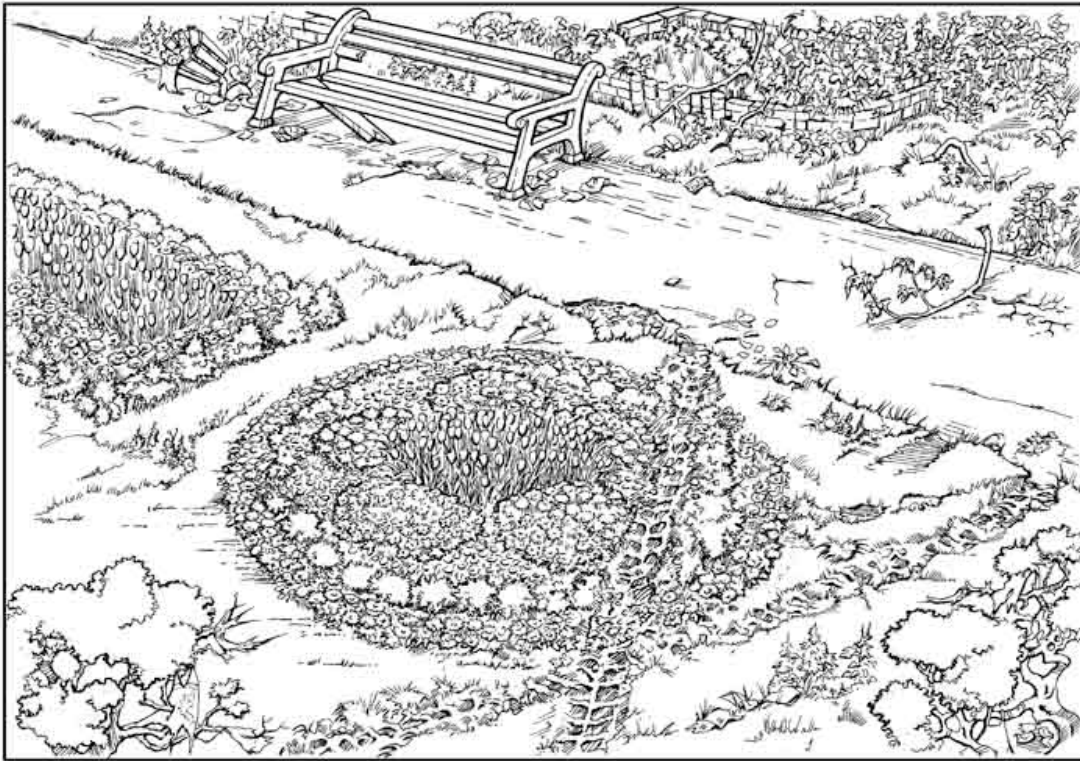


Derelict park features

7) Flower beds



Like many Victorian municipal parks there were extensive formal flower beds. These were changed spring, summer and autumn. But since the 1960s, the workforce has been severely reduced.

The park is now planted and managed by contractors, with only two seasonal plantings in just the central areas of the park. These suffer occasionally from malicious damage.

It is hoped to establish a small but permanent team of gardeners, helped by local volunteers, who require a base that includes secure storage building for their equipment.

- Estimated cost to reinstate formal beds to their full original Victorian plan: £70,000.
However, other cheaper options can be considered.
- Estimated cost of storage building: £45,000.