

Task 6: Where is the book set and what would I see there?

It is not often that you can actually visit the place where a story is set. We know that this isn't a real story but it is about a real place.

Take a walk along the Embankment starting at the Toll Bridge (where the tram goes from Wilford to the Meadows) and see if you can spot any of these things that Kieran talks about in the book.

If you see them, put a tick in the box next to them.

The statue of Sir Robert Jukes Clifton

This statue is close to the toll bridge and faces away from the bridge. It depicts the man that arranged the building of the bridge. Both he and his wife were incredibly popular for their work and generosity, because they paid for a church in Clifton and a new school for the people of Clifton. His family owned Clifton Hall which you can still see in Clifton Village. If you would like to know a bit more you can follow this link:

http://www.bbc.co.uk/nottingham/content/articles/2009/09/22/worst_sculptured_trousers_feature.shtml



The Nottingham Emmanuel School

If you look across the river about half way down the Embankment you will be able to see the Nottingham Emmanuel School. The school is relatively new as it was founded in September 2002 and the building that you can see was completed in 2008.



Coots - How many did you see? Make a tally as you walk down the river.

All-black and larger than its cousin, the moorhen, the coot has a distinctive white beak and 'shield' above the beak. It patters noisily over the water before taking off and can be very aggressive towards others.



Swans (mute swans) - How many did you see? Make a tally as you walk down the river.

The mute swan is a very large white water bird. It has a long S-shaped neck and an orange bill with a black base and a black knob. The population in the UK has increased recently, perhaps due to better protection of this species.



- **Moorhens - How many did you see? Make a tally as you walk down the river.**

Moorhens are blackish with a red and yellow beak and long, green legs. Seen closer-up, they have a dark brown back and wings and a more bluish-black belly, with white stripes on the flanks.



- **Canada Geese - How many did you see? Make a tally as you walk down the river.**

The Canada goose is a large goose, with a distinctive black head and neck. It forms noisy flocks and is often regarded as a nuisance in areas where large numbers occur on grassland and parks.



- **Hérons - How many did you see? Make a tally as you walk down the river.**

Grey herons are unmistakable: tall, with long legs, a long beak and grey, black and white feathering. They can stand with their neck stretched out, looking for food, or hunched down with their neck bent over their chest.



Bird:	Tally:	Total number spotted:
Coot		
Mute swan		
Moorhen		
Canada goose		
Heron		

Did you see anything else on your walk?
