

A warm welcome awaits visitors to the RUC GC Garden.

Created to commemorate the service and sacrifice of those who served in the Royal Ulster Constabulary George Cross, the Garden was officially opened by HRH The Prince of Wales on 2nd September 2003.

Designed to create a 'journey through policing' there is much for visitors to see and experience.

On entering the Garden a History Trail comprising of a number of Information Panels tells the Story of Policing. Volunteer guides accompany visitors and supplement the History Trail with their own experiences of policing.

A pathway from the History Trail then leads to the 'Area of Peace' where visitors can reflect upon the ultimate sacrifice paid by RUC GC officers who were murdered by terrorists and also those who died in Service during the RUC's lifetime (1 June 1922 - 3 November 2001).

The whole experience is complemented by the memorials, planting and seating areas where visitors can relax and take in the history.



To find out more - and arrange a visit

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*The RUC GC Garden is open on a daily basis
by appointment for visitors and is situated
adjacent to the PSNI Memorial Garden inside
PSNI Headquarters,
65 Knock Road, Belfast, BT5 6LE.*

Particularly welcome are organised groups.

The Foundation is a registered charity.

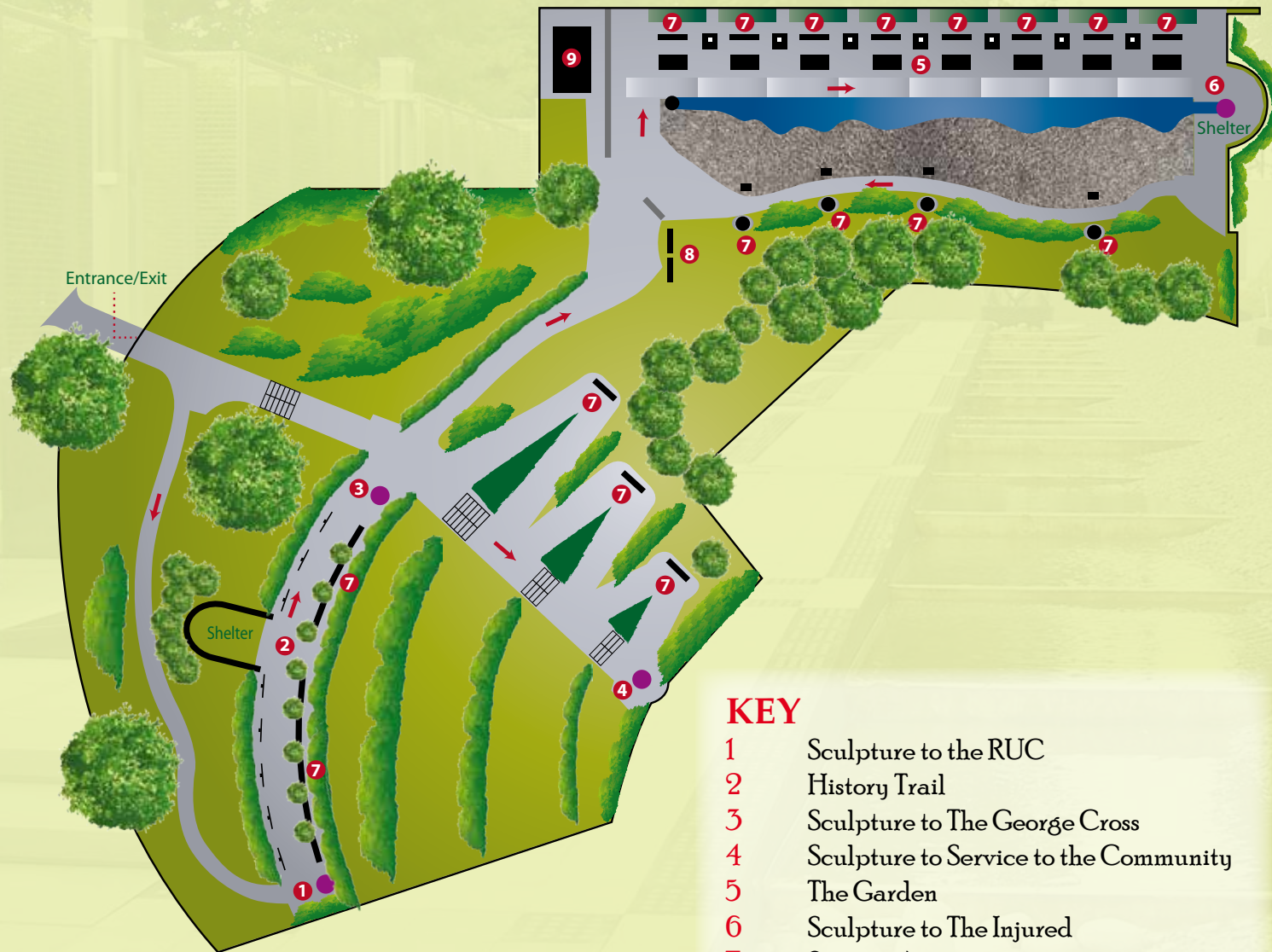
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RUC GC MEMORIAL GARDEN



ROYAL ULSTER CONSTABULARY GEORGE CROSS FOUNDATION

GARDEN PLAN



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Complementing the differing trees, shrubs and bedding are a number of sculptures designed and fabricated by local artists.

1. **Sculpture to the RUC Crest - The RUC Crest**

Sculptor: Ned Jackson Smyth

This sculpture is based on a 'Sentinel' guarding the Garden and the proud name of the Royal Ulster Constabulary. The heart of the distinctive polished stainless steel form is a bronze RUC Crest.

2. **The History Trail -**

Information Boards telling the story of Policing

3. **Sculpture to the George Cross - The RUC GC Medal**

Sculptors: Eleanor Wheeler and Alan Cargo

This sculpture pays tribute to the gallantry and sacrifice by officers and families. Key words from the Queen's speech are etched on to a glass and stainless steel base.

4. **Sculpture to Serving the Community - Serving The Community**

Sculptor: Bob Sloan

This stone sculpture on an elevated position depicts the hands supporting other hands to form a column. Just as the police support the community, so they need support from the community. The helping hands, therefore, can symbolise both perspectives of service and support.

5. **The 'Area of Peace' -**

The names of those officers who paid the ultimate sacrifice

6. **Sculpture to the Injured - Remember those who suffer Physical and Mental Injury**

Sculptor: Bob Sloan

The basis of life is the core of this sculpture. The DNA double helix structure which is captured in the conical form of two flights of stainless steel birds rises upwards and away from the turmoil below, achieving inner peace as they soar.

7. **Seating areas**

Visitors can sit and relax

8. **RUC George Cross Window**

Replica of the window on the 'Theme of Peace' unveiled on the 12th October 2008 in the Cathedral Church of St. Anne's Belfast

9. **Toilet**

Suitable for the Disabled