

The Meadows Murder Mystery

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The trail starts at the corner of Melville Drive and Lonsdale Terrace (Edinburgh EH3 9HN)



“Hello. I am the ghost of the Earl of Meadows. I was found dead behind the Pavilion after a particularly bad storm. My death was ruled as an ‘accident by bad weather’, but in actual fact I was murdered! I need your help to uncover the secret of who killed me and how. Follow the trail I have laid for you around *The Meadows* - solve the clues and you will discover the truth.

Each clue on the trail will either give you a name or a number. For the names, find the suspect with a similar name (this can also include nicknames) and cross them off the list - the last one left is the killer! For the numbers, check the code grid and find the letter each number corresponds to. For example, if the answer is ‘65’ the letter would be ‘Y’. At the end of the trail, unscramble all the letters you have collected to reveal how I was killed. ”

Clue #1

Your very first clue awaits you before you set off. Walk around the pillar that holds a mythical beast. Look closely at its base to solve this many sided problem. What number do you get?

Circle the right answer: 7 / 8 / 9

Clue #2

Head field inwards through the trees from one pillar, to another that honours a prince. Of the pillar inscriptions reflecting on time, one holds a clue to help you eliminate a suspect:

*“Time as it passes us has a dove’s wing
unsoiled and swift and of a _____ sound.”*

Clue #3

Amongst the copse of deciduous trees, stand tall some stately evergreens. Count them to get your next number.

Circle the right answer: 3 / 4 / 5

Clue #4

Time for some outdoor sports? Head over to the nearby gym equipment. Find the letters where you place your feet. They hold the answer to which suspect to eliminate next.

Clue #5

Facing the pillar from Clue #2, walk straight across the field to the path (N Meadow Walk) and find the exit to Lonsdale Terrace. Count the semi-circles atop the railing either side of the exit to get your next number.

Circle the right answer: 25 / 26 / 27

Clue #6

Walk east on N Meadow Walk, towards Middle Meadow Walk. Keep a look out on your left for the Wildflower Plot, where the image of a wild creature gives a clue to which suspect to eliminate next.

Clue #7

Carry on walking in the same direction until the place where the path splits. Look for the resting spot closest to the sign of a king. The names you will find there will help you eliminate two further suspects.

Clue #8

Return to N Meadow Walk and continue in the same direction as before. After the fourth street light, look for the 'post reference' by the fence. The letters match the initials of another suspect who can be eliminated.

Clue #9

A little further along the same path, look for the portal that allows no one through. There, count the spikes that surround the sign.

Circle the right answer: 4 / 5 / 6

Clue #10

Keep walking in the same direction. Just before the crossroads ahead, a wooden resting spot by the wayside will help you eliminate another suspect.



Clue #11

Carry on walking until the Middle Meadow crossroad. Find the sign commemorating a man who was never shy. A tree close by holds the clue to which suspect to eliminate next.

Clue #12

Still at the crossroads, take a closer look at the Cycle Network marker. Work out the following:

Take the distance to Glasgow () minus the distance to Livingston () to get ()

Now multiply the answer above () by the distance to Newcastle () to get ()

Finally, drop the last two digits to get ()

Circle the right answer: 84 / 86 / 88

Clue #13

From the Cycle Network marker, look towards the fields of the Meadows. On the ground close by the 'Middle Meadow Walk' sign you will find some letters to help you eliminate another suspect.

Clue #14

From where you are standing, locate the Meadows info board just a few metres away. Roll up, roll up! When was the first Meadows Festival held? The last two digits of the right year will give you your next number.

Circle the right answer: 25 / 74 / 82

Clue #15

Take the path to Jawbone Walk and turn left. Close to the next bench, a dedication to a 'dear mum' among the trees will help you eliminate two more suspects, and reveal the culprit!

*Well done, you have uncovered the murderer! But we still have a few more clues to solve to reveal **how** the Earl of Meadows died.*

Walking towards the Pavilion Cafe, first count the number of street lights along the rest of Jawbone Walk - from the point where you joined the walk, to the traffic lights at the cafe.

Then, locate the sign at the traffic lights end of Jawbone Walk that points towards the nearest public toilets.

Clue #16

Work out: the distance to the toilets in yards () divided by the number of street lights () to give you ().

Circle the right answer: 71 / 73 / 75

Clue #17

The final two clues are close by. First, locate the modern water fountain and add up all the digits of the number to call in case of problems.

Circle the right answer: 52 / 54 / 56

Clue #18

Lastly, near the modern drinking fountain stands a much older one - study its inscription to discover when it was erected. The first two digits of the right year will give you your last number.

Circle the right answer: 16 / 17 / 18

Solve the Mystery



“Your final task is to check which letters correspond to your number answers and unscramble them to reveal **how** I was killed. Use the Code Grid to help you.”

Suspects



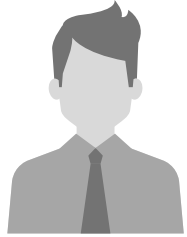
Joy Latimer



Charlotte Jones



Timothy Peters



Angus Smith



Teagan Oliver



Ken Winters



Beatrix Preston



Edward Hope



Claire Potter



Gillian Ferguson



Donald Maxwell



Edwina Wrigley

Code Grid

1	A	11	J	21	X	31	C	41	Y	51	O	61	G	71	E	81	F	91	I
2	Q	12	G	22	P	32	O	42	S	52	G	62	E	72	Z	82	M	92	F
3	F	13	R	23	K	33	N	43	F	53	P	63	V	73	D	83	L	93	O
4	N	14	A	24	E	34	K	44	L	54	E	64	H	74	A	84	D	94	T
5	I	15	S	25	B	35	F	45	C	55	B	65	Y	75	M	85	E	95	A
6	S	16	O	26	S	36	M	46	K	56	K	66	F	76	W	86	P	96	H
7	W	17	B	27	L	37	A	47	H	57	U	67	U	77	I	87	M	97	R
8	R	18	T	28	Q	38	T	48	M	58	W	68	P	78	N	88	X	98	M
9	U	19	C	29	R	39	D	49	T	59	C	69	N	79	G	89	T	99	P
10	B	20	L	30	D	40	J	50	V	60	Z	70	O	80	H	90	J		

	Clue #1	Clue #3	Clue #5	Clue #9
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Bottom = Letter	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Clue #12	Clue #14	Clue #16	Clue #17	Clue #18
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Congratulations, you have uncovered the truth! My killer can now be brought to justice. Why did I have to die? The killer was after my money. But the joke is on them - because I was broke...