



Emily Williamson Statue Campaign Sculptor Briefing December 2020

Melissa Bateson – Emily's Great Great Niece, scientist and member of the selection committee



Agenda

Emily Williamson and the RSPB

Competition principles

Key dates

Specification

Money

Location

Emily Williamson

- founded the Society for the Protection of Birds at her home, The Croft, in Didsbury, in 1889. In 1904 the society gained the Royal Assent, making it the RSPB. The Croft now sits within Fletcher Moss Park.



giving
nature
a home

The RSPB

- A national and international charity
- 1.1 million members
- Reserves located all over the UK
- 10 Corporate Partners
- Is funding the initial sculpture and design competition.

Principles of the competition

- This competition to choose an artist for the Emily Williamson statue will be open, transparent and fair.
- A generous budget has been established to ensure that shortlisted sculptors and the selected artist are remunerated appropriately.
- Governance will be provided by Forever Manchester

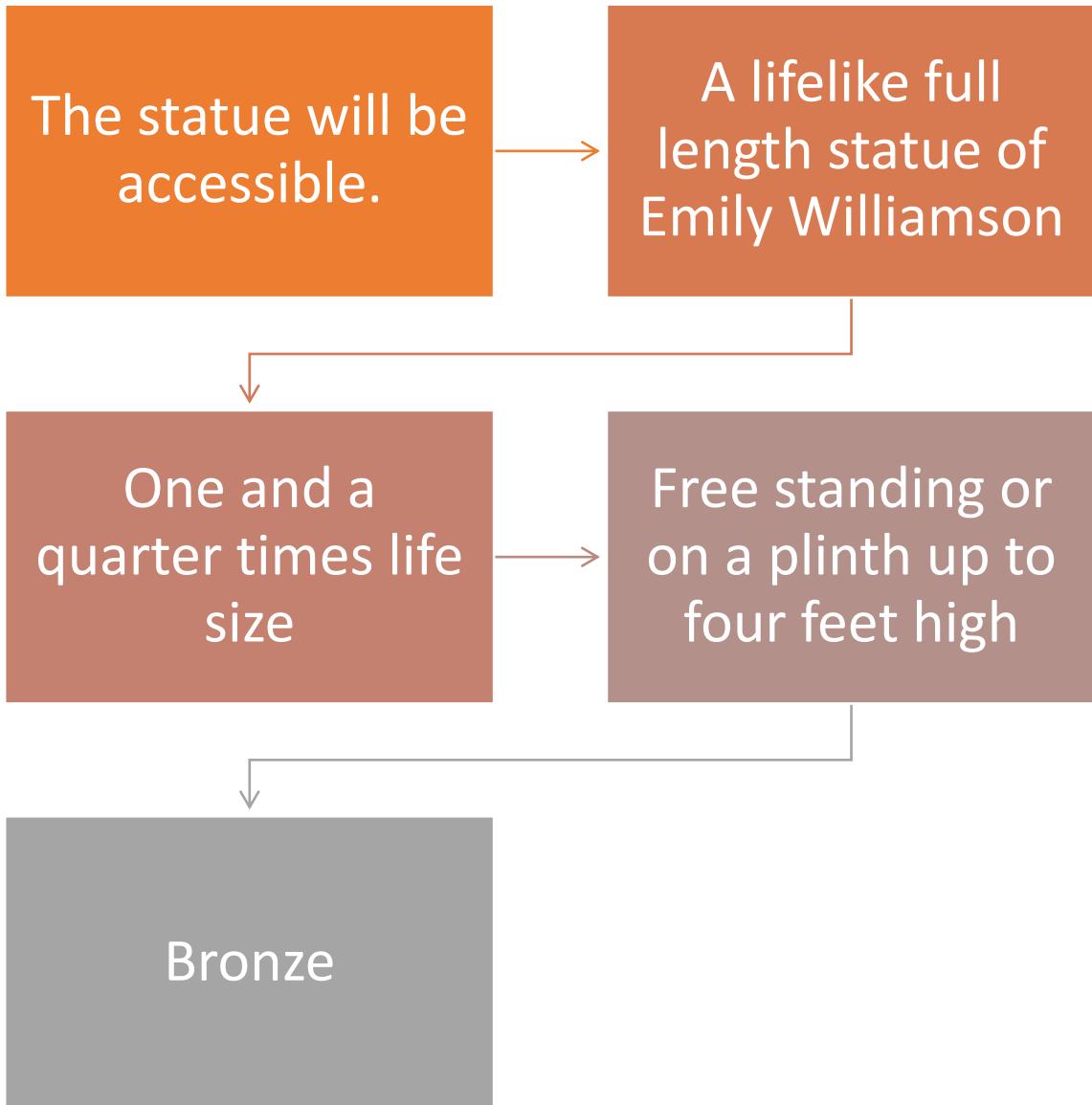
Key Dates

- December 2020 – briefing for interested sculptors
- February 2021 – shortlist of four sculptors confirmed
- Late June/Early July 2021 – maquettes unveiled to tie in with 100th anniversary of Plumage Act
- July – October 2021 – designs tour country. Voting by public and RSPB members
- November 2021 – winner announced
- 2022 – winning sculptor and design promoted
- 17th April 2023 – statue unveiled (Emily's 168th birthday)

Our intention is to commission a sculptor who will create a work of art that is a good likeness of this only known photograph of Emily Williamson as an adult.



Specification



Longlist and Shortlist

- Longlist of ten sculptors
- Shortlist of four sculptors
- £6,000 payment to each shortlisted sculptor
- Limited edition of up to twenty of the winning design will be commissioned.

What's required

- Current restrictions mean no travelling to Manchester
- Sculptors encouraged to submit ideas by using their own websites so they can be easily shared with the selection committee
- Or by e mailing or sharing their ideas online

Money

Two stages – submission of ideas, drawings, miniatures and photographs etc – NIL (sorry!)

Shortlisted sculptors - £6,000 (inc all expenses) for a bronze maquette 40 cms in height.

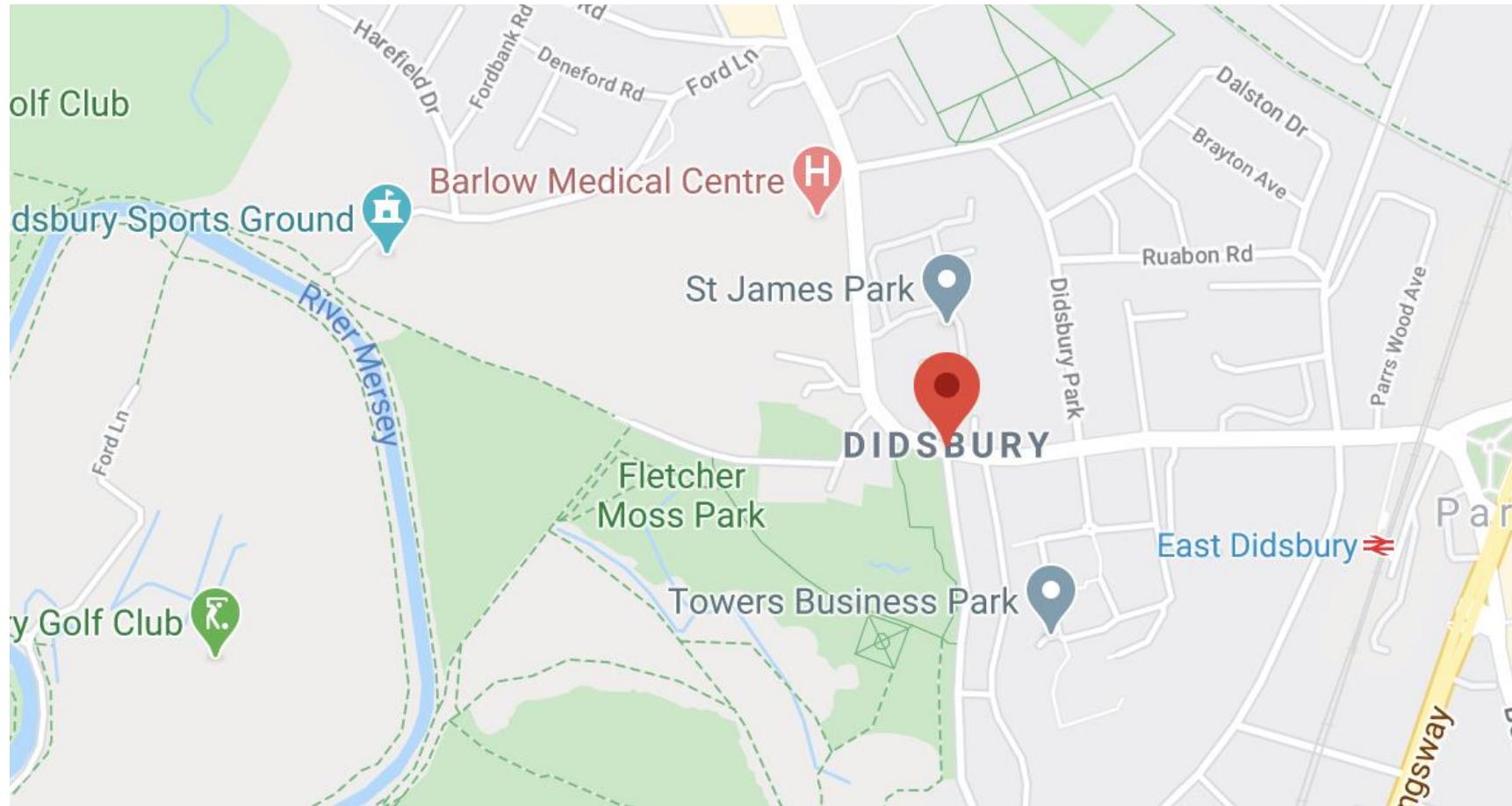
Statue location

- Precise statue location within Fletcher Moss Park still to be decided.

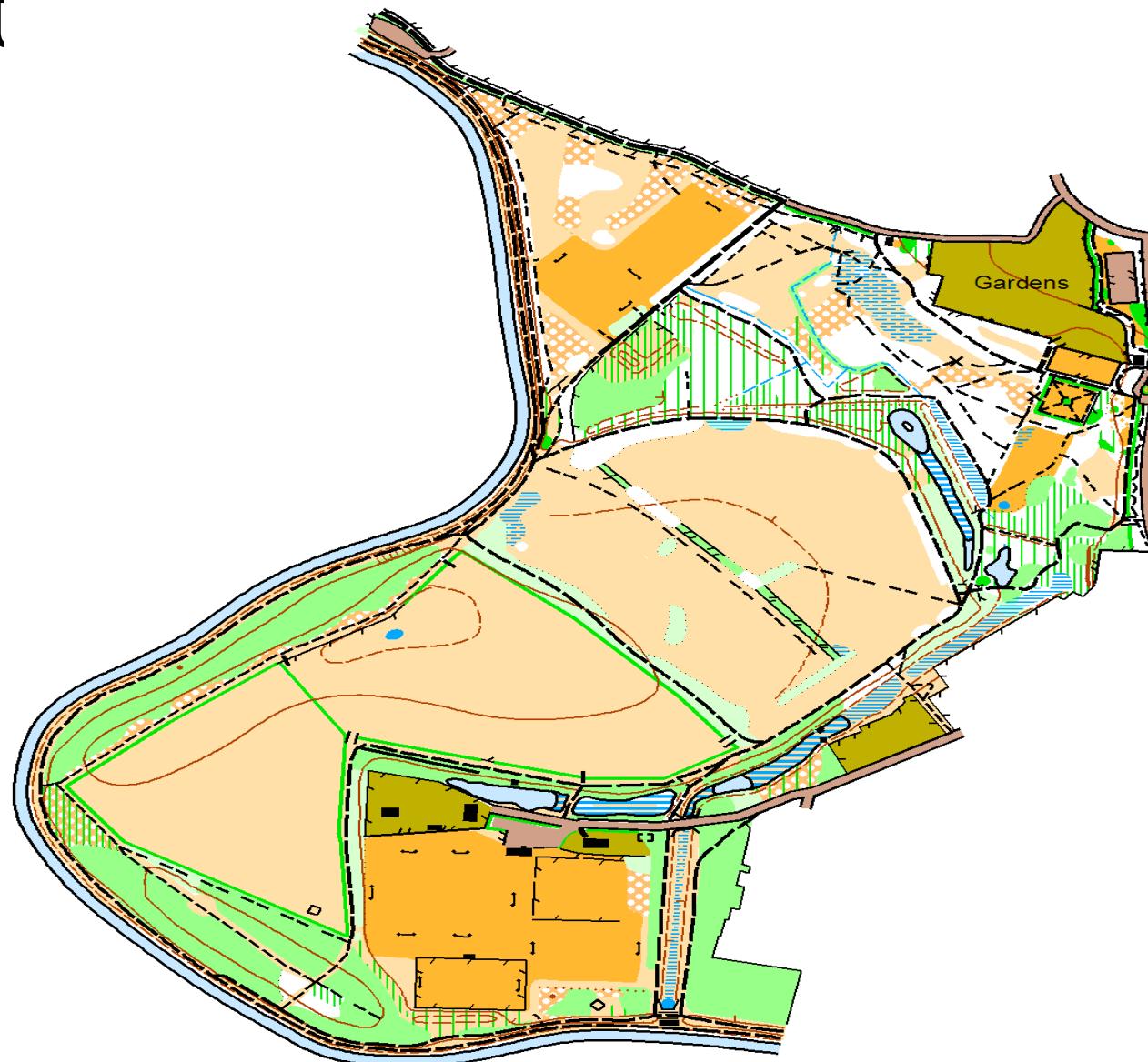
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Fletcher Moss Park location



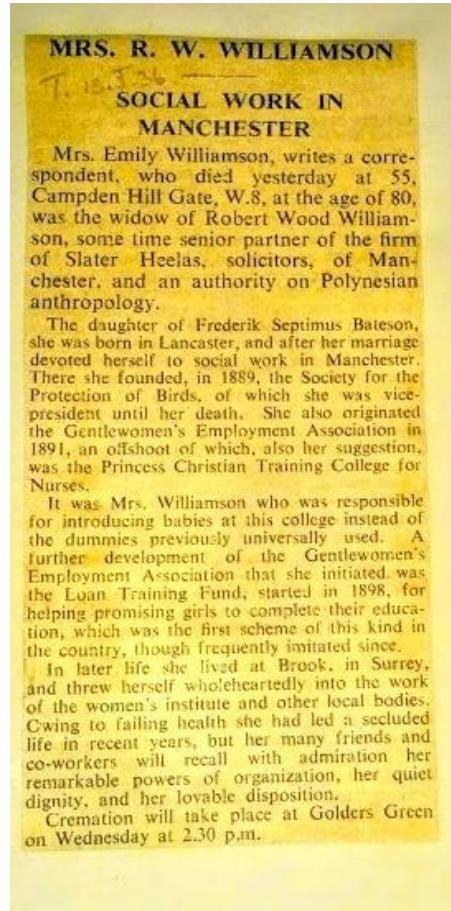
Map of Fletcher Moss Park – statue location top right



Emily Williamson plaque at The Croft



Emily's obituary notice



Emily as a child



The restored Emily photo



The Croft in the late nineteenth century



The Alpine Garden in summer



Melissa with Emily and the plaque



Alpine Garden pool



The boardwalk pool



Alpine Tearoom



Heather Border



The Croft, Fletcher Moss Park



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Alpine Garden Pergola



RSPB Nature event



Stenner Woods Path



Alpine Garden



Alpine Garden



Tessa Boase and Andrew Simcock



Tessa Boase is the author of **Mrs Pankhurst's Purple Feather**. This tells the story of the foundation of the RSPB and Emily Williamson's involvement



Andrew Simcock is a Manchester City Councillor who led the campaign for the statue of Emmeline Pankhurst in Manchester and is now Chair of the Emily Williamson statue campaign



Together with Beccy Speight, CEO of the RSPB, Melissa Bateson and others they are members of the statue selection committee.

Tessa Boase and Andrew Simcock with Our Emmeline in the centre of Manchester



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