

SCOTT'S GROTTO

is open every
Saturday and Bank Holiday Monday
from April to the end of September
between 2.00 pm and 4.30 pm

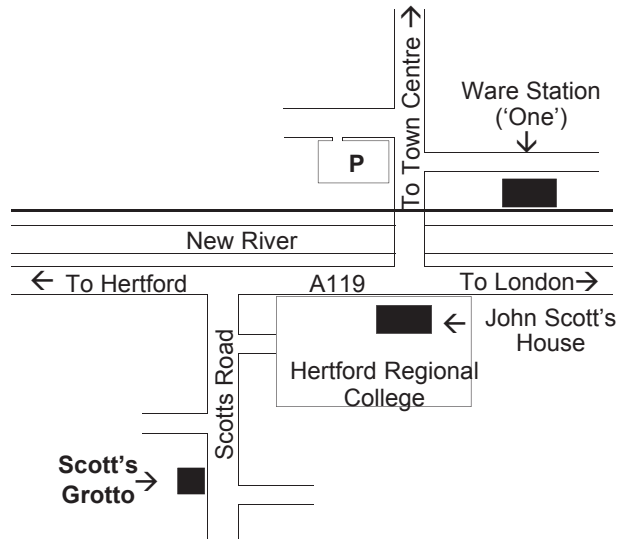
Please bring a Torch

Visitors are advised to wear flat shoes.

Unfortunately the grotto is only
accessible via steps and is not suitable
for wheelchairs.

For more information
please telephone 01920 464131
to speak to the Curator
or visit our web site
www.scotts-grotto.org

**Group visits can be arranged by
appointment**



Plan of Ware

Scott's Grotto is situated in Scotts Road which runs along the western side of Hertford Regional College from the Hertford Road (A119). 'One' trains from Liverpool Street (Hertford East Line) stop at Ware Station (1/4 mile away) and buses from Hertford, Hatfield, Hoddesdon and Enfield stop at Hertford Regional College. As parking is restricted in Scotts Road, visitors are asked to park in the public car park in Amwell End and walk up Scotts Road.

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**'One of the finest
Grottos in England'**

English Heritage

Scott's Grotto was built in the late 18th century by the Quaker poet John Scott and was described by his friend Dr. Johnson as "a Fairy Hall", adding that "none but a poet could have made such a garden". Over the past 200 years Scott's large garden has almost disappeared and the grotto and summerhouse are the major surviving features.



John Scott

The grotto consists of six chambers linked by passageways and air tunnels and is lined with flints, fossils, minerals and thousands of shells. Come and see if you can find the word "FROG" written in shells somewhere inside!



The Summerhouse

The octagonal summerhouse is on the hill above the grotto and is approached by horseshoe shaped steps fashionable in John Scott's time.

There would have been an extensive view over the town of Ware and the surrounding countryside and valley much of which is still evident today.

In 1990 the grotto was comprehensively restored by the Ware Society acting as agents for the East Hertfordshire District Council. Replacement shells have come from donors locally, and further afield from Guernsey and Japan.

Financial contributions were received from many private and business donors, including the Georgian Group.

Scott's Grotto is a Grade I listed building and the summerhouse is Grade II*

Admission is free but a donation of £1.00 towards maintenance would be gratefully received.

**A Guide Book is available
priced £1.00**

The grotto is owned by East Hertfordshire District Council and opened by the Ware Society, the local civic amenity group.