

ALL WALKS & ACTIVITIES ARE UNDERTAKEN AT YOUR OWN RISK

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NPHS Treasure Hunt 1 Buildings & Bridges QUESTIONS

Sept 2020

There is a steep hill on this route which may not be suitable for those with limited mobility, and some places with no footpath where extra care is needed

Start at Silver Street Car Park

Turn right into Silver Street and walk up the hill. Notice the Telephone Exchange with the ER insignia. What is the date on the building?

Proceed up the hill to St Johns Street and turn right. The first building is the Music Shop (formerly the office of the Bucks Standard, the local newspaper)

There is a large inscription on the wall above here. What does it advertise?

What is the name of the Arcade of shops next door?.....

This was once the Electra Cinema, opened in 1912, but closed in 1983, and replaced by independent shops.

Continue down St John's Street on the right hand side towards Tickford Bridge.

No. 26 Ye Olde Kiosk, is a very narrow building, and one of the oldest in the town. It was once a sweet shop, but now occupied by.....

No.32 Look above the door to see what this building used to be.....

There are a row of alms houses just before the bridge. This was once Queen Anne's Hospital. Notice the plaque above and the date.....

Tickford Bridge. This iron bridge replaced a wooden one in 1810

It was built in the reign of

The river it spans has two names locally. Do you know them both?.....

Continue over the bridge, and walk down Tickford Street. Before you get to Severn Drive there is a milestone. How far away is Woburn?.....

Cross over the road here and come back towards the town, and Tickford Bridge.

Just before the bridge is the Toll House. In 1810 the toll-keeper used to live here and collect money from people wanting to cross the bridge.

Today's owner has decorated the front of the house with snails....can you count how many there are?.....

There is a sports ground just beyond this cottage. What do they play here?.....

Turn right before the bridge and into Castle Meadow. Head for the wooden bridge you can see over the river and cross it, coming out by a Low Bridge.

What is the height restriction on this bridge?.....

You will see an arch into the cemetery. A blue plaque notes the official opening of the footbridge on..... (the complete date)

Pass through the arch and look left. You will see three arches. These were once used for storing bodies before burial.

Continue up through the left arch, or go back to the road and under the Low Bridge. No footpath here so beware of traffic. You will find Brooklands Day Centre and an old cottage with a spire; this was once Cemetery cottage, the chapel of rest

Find the steps on your left. You can use these steps, or walk back past Cemetery cottage into the cemetery, and over the "Low Bridge". Notice the John Revis Alms Houses at the top, built in He was a wealthy London draper.

There is a plaque to Thomas Abbott Hamilton, lace merchant, in this area.

Look at the back of the plinth to read "Pause here and think...." by local poet

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Continue towards the Parish Church of

Notice the War memorial, and a plaque on the wall above dedicated to Sergeant George Walters. He was decorated with the VC.

How old was he when he was awarded the VC?

Behind you is the Pin Petch restaurant. This old premises was once owned by an ironmongers, whose name is still above the door.....

Walk down the hill and find The Royal British Legion. This was once 2 cottages. Count the windows facing into the High Street.....

Continue into Ousebank Gardens and find the stone arch which was the original bridge across the river. Which river?

Go back to the main path and continue following the path alongside the river. At Rivers Meet you will come to a green box which is a Level Gauging Station. What are the numbers

on it?

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Continue on through the cemetery following the river bank, through the arch to the road, and straight on towards Tickford Bridge. No footpath here, so beware of traffic. What is this road called?

Thank you for taking part!

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If you'd like your answers to be marked and entered into a prize draw, please post through NPHS Museum door at Chandos Court, Silver Street (between numbers 52 & 54) by Monday 21 September 12pm 2020

Remember to put contact details on your sheet.