



Chesham Museum Eye Spy Trail



Chesham
MUSEUM

A Community Resource

Explore and discover some of Chesham's historic buildings and characters.

Start at Tap Yard on the High Street, follow the trail and quiz questions on the back.

The Five B's:

The map shows a few places linked to our industrial and religious history. After the trail, can you close your eyes and remember the B's?



Beer



Brushes



Boots



Bricks



Baptists

Did you know?



The first recorded reference to Chesham is under the old English name Cæstæleshamm, meaning 'the river-meadow at the pile of stones.'

Did you know?

The River Chess is a chalk stream.

Did you know?

The first mention of Chesham is in 970AD in the will of Lady Elgiva (wife of the Saxon King Edwy).

Key

Trail



Be careful when crossing the roads!



Eye Spy:

Look out for this symbol on the map! Tick the box when you've seen:

Tap Yard

Baine's Walk Lamposts

Old Georgian House

Old Cattle Trough

The War Memorial

The Oldest Chimneys in Chesham!



1 14 High Street

The oldest parts of this building date from the 1400s!

It was a coaching inn from 1622.

The stagecoach journey from here to London took five hours.

How many windows does the front of the building have? ...



2 Roger Crabbe's House, Francis Yard

Roger Crabbe set up a hat shop here in the mid 1600s. The Mad Hatter character in *Alice in Wonderland* may be based on him.

In his final years Roger only ate grass and dock leaves but he did allow himself one treat! CIRCLE what you think it was:

McDonald's | Sweets | Turnips



3 The Clock Tower

The clock tower in Market Square stands where a large Market Hall was. The tower was rebuilt in 1992 and the bell added in 2014.

What building used to be here?

- 1: The Prison
- 2: The Police Station
- 3: The Market Hall



4 35 Germain Street

This was Chesham's poor house before 1835, also known as the workhouse. You would have lived here if you were very poor and had nowhere else to go.

What is the name of the house?



5 Church Street

54-56 Church Street is the oldest house in Chesham and dates back to the 1300s. Which floor of the house is the oldest part?

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This is a copy of the oldest painting of Chesham c.1760s

6 St Mary's Church

St Mary's Church was built in the 12th century on top of puddingstones. Can you see any?

Can you find the Thomas Harding Memorial? He was caught with an English bible. This was illegal, so he was arrested and killed.

What year did he die?



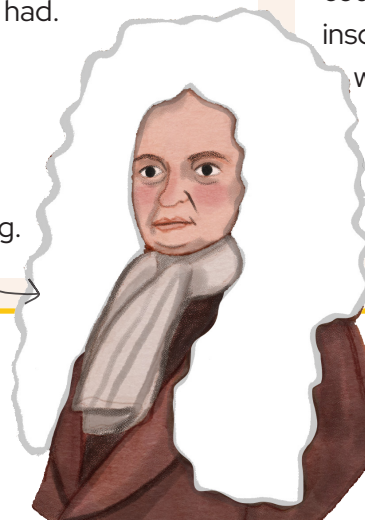
7 Lowndes Park

William Lowndes was secretary to the treasury for Queen Anne and he lived at The Bury in the early 1700s.

He had a big family. Try and guess how many children he had.

Decorate William's wig.

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8 The Gate House

The Gate House was built in the 1600s. The timber frame was rediscovered recently, hidden behind a shopfront.

Walk underneath it to the courtyard and find two bricks inscribed with dates by the windows on your right-hand side.



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ANSWERS: 1. 6 2. Turnips 3. Market Hall 4. Weylands 5. First 6. 1532 7. 25 (he had four wives!) 8. 1810, 1820



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