



BURTON TOWN TRAIL

How well do you think you know Burton on Trent?

The Trail starts at Middleway Retail Park Carpark,
Guild Street, Burton on Trent, DE14 1NQ

Burton Civic Society 2024

Bass Water Tower Photograph by Rachael Gaskin

Welcome to our Burton Town Trail, it will take about 90 mins it is a circular Trail from the Middleway Carpark on Guild Street. It is suitable for adults and children you could create a team with family/friends. The Trail is accessible for all; where there are steps there are sloping paths nearby.

The Trail is based around the Town Centre and will show you features of sculptures, architecture, and history.

There are 5 green National Forest information signs like this one, full of interesting facts about the history of Burton on Trent and they will help with some of the answers; so; have a quick read of them as you go around the Trail.

We have a *Selfie Challenge* there are four special sculptures or places of interest. Why not take a selfie and share on your Facebook page, tag us in and we will share to our page
Who will be the first to post them all?

Award yourself 10 Bonus points for each *Selfie picture* at the special locations:



1. Water Tower
2. College Statue
3. Malt Shovel
4. Cooper in Coopers Square

Points

Give yourself 5 points for every correct answer.

- 5 points for every answer
- 10 points for each Selfie at the special places, uploaded onto Facebook

Let's Go!

Starting Point = Parking at the Middleway Retail Carpark (4 hours free parking) Guild Street, DE14 1NQ - See **START** position on the Map on the Back Page

1. Walk towards the corner of Worthington Walk car park (Everlast Gym) to find the strange blocks with faces

- What were the craftsmen called?
- Who was the earliest known craftsman?

Turn left towards the crossroads on High Street, and cross over to look at the green National Forest Information Sign on the corner of the Bass Buildings. Read this sign it has some key information for one of the next questions.

2. Cross over the road to find a Burton Civic Society Plaque on the side of a large building, if you walk around the front you will find its name and symbol over the doorway

- Which famous business was situated here?
- What does the shield hold?
- Who lived here?

3. Walk down towards the river and stop in front of the tall Water Tower

- How tall do you think this tower is in metres?
- When was it built?



Selfie Challenge—Take a Selfie of yourself with the Water Tower

Turn around to face the river, walk along the front of the library towards the Black & White Iron Bridge, this leads to Andressey Island.

4. Look at the bridge

- Who were the engineers of this bridge?
- Which year was it built?
- How many white and red flowers are there on the inside of the bridge?

5. Continue over the bridge and read the green National Forest Information Sign, look around for the Sculpture by Hattie Coppard

- What materials were used to create this sculpture?
- Why are eyes connected to St Modwen?

6. Return over the bridge to find the next Green National Forest Information Sign by the Riverbank. Then walk across the park.

- Who is this park in memory of?
- What do you think this was before becoming a park?

7. Look around the park and buildings that are visible from the park

- What is this walkway called?

8. Look at the old buildings to the right-hand side and find the school building

- When was the original school built?

Continue walking towards the church, at the entrance you will see another green National Forest Information Sign about the local area.

9. Continue towards the Market Hall, have a good look around this building, look up at the decorations too.

- Which animal guards the side doorway?
- Which king gave Burton a Charter?
- Which year was the first chartered market held?
- How many faces are there on the front of the building?

Walk towards the College and find the modern sculpture, it's by the junction with Abbey Street opposite the Leopard Inn.



Selfie Challenge—Take a Selfie of yourself with this Sculpture.

10. Turn around and walk down Lichfield Street towards the junction with New Street, you will not be able to miss the giant Malt Shovel sculpture.

- What is the chemical equation on the paving stones?
- What do the tiny symbols represent?



Selfie Challenge—Take a Selfie of yourself with the Malt Shovel

11. Walk towards the Coopers Square Shopping Centre, stopping to look at the strange door on the left of the shopping centre doors

- What was the old doorway used for?
- What is the date on the doorway?

12. Go into Coopers Square Shopping Centre and continue straight until you reach the Cooper Statute in the centre square area. (If Open)

- Who was the Statue created by?
- Which year?
- Why were barrels so important to Burton's history?



Selfie Challenge—Take a Selfie with the Cooper Statue

Walk past the Cooper Statue turning left onto Station Street, when you go out of the shopping centre, cross over the road, and walk along Station Street towards the junction with Guild Street.

13. Cross over the Junction towards George Street there is another green National Forest Information Sign to read. Look around this area.

- Which Energy Company used to have its shop in one of the buildings?

14. Walk down George Street and look at the building on your right-hand side, this is the back what was once a cinema

- What type of entertainment did it use to host?
- Which famous silent movie star visited this building?

15. Look at the Trinity Building in the Corner

- What was this building originally called?
- Which ancient civilization has been copied in the Pilasters, Columns? A Greece B Roman or C Egypt

16. Walk down to the building on the corner of Guild Street/George Street

- Count the faces in the stonework decorations.

17. Turn left at the corner onto Guild Street, on the other side of the is St Mary and St Modwen's Church, look at the stone figures

- What is St Modwen holding?

Carry on walking towards Middleway Retail Park entry point and this is the end of the Trail.

To obtain the answers to the Treasure Trail download them from the website [BCS Events | Burton On Trent Civi \(burtoncs.org\)](https://www.burtoncs.org)

Remember 5 Points for every correct answer.

10 EXTRA points for each **Selfie** posted at the five special locations and don't forget to tag Burton Civic Society

A Perfect Score for the Trail is 205 Points,

If you scored over 150 points Well Done, if you scored below 100, you might need to go back over the trail to see what you missed. It's all good fun.

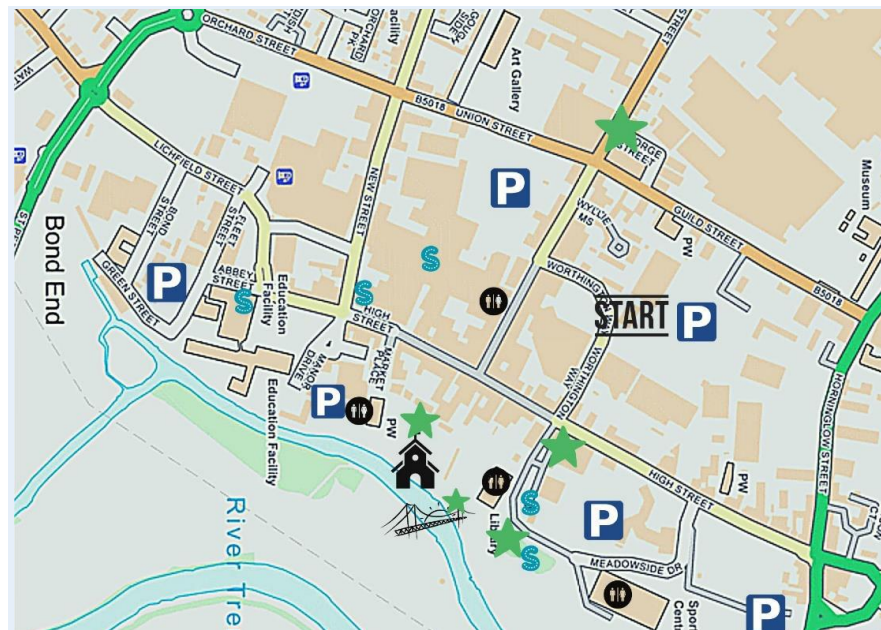
Thank you for taking part in the Burton Town Trail, this trail was created by the Burton Civic Society Events Hub for King Charles's Coronation in 2023, and updated in 2024 to coincide with the Barrel Roll trail

If you enjoyed this Burton Town Trail you might to join our Summer Walks, see our webpage for more information.

If you have any feedback you can contact us on fb or email our Contact details are on the back page.

Please follow us for information on other future events, we do talks, walks and special events in Burton on Trent.

If you would like to join the Burton Civic Society membership is from £10 pa you can join online today [Get Involved | Burton On Trent Civi \(burtoncs.org\)](https://www.burtoncs.org)



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The route is accessible for pushchairs and wheelchairs, where there are steps there are alternative ramps access. Public Toilets indicated but most available during shop opening hours eg Coopers Square, Market Place, Library & Meadsideway. There is also a number of great cafes along the route.