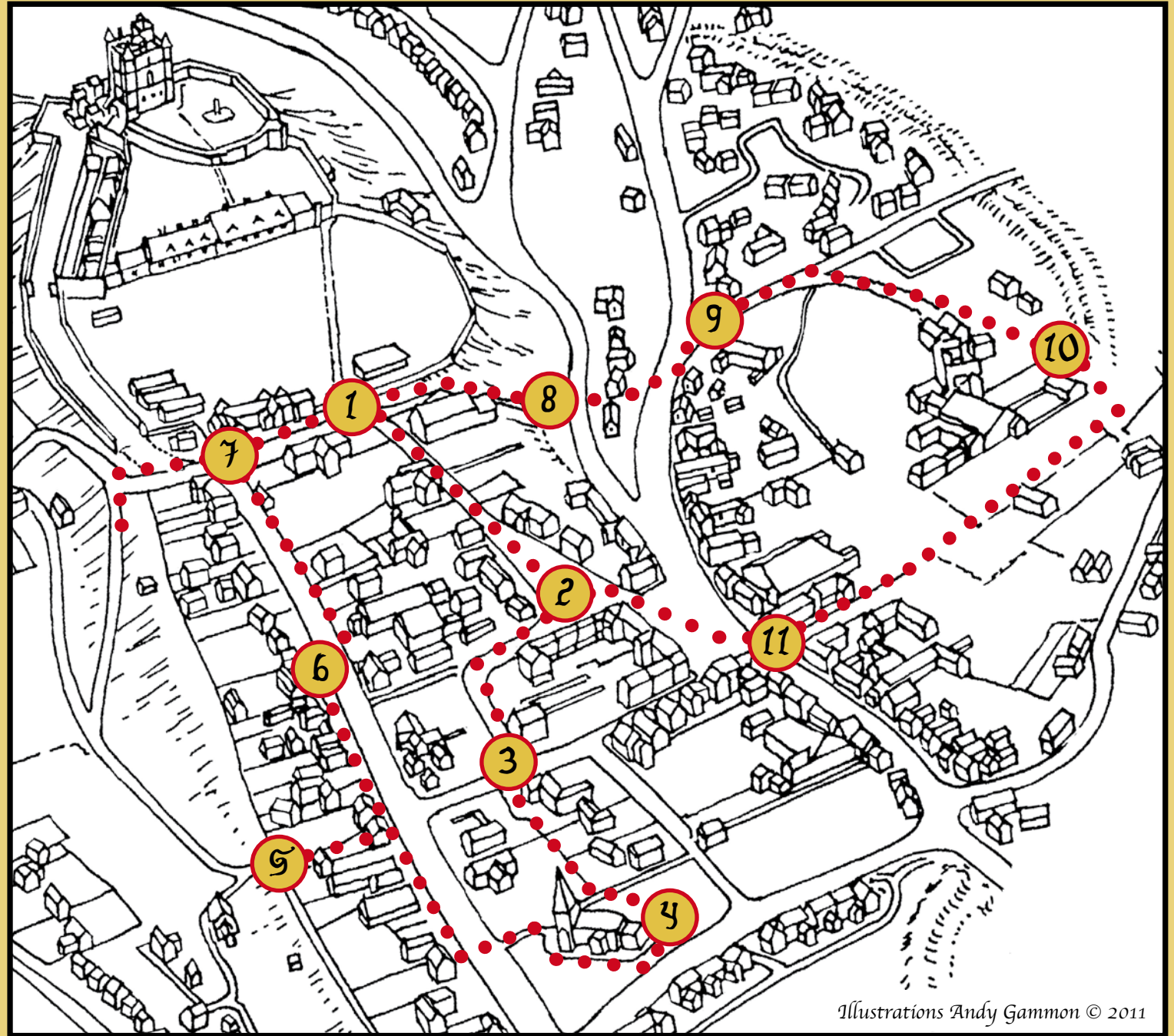


Bolsover Town Trail

Map and activities

Start outside the gates of Bolsover Castle, and don't forget to download the audio trail too!



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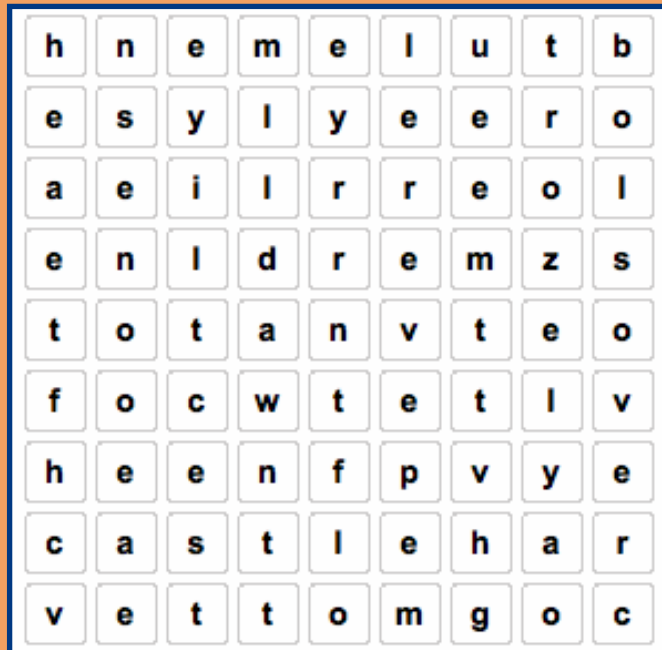
1. Castle gates

Bolsover is in the Domesday Book of 1086 when William Peverel was Lord of the Manor. We think it was he who built the original 'motte and bailey' castle that used to stand here.

The 'Fantasy Castle' you can see was actually built in the 17th century, and it has never seen a battle. In fact it was only built by the Cavendish Family to show how wealthy they were.

Find the words in the word search.

Bolsover
Castle
Cavendish
Folly
Motte
Peverel
Terrace



Discuss in your group how each word is linked to the castle.

2. Old market square

Until the late 1800s this area would have been a thriving market place. It was a hive of activity and an important part of the town. A market cross stood where the war memorial is now.

Draw a picture of (complete the drawing of) what the market may have looked like in the 18th century.

Use your senses. What would you see, hear and smell?



Nearby is the town's old water pump. Can you spot it?

3. Cotton Street

On the right are late 17th-century farmers cottages (Blue plaque 3). There were lots of houses that looked like this in Bolsover before the town was redeveloped in the 1960s.



Look around. What different types of building material can you see?



Are the bricks all the same?

Which building do you think is the oldest? Why?

The library was built to look like the farmers cottages on Cotton Street. How many similarities and differences can you see?

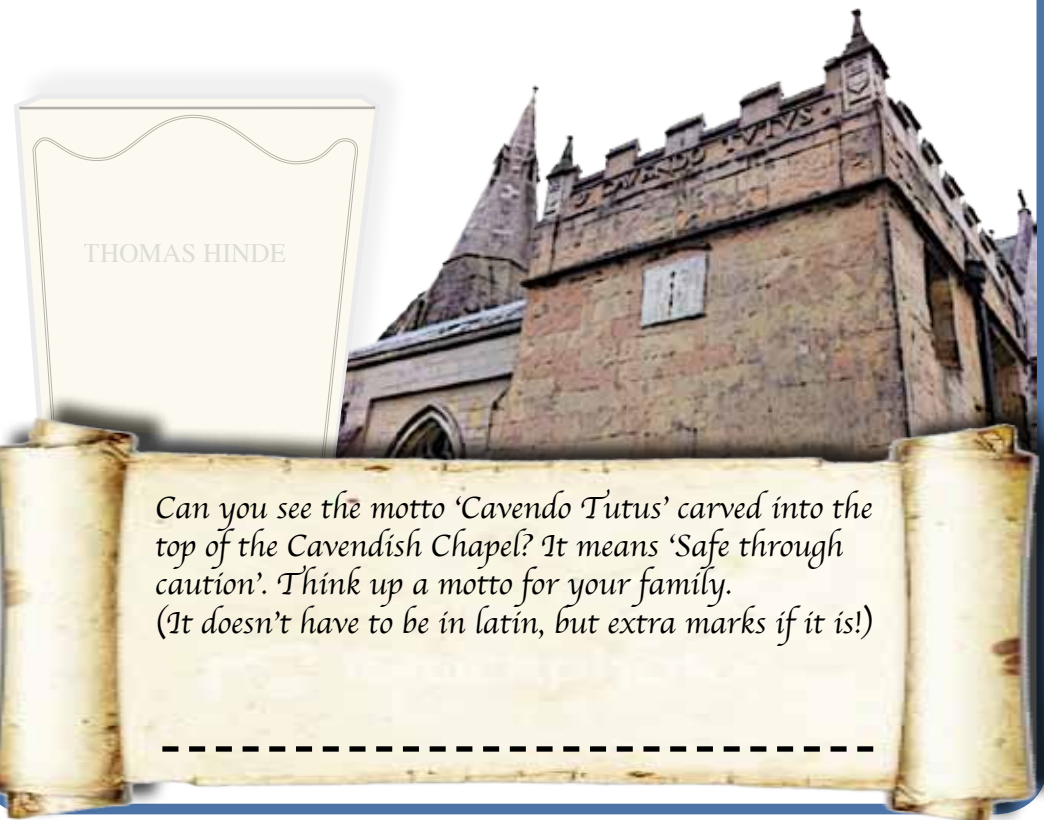


4. The Parish Church of St Mary and St Lawrence

The church tower is nearly 800 years old! But not the spire; that was added later. Coal mining in the area caused the tower to subside (lean) in the 1960s. When they underpinned it (filled the foundations with concrete) they found a 13th century bell mould that had been used to cast the medieval church bell on site.



Find Thomas Hinde's funny gravestone. It is next to the Chancel wall (the opposite end of the church to the spire). What was Thomas Hinde's job, and what clues can you find on his gravestone to show this?



Can you see the motto 'Cavendo Tutus' carved into the top of the Cavendish Chapel? It means 'Safe through caution'. Think up a motto for your family. (It doesn't have to be in latin, but extra marks if it is!)

5. Surprise View

You can see why they built a castle up on this escarpment. If you were the attacking army you'd be exhausted before you even started the fight; that's if you hadn't been killed already (or blown away)!

The Tern has been blown off course. Can you find out where it is heading?



Hardwick Hall



Sutton Hall

Wow! What a view.

Tick off the landmarks as you spot them.

- ☐ Hardwick Hall
- ☐ Sutton Hall
- ☐ New Bolsover
- ☐ Bolsover Colliery tip
- ☐ Palterton village

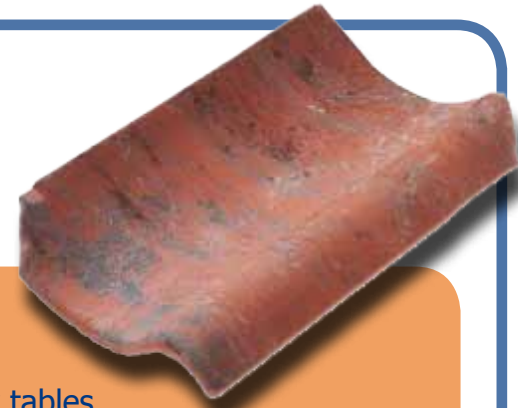


New
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6. Over Gáté

Pantiles are the name for the orange, wave-shaped tiles found on many roofs in Bolsover. They are made from local clay, but pantiles were first brought here from Holland in the 17th century.

Look at the **pantiles**



Why are they S-shaped?

- ☐ They make them on wobbly tables
- ☐ It helps them lock together on the roof
- ☐ It makes it easier to stack them at the workshop
- ☐ It makes it more difficult for burglars to walk on the roof

x2 =



Estimate how many tiles are on the roof of 'The Pantiles'?

Remember the roof has two sides (so double your answer)!

7. Cástlĕ Lánĕ

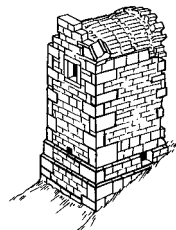


Just off Castle Lane, to your left, you will find the remains of a Conduit House. In 1622 William Cavendish had a pipe laid along the escarpment to supply freshwater to Bolsover Castle.

Make a rubbing of the Conduit House shown on the information panel.

Why do you think the conduit houses were built?

How did the water travel along the pipes from the natural springs and rivers on the escarpment?



8. Cástlĕ Brĕk

Bolsover Pit used to be down the valley to the left. Most people in the town worked here until it closed in 1993.

A Tailor once owned the building on the opposite side of Station Road (Blue plaque 7). He made, repaired and altered clothes here.



Above the door of 1a Station Road you can just see part of the word 'overcoats'. What do you think was written over the window on the left hand side?

9. Sherwood Lodge

Sherwood Lodge was the home of colliery director Abel Sykes. It was the second largest private home in the town after Bolsover Castle. Sykes gave some of his garden so a larger Methodist Church could be built.

Archaeologists have found Roman remains here too. What do you think the Roman's used these items for?



Clue: Something to smarten up your clothes?



Clue: It saves having to cup your hands



Clue: It would come in useful when making bread

As you pass around the back of Sherwood Lodge you will see a building that is now the Boiler house. What do you think it used to be used for?

10. Dykes Field

The Dike's intrenchment was a mound of earth that ran along two sides of the town. It could have stood up to 6 metres tall and was topped with a palisade – like a line of giant pencils. A ditch ran along its front.

What was the ditch for and where has it gone?

Why isn't Dike's intrenchment so high today?

Look at the information panel. Make up a short story about one of the characters and tell your group.

Where will I get my next meal? Where are my family?



11. The ^{i c}/_{x c}avendish Hotel

This mock Tudor building celebrates the town's most famous family. Sir Charles Cavendish bought Bolsover Castle in 1608, but it was his son William (left) who carried out most of the building works. The hotel is in the heart of the Market Place and it was built to serve the growing mining town. After a 10 hour shift down the hot and dusty pit, a miners thirst needed to be quenched!

Now we are at the end of the trail it's time to find out what you have learnt.

How many blue plaques did you see?

What is an escarpment?

What is a pantile?

What was your favourite activity?

One word to describe this trail:

We'd love to hear what you thought of this trail.

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