

The Farnham Society presents

Farnham's Heritage Open Days

Thursday 11th to Sunday 14th September 2014



**Free admission to all
venues, tours and events**



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Co-ordinator: Georgina Bridges

In this 20th anniversary year of Heritage Open Days, the lovely old town of Farnham, nestling in the valley of the River Wey, invites you once again to come and enjoy four special days, when the town will show off its splendid architectural heritage. There will be walks guided by specialists, and a big selection of interesting properties will be open in the town and surrounding area, with special events and attractions. There will be play readings, Morris dancers, exhibitions and fairs, in fact something for everyone, whether your interest is history or architecture, or just a chance to soak up the friendly atmosphere and sample the coffee shops, pubs and restaurants, many of them set in old timber framed buildings.



Farnham, craft town

Farnham today is officially designated a craft town. It's a town of arts and crafts, home to the University for the Creative Arts, the Farnham Maltings arts and community centre, the New Ashgate Gallery and the historic Farnham Pottery in Wrecclesham. Bricks made from the local clay have been made here for centuries, and our theme for this year is the craft of brickmaking and brickwork design.



BRICK HIGHLIGHTS!

The delicate patterns of the centuries-old craftsman-designed brickwork in Farnham, and the subtle colours of the old brick buildings lining the town's narrow streets, are quiet works of art too often unnoticed and taken for granted. The soft reds and oranges create a pervading sense of colour and warmth. In the Georgian period, bricklaying by craftsmen flowered into intricate patterning, with rubbed bricks, fine joints, and mathematically precise ornamentation. The finest example of this work in Farnham is at Willmer House in West Street, now the Museum of Farnham (see Properties Open).



The annual Heritage Open Days events in Farnham are brought to you by the Farnham Society, supported by Farnham Town Council and the Museum of Farnham. The events are organised by a small group of local people who welcome the opportunity to share the town's heritage with visitors. Grateful thanks are due to Preface Studios for contributing the design of the brochure.

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The Farnham Pottery – brick highlight!

Quennells Hill, Wrecclesham GU10 4QG

(off A325 through Wrecclesham)



In this year when Heritage Open Days is celebrating the theme of bricks and brickwork, the Pottery takes centre stage.

The Farnham Pottery in Wrecclesham was founded in 1873 by the farmer potter Absalom Harris, using old farm buildings. The business, run eventually by five generations of the Harris family, survived until 2000 with only minor modernisation, buildings being added by the potters themselves as the business grew and prospered. They used their own bricks and tiles and created a unique terracotta environment.

The pottery owes its survival to the Farnham Buildings Preservation Trust, which bought it in 1998 to save it from imminent demolition, and restored the dilapidated buildings. Thanks to the Trust's work it now stands as a rare and well preserved example of a Victorian country pottery, and under the new ownership of Guy and Elaine Hains, it promotes excellence in ceramics. The studios and workshops of 318 Ceramics, West Street Potters, and Farnham Sculpture form a creative hub alongside craft-based local businesses.

The buildings remain largely unchanged since the heyday of the business when it was producing thousands of pots every day, and it is rare today to see a building of this nature being used for activities which are compatible with its original purpose. Heritage Open Days provide an opportunity for visitors to see inside the buildings, and absorb their unique atmosphere.

Events will start on the evening of Thursday 11th with a talk by terracotta expert Amy Frankie Smith at 7.00 pm. Places are limited and advance booking is required via www.318ceramics.co.uk. On Friday the pottery is hosting talks, quizzes and fun 'terracotta' trails for several local schools.

From 10.00 am to 4.00 pm on Saturday and Sunday, the studios and workshops of 318 Ceramics, West Street Potters, Farnham Sculpture Group, the Pugmill Bakehouse and the Interknit Café will be open. Visitors will be able to watch potters at work, bread being made and baked in a brick built kiln housed where clay was once 'pugged', and there will be demonstrations by stone and wood carvers, and traditional spinners. Work will be on show with opportunities to buy the crafts made on the site. A historical pottery exhibition will be open throughout

Saturday and Sunday, and at 11.00 am and 3.00 pm, there will be talks and a heritage 'terracotta trail'.

To complement the Heritage Open Days programme, workshops in brick making and decoration, and traditional dough craft will be taking place on Saturday and Sunday. These workshops carry an additional charge and are bookable via www.318ceramics.co.uk and www.pugmillbakehouse.co.uk.

The Farnham Pottery is one of Farnham's treasures. Don't miss it.



Guided Walks 12-14 September

LOWER BOURNE

A walk with members of the Bourne Conservation Group around an area of the Bourne portrayed by George Sturt in many of his books, taking in the Old Churchyard, Old Church Lane and Sturt Walk. Approx. 2 hours. **Fri 17.30, Sat 10.00. Meet at the church of St Thomas on the Bourne, Frensham Road, South Farnham.**

FARNHAM PARK

The glorious Farnham Park, its history and its memorable trees. A ramble around the medieval deer park of the Bishops of Winchester, with Park Ranger ROBIN CROWTHER and historian and archaeologist DAVID GRAHAM. **Sat 11.00-12.30. Meet at Park Lodge, Ranger's office (car park off Folly Hill).**

CASTLE STREET

Discover the architectural treasures of this Georgian street, with Farnham architect MICHAEL BLOWER. Includes: the Windsor almshouses, built 1619; the 18th century Masonic Centre; and The Old Barn, a hidden house converted from two 16th century barns. **Sun 11.00, meet at Lloyds Bank, maximum 20 people. Advance booking required between 25 Aug and 8 Sept, catherinecook@onetel.com.**

FARNHAM TOWN HISTORY WALK

Take a tour of the town with the head of Farnham Town Guides BRIAN PITTUCK. **Sun 11.00-12.30. Meet at the entrance to the Waggon Yard car park. Advance booking required, farnhamhods@gmail.com.**

WAVERLEY ABBEY RUINS AND WAVERLEY MILL HOUSE

Tour with guide ROGER JUDE covering the rise and fall of the first Cistercian monastery in England and what it was like in its heyday. Followed by a visit to the privately-owned Waverley Mill House gardens. **Sun 11.00-13.00, meet in abbey car park.**

ARCHITECTURAL RAMBLE

Follow the River Wey between Farnham and Waverley Abbey with architect Robert Blower, a walk rich in sites and history, including the estates of Moor Park House and Waverley Abbey, 3 watermills, a witch's cave, WW2 pill boxes and the ruined 12th century Waverley Abbey, **Sun 14.30. Meet outside Shepherd & Flock pub, on roundabout approx. 1.5 miles east of Farnham on A31. Wear suitable footwear, it can be muddy.**

'Virtual walks' for the less mobile

RED LION LANE

Fri. 10.45, in the Cellar Bar, Farnham Maltings, Bridge Square
Illustrated talk, describing the fascinating little Red Lion Lane, once part of a main route through Farnham, with local historian ANGELA PEERS DAVID. Followed by coffee break. **Advance booking required, Maltings Box Office, 01252 745444.**

CASTLE STREET

Fri 12.15, Farnham Maltings, Bridge Square
Illustrated talk on the architecture of Castle Street, by architect MICHAEL BLOWER. **Advance booking required, Maltings Box Office, 01252 745444.**

FARNHAM CASTLE, KEEP AND DEER PARK (Map 1) 900 years of living history

Tea at the Bishops Palace



Farnham Castle, overlooking the town from Castle Hill, dates from just after the Norman Conquest. It is one of the most important castles in the south of England, and one of very few to have been in continuous occupation for 900 years. It is a piece of living history, a small complex of ancient and beautiful buildings and spaces telling the story of the castle's years as the home and administrative centre of the Bishops of Winchester.

You are invited to come and have tea in the splendid Bishops' Palace. The castle guides will be waiting to show you around, and the stonemason who carried out recent restoration work will be on site with information about the ancient brick and stonework. Tea will be served in the magnificent setting of the Great Hall with its minstrels gallery and huge carved oak fire surround, and music will be provided by the Farnham Chamber Music Society.

Open Thur 11th 13.30-17.00 (last tour 16.00). Entrance is free. Choice of tea with scones and cream £6 per person, or a full tea menu £12. Teas booked in advance before 5 Sept, info@farnhamcastle.com, tel. 01252 720402. Limited disabled parking only at the castle. Park in Farnham Park (entrance off Folly Hill) and enter the castle grounds through the postern gate.

BRICK HIGHLIGHT!

Farnham Castle's Wayneflete Tower, built by Bishop Wayneflete 1470-1475, is an extraordinarily sophisticated example of brickwork of the period, considered superior even to Hampton Court. Walk down to the front of the castle, enjoy the birdseye view over Farnham town from the lawn, and study the ornate brickwork of the tower. Further information about the tower will be available.

THE CASTLE KEEP AND HISTORY EXHIBITION

The Norman keep is open Thur/Fri 09.00-17.00. Sat/Sun 10.00-16.00. Limited disabled access to the top of the keep. Living History exhibition in the stables. The motte and shell keep, dating from 1138, with steep stone steps leading to the top, where there is a covered platform from which you can see down into the original 12th century structure.

FARNHAM PARK

Pedestrian entrance off High Park Road, vehicle entrance off Folly Hill
The Bishops' deer park, established around 1376, with open landscape and superb views.

**A walk around the town -
Your step by step guide to properties on view in
Farnham town centre**

**The Museum of Farnham
West Street**



**38 West Street, Willmer House, Map 2.
Open Tue-Sat, 10.00-17.00.**

A good place to start your walk around Farnham is at the Museum of Farnham. The Grade 1 Listed Building was built in 1718. There is a peaceful walled rear garden, with the modern Garden Gallery at the end.

BRICK HIGHLIGHT! Willmer House.

The perfectly symmetrical frontage of Willmer House is one of the finest cut brick facades in the country, an outstanding example of craftsmanship, with skilfully cut and gauged bricks. Look for the horizontal moulded string courses between the windows, cornice and parapet, and the vertical emphasis achieved by giant brick rusticated pilasters at the outer edges. Notice the skilful way that the brickwork creates changing shadows across the front of the building.

Sat 10.00-16.00, The Big Farnham Dig. Join us to discover what we unearthed in this year's community dig, with a variety of living history displays and family-oriented hands-on activities led by experts.

Sun 11.30-12.30, in the Garden Gallery. Historian ANGELA PEERS-DAVID gives a brief history of brickmaking, in an intriguing journey through Farnham's built heritage. Book in advance on 01252 715094.

Guitar Village

80-81 West Street, Map 3. Recent tree ring dating of timbers in this house reveals that it was built in 1467. It was a 'Wealden' house, a spectacular form of medieval open hall house. **Open Thur-Sat 10.00-18.00. Sun 11.00-17.00.**



BRICK HIGHLIGHT! Guitar Village

The original 15th century building would have been timbered infilled with wattle and daub. The infill of long narrow bricks was probably added in the Tudor period.

Farnham Library

**28 West Street, Vernon House, Map 4.
Open Thur 09.00-19.00; Fri 09.00-18.00;
Sat 09.00-17.00.**

Partly dating from 1563, with street front dated at 1721, but with later changes following a fire in about 1860. Visit the panelled Culver Room on the ground floor, believed to be where Charles I stayed on his way to his trial and execution. The library is in a new building at the back, and the big garden, with modern sculptures, is terraced down to the river meadows.



Sat 14.00 and 15.30, the Culver Room in the old building. "All the World's a Stage - Shakespeare and his Theatre". Readings by Farnham Rep.

24 West Street, Map 5.

Nos. 23 and 24 were built as a pair about 1790. The brilliant but eccentric Farnham architect Harold Falkner lived and practised in No.24 until his death in 1963. Architectural drawings by Harold Falkner will be on display. **Open Sat/Sun, 10.00-16.00**



**20A West Street, Graham & Co.,
Jewellers. Map 6**

**Open normal trading hours,
Thur-Sat.**

This little shop hides an astonishing secret, an ornately plastered ceiling dating to the mid-17th century which was made for the Earl of Shaftesbury as a 'pattern' for a ceiling in his house at Wimborne. The ceiling was later covered up until it was rediscovered in the 20th century. An information sheet will be available.



**Lion and Lamb House, Goldsmiths
Jewellers, Map 7**

**113 West Street, by Lion and Lamb Yard.
Open Thur-Sat 09.30-17.00**

This 16th century building has a long and chequered history. In the 16th and 17th centuries it was an inn called The White Hart, which became the Lion and Lamb in the early 18th century, and was divided into tenements. The date 1537 is cut on a brick plaque under the archway entrance to Lion and Lamb Yard, but it is not known where the plaque actually came from or what it refers to. By the early 20th century the building was in a very bad condition and was largely reconstructed on its original lines in 1921. A minstrels gallery overlooks the yard.



**Mad Hatters Morris Dancers will perform
in Lion and Lamb Yard, Sat 11.45-12.30**



FALKNER ROAD

Crafts Study Centre, Map 8, next to
University of the Creative Arts.

Open daily.

The Crafts Study Centre is the latest addition to the University, opened in 2005, a university museum of modern British crafts, including the Holborne collection.

Fri only, 11.00-12.00. Tour of the centre led by the director, and visit to the research rooms to see objects normally held in store. Advance booking required, **01252 891450**, maximum 10 people.

Tea and biscuits on arrival.



LONG GARDEN WALK

**The Daniel Hall, Third Farnham
Scouts, Map 9.**

An old hop barn, locally listed, very recently restored to display the previously hidden structure. **Open Sat, 11.00-15.00.**

Exhibition of the history of Third Farnham Scouts, and self-guided hop tour of the town, designed by Jean Parratt, for families.



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at the Hop Blossom pub, Sat 13.30-14.15**

CASTLE STREET

The Old Barn, 7a Castle Street, Map 10 (behind 7/8 Castle Street)

Four early 16th century timber framed structures, hidden behind the Georgian facades lining Castle Street, have been converted to form a family residence. Used originally for drying hops and barley, these ancient barns provide tangible evidence of the days when there were hop gardens just behind Castle Street.

Open Thur and Fri, 11.00 and 14.00.

Owner guided tours, display in conservatory. Limited numbers, advance booking between 25 Aug and 8 Sept required, catherinecook@onetel.com.



42 Castle Street (the Masonic Centre), Map 11

Open Sat/Sun 10.00-14.00.

Imposing building dating back to between 1750 and 1800. Previously a school, then the Working Men's Institute before becoming the Freemasons Hall in the 1950s.



THE BOROUGH

Mercure Bush Hotel, Map 12.

Pedestrian entrance from the Borough, vehicle entrance in South Street.

An ancient inn dating back to the 17th century or earlier, with modern extensions at the back. Visit the panelled Oak Lounge, with its indoor sundial on the ceiling, and 18th century murals. Sit with a cup of coffee or tea in the old coaching yard with its fountain, or in the peaceful rear garden with its shady yew trees.

Open to Heritage Open Days visitors Fri 11.00-15.00, with information in the Oak Lounge.



SOUTH STREET

Farnham United Reformed Church, Map 13, opposite Sainsburys

Building designed in 1872 for the Congregational Church by architect Thomas Wonnacott, with 20th century additions by local architect Arthur Stedman.

Open Thur-Fri 10.00-14.00, Sat 10.00-12.00. Kids' treasure hunt and small exhibition about the history of the church.



The Victoria Garden, Map 14.

Entrance through an archway behind Sainsburys car park. **Open daily 09.00-17.00.** A charming little garden oasis run and funded by volunteers, created on the site of Farnham's first open-air swimming bath with an impressive brick entrance archway commemorating Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee in 1897. Inside the garden, look for the 2012 wall plaque marking the Diamond Jubilees of two queens. **Gardeners' Question Time, Sat 11.00-12.00, and 14.00-15.00, with a Royal Horticultural Society gardener.**



BRICK HIGHLIGHT!

The Victoria Garden

The brick archway, by Farnham architect Harold Falkner, echoes the front of the Lutyens Liberal Club next to it. Look for the round holes by the arch, made by children rubbing pennies into the soft bricks while queueing for the swimming pool!

Farnham Council Offices, Map 15

The building, opened in 1903, was designed for Farnham Urban District Council by architect Paxton Hood Watson in neo-Georgian style. A rear extension was added in the 1990s.

Open Thur-Fri 09.30-16.30, Sat 10.00-16.00. The newly refurbished ground floor meeting room and impressive Council Chamber on the first floor (lift available) will be open with local painting, maps and heritage items on display.



UNION ROAD

The Old Court House, Map 16

Set back behind railings, this was built in 1888 as Farnham's police station. The Magistrate's Room and Court can be seen (up steep stairs) and one of the cells has been preserved. Now the head office of Tindle Newspapers Ltd.

Thur and Fri, 10.00-11.00. Tours of the building, maximum 12 people, advance booking required, 01252 735667 or wendy.craig@tindlenews.co.uk.



RED LION LANE AND BRIDGE SQUARE

The Farnham Maltings Map 17

Old Maltings and tannery, now a thriving arts and community centre with Riverside coffee shop. It was saved from demolition in 1969 by the people of Farnham who raised £30,000 to buy it from the owners, the brewers Courages.

Sat 13.00-16.00. Pop up craft workshop for all ages.

From 13-24 Sept, in the Long Kiln Room, "Buildings of Merit in Farnham", exhibition of architectural drawings by Michael Blower.



Tanyard Square, entrance from Maltings inner courtyard, Map 17

Cottage and small garden at the rear of Tanyard House, dated by tree ring dating of timbers to 1475-1485. Exposed timbers visible in the attic, but stairs are steep.

Fri 12.40, Sat 11.00. Tours for small groups by the owner, advance booking required between 25 August and 8 September, catherinecook@onetel.com.



New Ashgate Gallery, Map 18

Lower Church Lane, at the entrance to the Waggon Yard car park, open 10.00-17.00

Once the site of a pub called The Feathers, this building survived the 1960s clearance of the area which is now the car park, and is now a gallery selling fine art and crafts. There will be an exhibition of fine art print-making by the Ochre Print Studio.

On **Sat 10.00-17.00**, a drawing will be on display, taken from a pre-clearance photographic view from the top of the church tower, showing the dense cluster of now vanished working buildings and Maltings on the Waggon Yard site, with further historical information.



The Old Vicarage, Map 19

Vicarage Lane, off Lower Church Lane
Built in 1418 by Henry Beaufort, Archdeacon of Surrey as his ecclesiastical court house. This is the oldest domestic building in Farnham, listed Grade II*.
The rear garden leads down to the river.

Open Sat for 3 tours guided by tree dating expert Rod Wild at 13.00, 14.00 and 15.00, maximum 12 people. Advance booking required between 25 Aug and 8 Sept, catherinecook@onetel.com.



St Andrew's Parish Church, Map 20

Grade I Listed Building built on the site of an earlier Saxon church. Parts of a Norman structure remain, but the main part is 15th century, extensively remodelled in the 19th century when the church tower was raised in height. Modern space is provided in the Pavilions, designed by architect Ptolemy Dean, at the west end of the church.

On Sat, 12.00-15.30, Parish Fayre with stalls, refreshments, parachuting teddies and access to the church tower. Self guided tour of decorative art in the church including the stained glass window by Pugin and works by Eric Gill. Display of a rare 18th century "Vinegar Bible", so called because it contained the misprint "vinegar" instead of "vineyard".



St Andrew's Infant School, Map 21

Next to the churchyard. Victorian school built in the Gothic style, in the same pale clunch stone as the church.

The school hall and classrooms will be open, with log books, registers and photographs from each decade since the school was opened. There will be a display, "Our school at the start of the Great War". Spotters' trail, with small prizes, encouraging children to look at the building in closer detail and special features for children to complete, and music to create the right atmosphere.

Open Saturday only 10.00-15.00.

Downing Street Hone's Yard, next to Hone's Greengrocers, Map 22

Site of an old farm, with 17th century barns and a 19th century hop kiln. **Open Fri 09.00-17.00. On Sat 09.30-16.00, small exhibition with guides** Brian Pittuck and Chris Cleland present to do short tours.



Properties open in the surrounding area

MOOR PARK AND WAVERLEY Moor Park House

Moor Park Lane (off Moor Park Way), GU10 1FE. One of Farnham's historic great houses, listed Grade II. Bought in the 1680s by Sir William Temple who laid out its five acres of magnificent formal gardens. Most of the present house dates from the 18th century, with outbuildings and the clock tower added in the 19th century. **Open Sat only. Guided tours with Fred Wilkinson at 10.30 and 14.30 of the grounds, taking in the ice house (no access to house). Park in the field.**



Waverley Abbey House

Waverley Lane, GU9 8EP. Imposing mansion with lake, opposite Waverley Abbey. The original house was built in 1723 by Sir John Aislabie MP, using stone from the abbey ruins, but it was rebuilt and extended in the 19th century following a fire. In the First World War it was a military hospital, and later it was converted to apartments. Since the 1980s the present owners have carried out careful and extensive restoration. **Open Fri 10.00-16.00 for tours, no booking required.**



Waverley Abbey ruins

Off Waverley Lane, GU9 8EP

A hauntingly atmospheric and peaceful place hidden in river meadows. The first Cistercian abbey to be established in England, founded in 1128. Suppressed by Henry VIII in 1536 in the Dissolution. Open all the time.



FRENESHAM

Ellel Pierrepont, Frensham

GU10 3DL (off A287 in Frensham).

Magnificent example of Richard Norman Shaw's 'Old English' style with Aesthetic Movement interiors. Now owned by Ellel Ministries.

Open Thur and Sat, 13.00-14.30 for guided tour of exterior and parts of interior. Advance booking required between 25 Aug and 8 Sept, catherinecook@onetel.com.



ROWLEDGE

Frensham Heights School,

Rowledge, GU10 4EA (off the Long Road in Rowledge).

The main building is an imposing Edwardian mansion built in 1902 by brewer Charrington, with glorious views across National Trust woods and farmlands.

Thur 17.00-20.00, Sat 09.00-12.00.

Exhibition of the role of Frensham Heights as a military hospital in World War 1. Tours of the state rooms in the main house, the ballroom, drawing room, great hall and orangery, and the superb grounds. Advance booking, no restriction on numbers, on heritage@frensham-heights.org.uk, or **01252 792561**.



RUNFOLD

The Antiques Warehouse, Badshot

Farm, St George's Road, Runfold GU10

1PL. From A31 towards Guildford,

follow signs to Runfold and the Antiques

Warehouse. Two stunning listed

Elizabethan tithe barns, possibly the finest

unadulterated examples of their kind,

on a farm complex in open countryside.



Open all weekend with coffee and home made cakes. Live piano music from '30s and '40s on Sat pm. Sat: demonstrations of traditional crafts including chair caning, gilding, upholstery, French polishing. Sun: Mini ANTIQUES ROADSHOW. Bring along your treasures to be valued and identified by antiques expert GORDON PATRICK who has 50 years' experience.

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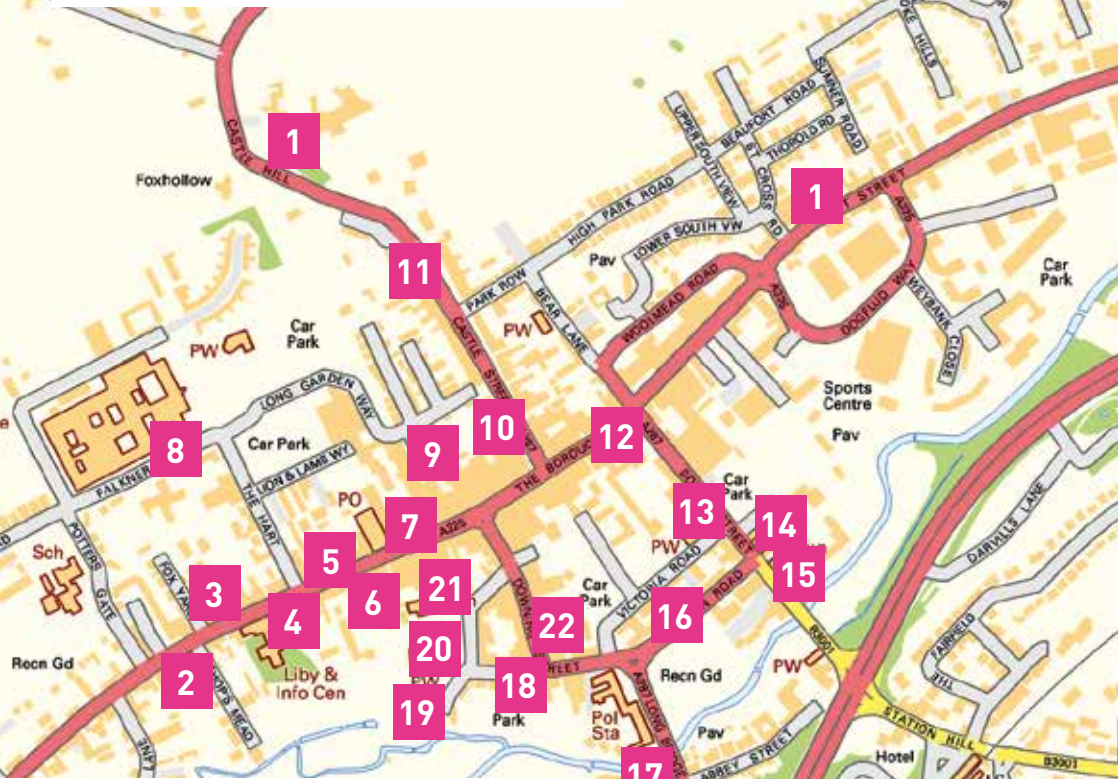
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