Market Place

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Hinckley Market dates back to at least 1311. Edward VI granted a charter for the Monday market in 1551. Shakespeare makes reference to the town

in his play Henry IV, part 2.





Castle Street

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One of the main streets of Hinckley, and probably the oldest, traversing the site of the Castle, the Parish Church and the Market Place. Look above the shop fronts to see many Georgian facades.



Hansom court

The Borough

This shopping areasde opened in 1989, is built on the site of the Red Lion coaching inn.





. GESI'ni tliud the first ever Hansom Cab was Market Place It was here that the corner of Regent Street and Fullylove's Coachworks stood, at Occupies the site on which

Regent Street

Edwards Centre



Constitutional Club



St.Mary's Church

Number 64 Castle Street

Castle Street

Of 17th century origins this was originally a timber framed house. One of the oldest buildings in Hinckley. Mentioned in the famous Pevsner book "The Buildings of England".



Castle Restaurant

A fine example of an 18th century facade with Palladian style windows.



Number 7 Stockwell Head

Stockwell Head

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Blue Boar Yard



St. Mary's C. of E. School

Argents Mead

Barclays Bank

Market Place

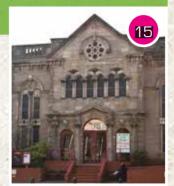
The building was originally the Town Hall and Assembly rooms, built in 1805. Barclays Bank has been here since purchasing the site in 1920.



United Reformed Church

The Borough

Built in 1866-68 to the design of Francis Drake of Leicester. The Independent congregation was founded in 1662 and moved here from Stockwell Head in 1868.



stands represents infilling of the medieval marketplace. Re-





entrance hall and foyer remains period building but now only the siderable merit as an Art Deco terior of the cinema was of conduck pond. Architecturally the in 1928 on the site of an ancient Built as the Regent Cinema in

Lancaster Road

The Regent



Framework Knitters` Cottages

Lower Bond Street

Of 17th century origins, these cottages were much restored in the 1920s. Since 1995 they have housed Hinckley and District Museum, a museum of the local history and industries of Hinckley and surrounding area.

Hollybush Inn

The location of a public

house since the 1840s, the

present facade and interior

in the Art Deco style date

from the 1930s.



The Atkins Building

Lower Bond Street

The former Atkins hosiery factory, part of which was designed by Goddard & Paget. Atkins was founded in 1722, and was the oldest hosiery manufacturer in the world when the factory closed in



Great Meeting Chapel

Baines Lane

Containing many original fittings - the oldest of the town`s nonconformist places of worship and home of the Unitarian congregation since 1763. Philip Doddridge, celebrated theologia hymn-writer, preached his first sermon at the opening.





Working Men's Club

Holliers Walk

The Hall dates from c.1790 and was one of many houses in the town belonging to the Atkins family.





Old Library and Council Offices

Station Road

The library was built in 1888 and the Council Offices were added in 1903 to cater for the extra civic requirements of the town. These attractive buildings have fine Arts and Crafts detailing.



Baptist Chapel

Baptist Walk

The building of the new meeting-house began in 1806 and was opened in February 1807. The front, drastically altered in 1920-1, has three round-arched upper windows.



Concordia Theatre

Stockwell Head

Opened 28th November 1972 with 'The Sound of Music', and still highly popular today. It was developed in part of the former premises of Moore Eady and Murcott Goode Ltd, hosiery manufacturers. Reputedly haunted.



Wesley House

Stockwell Head

Originally built as a Methodist Chapel in the 18th century. John Wesley visited in 1783 and wrote in his diary "In the evening I preached in Hinckley, one of the civilest towns I have seen".

Feoffment Cottages



Castle Street

Despite major alterations the attractive neo-Tudor style Feoffment Charity cottages still retain some of their original character.



Lilley`s Yard

Another example of a typical yard or jitty of the 19th century. Notice the wooden beams of the



Upper Castle Street

to see many fine examples of 18th and 19th century facades and Art Deco



Bell Entry

Castle Street

towards Church Walk.



A fine example of one of



Motte and Bailey Castle

St. Mary's churchyard



NWH College

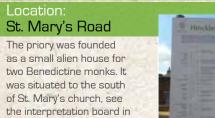
Lower Bond Street On the site of now

demolished extensions to the former Atkins factory, this North Warwickshire and Hinckley College campus opened in September 2011.

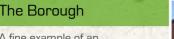
Hinckley Priory

the churchyard for more

information







Notice the plaques on the gable wall, dated 1777, 1837 and 1958 building.



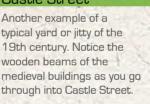
Union Inn

Stockwell Head

The foundation on which it built in 1989-90, it is said to be haunted!



Castle Street



Upper Castle Street Look above shop front level



Notice the old beams as you walk through this jitty



Numbers 35-37 Castle Street

Stockwell Head

the grand Georgian houses that once stood on Castle Street, now in use as shops. Mentioned in the famous Pevsner book "The Buildings of England".





Ewan Christian and William between 1875 and 1890 b extended and ornamented a spire of 1788, it was fourteenth century, with Dating largely from the

Church Walk

been recently restored. 224 year old carillon has Smith. Church clock and



which is regularly used. now contains a bandstand who had a house here. It Samuel Argent, surgeon since 1946, and named afte Laid out as public gardens

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war memorial and wall.

the location of the Hinckley

followers of Hinckley. Now

wood-land occupied by the in the "ley" or clearing in the existing Saxon settlement before 1151 to control the Norman castle, erected the moat remain of this Only the bailey and part of

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Nat Langham

Cross Kove Vard

Made a fortune as an English middleweight bare-knuckle prize fighter - the only opponent ever to beat the legendary Thomas Sayers. Nat was Manager to Jem Mace, the pioneer of pro-boxing.



Arthur Kimbrell

Horsefai

Was a successful show promoter who worked for the Grade Organisation.
The famous acts that he booked and accompanied across the UK included Frank Ifield, The Beatles, the Lana Sisters, Joe Brown & The Bruwers and Susan Maughan.

Joseph Aloysius Hansom

Natwest. The Borough

Was a prolific English architect.
He invented the Hansom cab and
was one of the founders of the
architectural journal, The Builder.
The first Hansom Cab travelled down
Hinckley's Coventry Rd in 1835.



A.J. Pickering

The Boroug

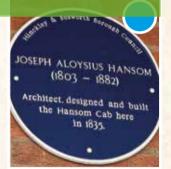
Was a renowned archaeologist, businessman and philanthropist, and a respected author of non-fiction including `The cradle and home of the hosiery trade 1640 -1940` about Hinckley`s hosiery industry.



Hansom Cab

Regent Street

Joseph Hansom designed and built the prototype Hansom Cab at this site. It was designed to combine horse drawn speed with safety, having a low centre of gravity for safe cornering.



Dr Robert Chessher

Dueens Park Ct London Rd

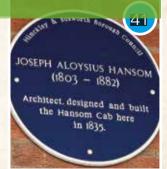
Was the first British
Orthopaedic Surgeon.
Highly respected amongst
his peers, he invented the
double-inclined plane to help
in the treatment of lowerbody bone fractures which
proved to be of great benefit
to sufferers.



Father Matthew Thomas Norton

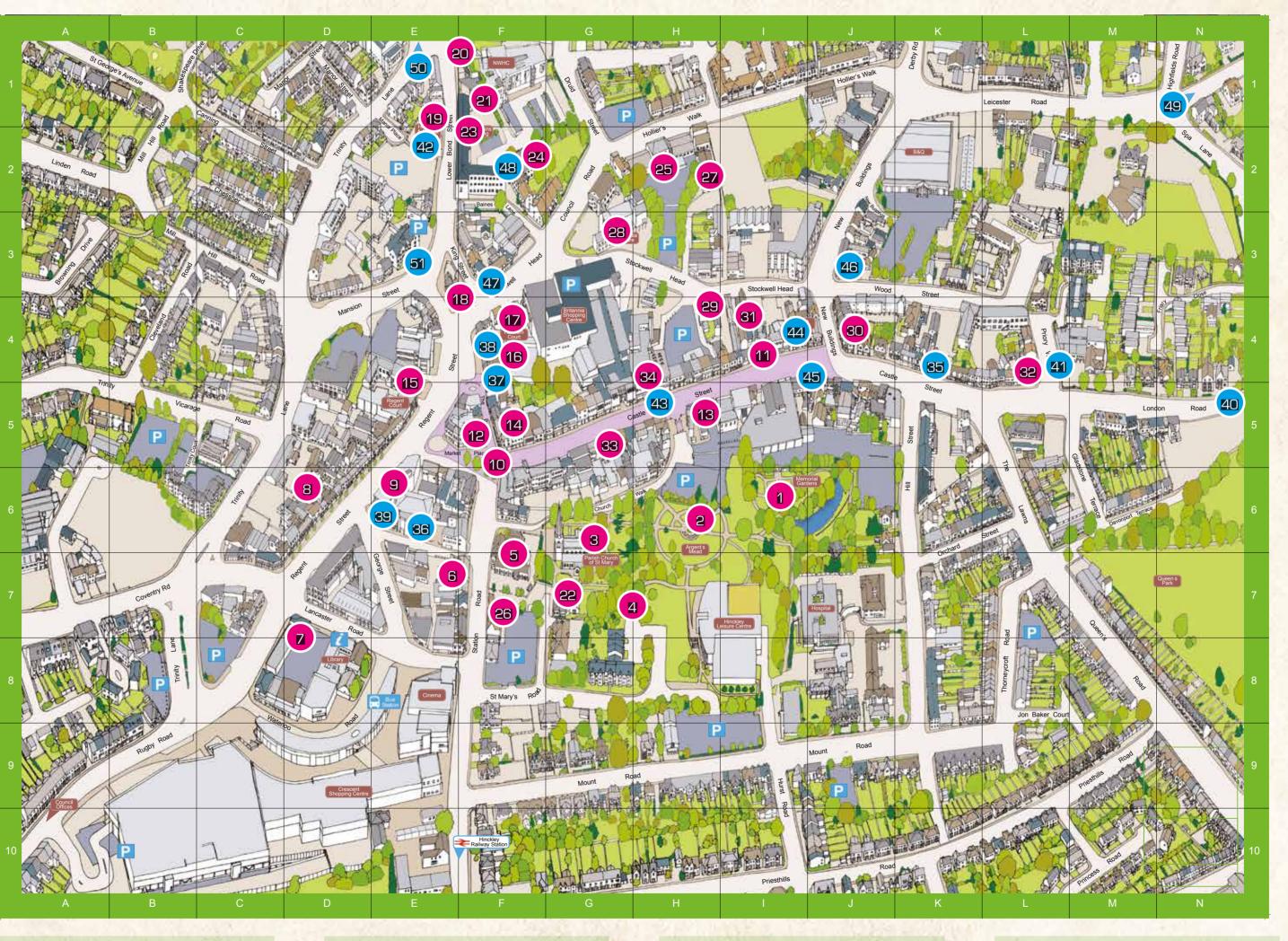
Priory Walk

Re-founded the first
Dominican Priory in
England here since Henry
VIII's Reformation. He was
also a distinguished agronomist - a cultivator of crops,
pasture, soils and eco-sys-



Famous people in HINCKLEY

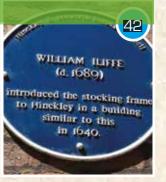




William Iliffe

Hinckley Muse

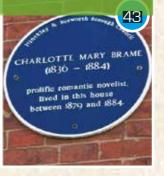
The first stocking frame was introduced to Hinckley by William lliffe in 1640, and he is credited with starting the hosiery industry which was to make the town famous throughout the world.



Charlotte Mary Brame

astle Stree

The fine 18th century building at 35, Castle Street, was home to romantic novelist Charlotte Mary Brame who died in 1884. Charlotte is buried in the Ashby Road Cemetery.



Jon Baker - RIBA

Crown Cou

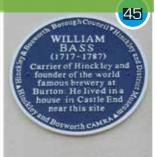
Founder member of Hinckley Civic Society and involved in Town Centre Architecture.



William Bass

Castle Str

Founder of the famous Bass brewery in Burton-upon-Trent, established in 1777. William lived in a house in Castle End.



Dr Myra King Merrick

Location

Eden Court, Mansion Street

A pioneering female doctor in Cleveland, USA. She was an advocate for women's and children's health and was born in a house adjacent to the Dog and Gun.



Robert James Lees

Locatio

Upper Bond Street

A 19th century spiritualist medium who was reputed to have given séances to Queen Victoria to put her in touch with Prince Albert. He was one of the founders of the Spiritualist Church and the Titbits magazine. He was born in Upper Bond Street.



Elizabeth Coxhead

linckley Parks School I

An author of novels, critic, journalist, broadcaster and an accomplished mountaineer. Elizabeth was born at the former Hinckley Grammar School.



Joseph Dare

Locatio

Great Meeting Unitarian Chapel

A domestic Missioner, poet and teacher practiced for many years at the Unitarian Chapel. A pioneering social worker in Victorian Leicestershire dedicate to tackling health issues.



John Boultbee Brooks

Locatio

Brooks Yard, Stockwell Head

Inventor of the world famous sprung bicycle saddle during the late 19th century. Lived in a home in Brooks Yard



William Butler

Location:

New Buildings

Founder of the famous Mitchells & Butlers brewery in Smethwick, established in 1898. William was born in a house in New Buildings.

