

BACKSTREETS CANTELRBURY TRAIL



A backstreets trail for children aged 7-11 around Northgate, Palace Street and the Blackfriars.

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CANTERBURY BACKSTREETS TRAIL

This trail takes you to a part of Canterbury which many people never visit. As you go round you will see houses, shops, car parks, a river and some very old buildings.

There are lots of different things for you to do. You will be asked to:

- make drawings
- spot things of interest
- collect information
- write down how you feel
- think for yourself

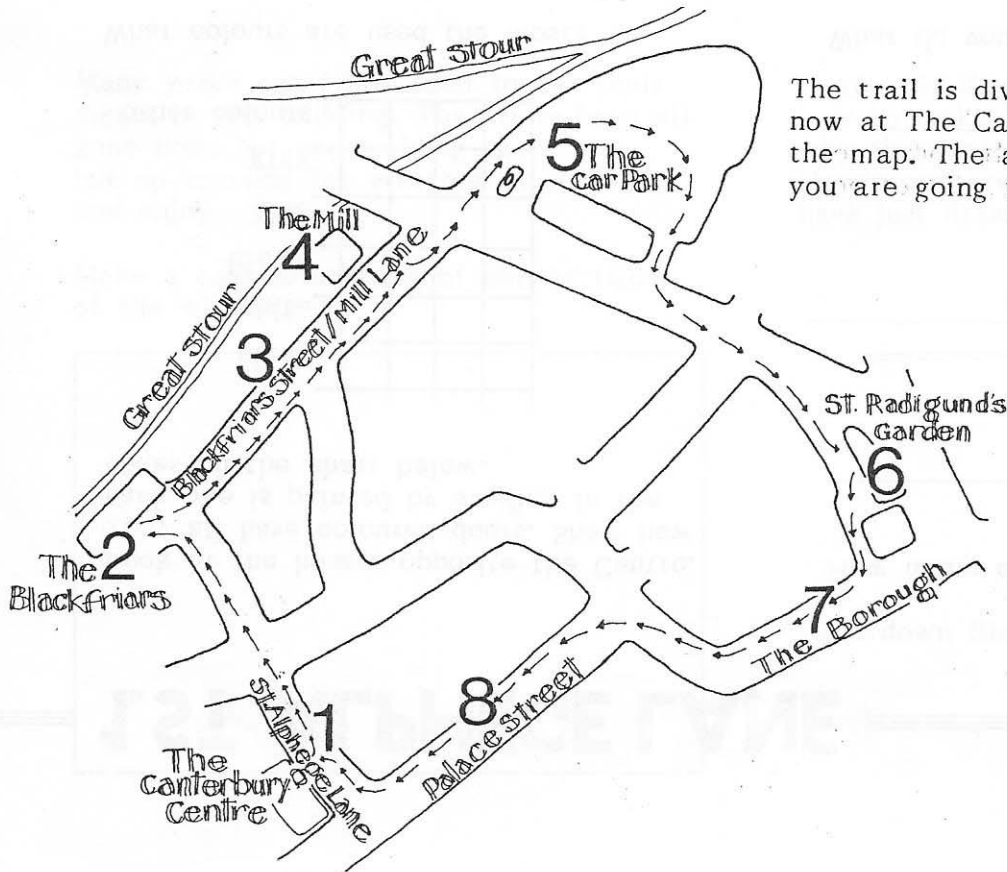
There is also a quiz for you to complete on the back page. This shows some of the faces you will pass along the route. If you want to find them you will need to keep your eyes peeled all the time.

Before you set off write your name and school in the space below.

name _____

school _____

THE TRAIL MAP



The trail is divided into 8 parts. You are now at The Canterbury Centre. Find it on the map. The arrows show the direction you are going to take.

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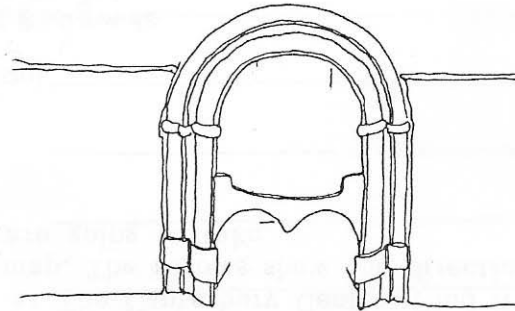
1ST ALPHEGE LANE

Look at the houses opposite the Centre. They all have coloured doors. Show how each one is painted by shading in the boxes on the chart below.

black				
white				
brown				
blue				
grey				
other colours				

What colours are used the most?

How many of these can you find?

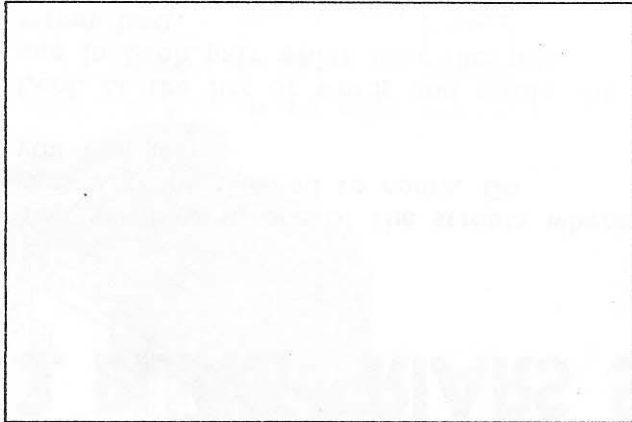


What do you think they were used for?

2. THE BLACKFRIARS

Many years ago friars used to eat their meals in this building. The friars have all gone now, but the building they put up remains for everyone to admire and enjoy.

Make a careful drawing of one or two of the windows.



In the old days people did not know how to make large sheets of glass. That's why these windows have such small panes. How many are used in the windows you have just drawn?

Walk down Blackfriars Street.

3. BLACKFRIARS STREET/MILL LANE

You are now in one of the streets where cars are not allowed to come. Do you like it?

Look at the list of words and circle the one in each pair which describes the street best.

noisy quiet

light dark

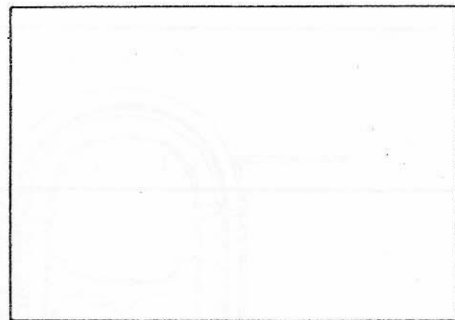
shut in open

wide narrow

interesting boring

If you could use only one word what would it be?

See if you can find this door knocker, then draw one of your own choice.



As you walk down the street put a tick every time you find a blocked up window.

total

Look for the house with the sloping walls. What is peculiar about the ground floor windows?

4. THE MILL

There has been a mill on the river bank for hundreds of years. The last one was a huge wooden building 100 feet high. Sadly it caught fire and burnt down in 1933. This is what it used to look like.

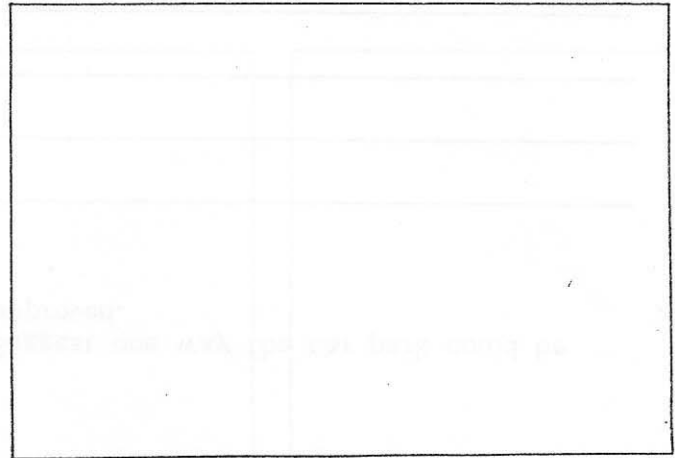
Do you think the house that stands here now:

fits in well

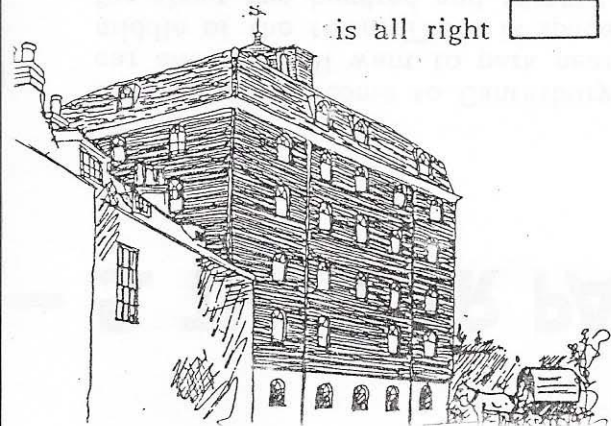
doesn't fit in at all

is all right

Look for the old sluices in the riverside garden. Make a drawing of them.



Cross St. Radigund's Street to the car car park opposite.



5. THE CAR PARK

Lots of people come to Canterbury by car and they all want to park near the middle of the town. There is space here for about one hundred and seventy cars. How many do you think are here today?

Car parks are often dirty and untidy. Make a list of the different types of rubbish you can find.

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____

Suggest one way the car park could be improved.

Walk across the car park and down the alleyway to St Radigund's Road. Turn left.

6. ST RADIGUND'S GARDEN

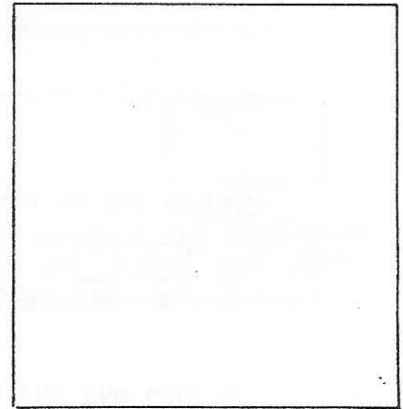
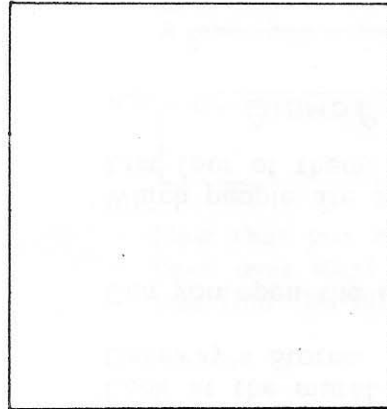
Canterbury was once defended by a thick stone wall. You can see the remains of it in the middle of the garden.

You can see a great many chimneys from here. Choose two different ones and make drawings of them.

How many hand spans thick is it?

guess

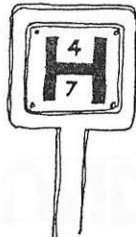
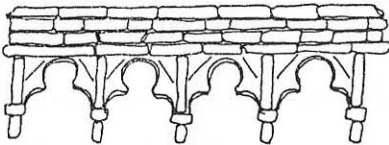
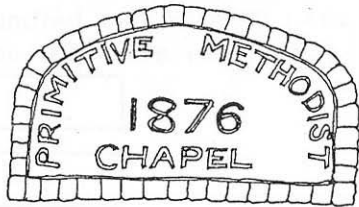
discovery



Go down the alleyway next to the church.

7. THE BOROUGH

Where can you find these? Tick the box when you discover each one.



Look at the mural on the end wall of Gateway's Stores.

Can you open the door? Yes No

Which people are shown on the mural?
List four of them:

- e.g. 1. BISHOP
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Circle the one which is your favourite.

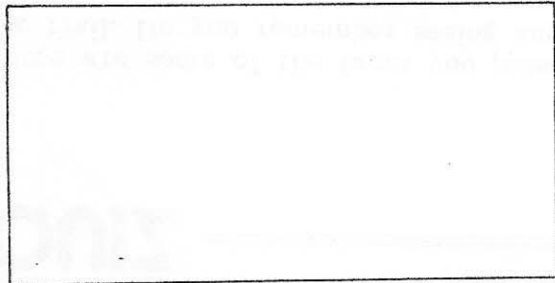
Continue along the main road to Palace Street.

8. PALACE STREET

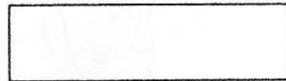
This is one of Canterbury's most beautiful streets.

Can you find the shop with the crooked door? What is it called?

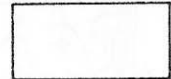
The name is written in rather an unusual way. Copy just one or two of the letters as carefully as you can.



Sometimes the upper storeys of very old buildings hang out over the street. As you walk back to the Centre put a tick in the box for each one you notice. Also look out for the very large blocked in gateway which used to lead into the Archbishop's Palace.



total



Now that you have finished the trail think back over what you did. Which part did you find the most interesting and why?

QUIZ

These are some of the faces you passed on the trail. Do you remember seeing any of them?

Colour them with crayons or felt tip pens.

