

Bathford Village Family Trails

I-Spy Trail

No1: Church Street

There are lots of stories to be found when walking down a street. The names of houses sometimes change and even the names of streets. This street used to be called something else. It was originally called Bathford Street or just The Street.

What else will you discover whilst walking this route?

The first house on the right is 2 Church Street but it wasn't always just a house. From 1960-1994 it was the village post office. Can anyone in your family remember it as a post office?



Look at the wall on the other side of the road. Can you see some pipes? Why do you think they are there?
(for drainage because the land on the other side of the wall is much higher)

Look for different shaped drainage holes as you walk down the street. Some have been made into homes! (for plants and insects)



You might also spot an arrow carved in the stone, on this side of the road. Keep looking because there are more, further on. Any ideas why they might be here?

10 Church Street
Next look for this building.
It was a butcher's shop from
1917 until 1988. How many
years is that?



The Parish Hall
How many of you have been inside this building? Can you think of 5, 10 or more activities which take place here? "Oh no you can't." "Oh yes we can!"



On the opposite side of the road can you find a stone with a date on it and these letters DB, HM and ET? Why might the letters be in pairs? (initials of the people who repaired the wall and when they did it).

Look out for other dates and letters carved into the stone further down the street.



19 Church Street
Can you spot this long stone
cylinder? Any ideas what it was
made for?

The Old Malt House

Which animal is on one of the signs for this house? Can you spot a small door in the wall? Would you be able to fit through it? What could it be for?



The next building to look for has the name of a bird. If the gates are open you might see 2 of them. There is also 1 on the roof but we can't see it from the road. (Eagle House)

Look for a house with a glass covered walkway from the gate to the front door. This is Briscoe House and it was built for two sisters Miss Ann and Miss Susanna Briscoe so now you know why it is called Briscoe House!

Look up to the roof. Can you spot a turret with something inside it?

Why do you think the sisters wanted a bell up there? What would YOU use it for? The bell was used to summon the coachmen from the stable block which was on the opposite side of the road. You can see the name, Old Stables written on the gate post.



Is this the tallest building in Bathford?
What can you see at the top of the weather vane?

Can you find this building? It was once the village school. When the school was first opened, parents could choose whether or not to send their children! This is because children were needed to help their families with different jobs at different times of year such as haymaking, potato planting or potato harvesting.



Margaret Dunlop