

The Secret of Chesterton Tower

*Can you work out
the name of the
hidden treasure?*

**PRIZES
TO BE
WON!**

**Explore your
neighbourhood!**

**APPROX
3 MILES
2-3 HRS**

**A treasure hunt
puzzle trail for all ages**

The Secret of **Chesterton Tower**

In the time of the Magna Carta in the early 13th Century, Britain's peace was threatened by civil war. King John called upon the Pope for support, and the Pope sent his trusted representative, Cardinal Guala Bicchieri, to lend a hand. It worked! Bicchieri smoothed things over and as a reward for his services to the king he was given the Rectory of Chesterton near Cambridge and all the income from it. Bicchieri returned to Italy in 1219, but sent his own Italian managers to Chesterton to look after the riches from the estate. A hundred years later, a stone tower-house was built as the residence and stronghold of the Italian procurators who were far from home.

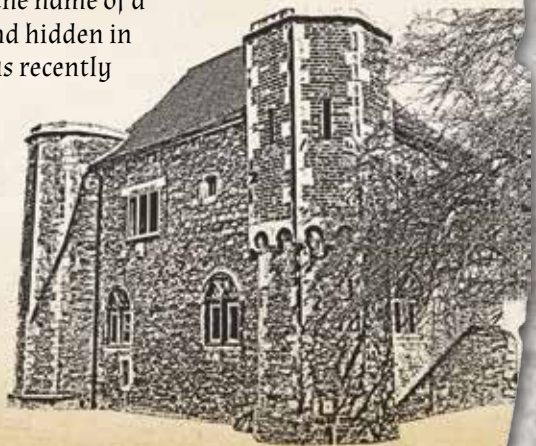
Almost 800 years after it was built, Chesterton Tower still stands and you can visit it on this easy walking trail around the historic village.

Can you also solve the eighteen clues you'll find along the way?

They'll help you to work out the name of a fantastic secret treasure found hidden in the ancient tower when it was recently renovated*.

The trail is around three miles long and should take 2-3 hours to complete. Have fun exploring.

You may win a prize!



Prizes to be won!

Prizes have been kindly donated by the organisations shown below.



What to do

Look at the map of Chesterton on pages 5 & 6. Start anywhere you like along the red trail shown. You don't have to start by the number '1'. Follow the trail in either direction.

Look at the clues on pages 3 & 4. Answer the clues as you follow the trail. Clues with pins (1) are marked on the map, but clues with blobs (2) aren't, so keep your eyes open and look all around you! Some clues have photographs to help you locate them.

As you answer each clue, turn to the stone wall grid on the back of this booklet. Carefully cross off every letter from each clue answer.

I am an example clue. What is the opposite of a question?

answer

When you know the answer to a clue, write it down in this space.

You will be left with 14 letters, which can be rearranged to spell out the name of Bicchieri's final gift to the British people.

When you know what it is, visit <http://dguk.xyz/ChestertonTower> to submit your final answer. (url is case sensitive)

You may WIN A PRIZE!

1

Above a doorway to the stone tower, discover which 'Robert' is guarding the building.

2

2. Find the words which are missing from this image. Make a note of each consonant, writing each one down once only.



3

Find some original cottages from this street, they're numbered 28 to 36, and above one doorway spot the word which follows 'Union'.

4



Spot this creature and find another similar one close by. How many wooden

poles surround the object to its left? If 1=A and 26=Z, convert this number to a letter and note that as your answer!

5

Not far from the main entrance to the church, find a poem to remember little Anna Maria. Note the word which is found between 'hapless' and 'slumbers'.

6

Pause before the wavy-roof building. This used to be the main offices for the Pye radio factory - but how many 'radio waves' are there along the roof? Write your answer as a word.

7

Look very closely! What's the surname of 'G.L.' at the entrance to the nature reserve?

8

Welcome to Logan's Meadow! Find this map on an info board. What kind of 'cycle' can you see pictured here?



9

As you cross the cycle and pedestrian bridge, count the number of pedestrians 'lying on' the ground. Only count those that are between the railings of the actual bridge. If 1=Monday and 7=Sunday, which day does your number correspond to?

10

Find the person walking to the Leper Chapel. In the same place, add together Chesterton, Abbey and Station. Multiply your total by 4 and write your answer as a word.

11

On the silver Cycleway map there are three mentions of 'Newmarket'. Draw an imaginary straight line between the 'W's. Which other word does one line pass through?

12

What word is missing from this stone?

**13**

Opposite the entrance to Evergreens, search below a red circle for a silver triangle set inside a square. What word is written around the square?

14

X marks the spot! Stand with your back to '12' and take 25 big steps. What word do you see directly in front of you?

15

Find this symbol and look above. What shape are the yellow leaves on the other tree?

**16**

Five black posts guard the way just here, but what town lies between London and Paris?

17

What was the surname of the man who owned the house behind the chapel?

**18**

Can you see the 'stinkpipe' standing tall with its fancy crown? Who comes from Stockport, England?

Have you answered all the clues? You should now only have 14 letters remaining on the stone wall.

Trail map

Start anywhere you like along the red trail shown. You don't have to start by the number '1'. Follow the trail in either direction. Remember, not all clues are marked on the trail so keep your eyes peeled between the marked clues too! They will appear in the correct order (so clue 2 is somewhere between 1 and 3).



Use pedestrian crossings where available

Watch out for moving vehicles even on pedestrianised streets

Take care near to the river

Take care when looking for clues. Don't walk into people or objects!



Chesterton's historic secrets and treasures

A

The Doom Painting

Inside St Andrew's Church you can see a portrait of Cardinal Guala Bicchieri, the Pope's legate who helped save the British crown in the 13th century. There are many other treasures connected with the church, including a *Doom Painting* from the 15th century - a detailed illustration of Judgement Day complete with devils dishing out punishment.



Olaudah Equiano or Gustavus Vassa, the African

B

A stone memorial plaque outside the church has a sad poem about the death of a young girl in 1797. She was the daughter of Vassa 'The African'. Vassa was a famous former slave, who learned English and later wrote under the name Olaudah Equiano. He had been enslaved as a boy and taken to America. He was named Michael, then Jacob, then Gustavus by successive owners. Eventually he saved up and bought his freedom. Equiano's autobiography was very moving and played a part in the abolition of slavery. He settled in Cambridgeshire and married a local woman, Susannah Cullen. They had two daughters, Anna Maria and Joanna.



C

The Pye Factory

The wavy-roof building on St Andrew's Road was originally 'D-building', the main office building for the Pye radio works. Pye Radio Ltd was a major employer in Cambridge throughout the 20th century. By 1933 they were producing 40,000 radios a year and by the Second World War Pye were producing the first television sets. The Pye factory covered most of the area round here. If you turn and look about you at all the new houses and flats nearby, this was all Pye Works buildings until about 1999.



The Swift Tower

D

A more recent 'treasure' for Chesterton, the Swift Tower depicts the African setting sun on one side, but on the other hosts several dozen nesting boxes for swifts, who migrate here every year. The tower was commissioned by Cambridge City Council, designed by Andrew Merritt and installed in 2011. Swifts were seen visiting the boxes in 2014. Can you spot any?

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E

The Ferry Crossings

Along the River Cam in this location there were pubs and ferry crossings.

Which do you think came first, the pubs, or the ferries? And why would people want to cross the river just here? Perhaps the answer lies in Stourbridge Common, south of the river. This was once the site of Europe's largest fair, and market traders and visitors would travel here from miles away. Next to the Green Dragon pub there were two ferries, a foot passenger ferry, but most importantly, a vehicle ferry, pulled across by a chain. This took horses and carts from Old Chesterton to the Common until the footbridge was built in 1935. The hostelrys would have provided accommodation and refreshments for travellers.

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**F**

The Union Workhouse

Cambridge had its own workhouse, a grim place to house elderly and

infirm poor people, orphans and those unable to fend for themselves. In the early 19th century, a new workhouse was built in Chesterton on Mill Lane to cater for the poorest of the surrounding villages. It was called the Chesterton Union Workhouse, providing for the union of 37 local parishes, and so the road was renamed Union Lane. The building remained a workhouse until 1930, after which it became a hospital. It was a huge site. When the buildings were demolished in 2003 there was enough land for the new Medical Centre, offices and the Pearl Close housing estate too!

About this project



This trail has been produced as part of the Thresholds project. Artist Zoë Chamberlain and glass specialist Louise Watson have been working with Cambridge City Council and Keepmoat Homes to create unique artworks specifically to be incorporated into the threshold of the new homes in Chesterton.

The specially designed glass panels for the front doors and balconies have been designed with the help of young people from the neighbourhood who have generated starting points for the finalised designs.

Symbolic talismans have often been used to mark a threshold, to ward off bad spirits or show status. People often decorate the threshold of their home to represent their individuality. It is the point where public meets private, the threshold to the rest of the community.



About the clues

This project celebrates the concept of the 'threshold' as part of what makes a home. All of the solutions to the clues in this trail can be found very close to a threshold or boundary of some kind. It may be an entrance, a gateway, a window or a crossing between two places.



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Discovery Games Ltd advises that you undertake this activity at your own risk and that by taking part you accept responsibility for the safety of yourself and your party. Please take particular care when crossing roads and use marked crossings where possible. Look out for bicycles as well as motor vehicles. There is deep water in the vicinity of this Trail but no clues are sited near to the water's edge. Take appropriate precautions and keep a watchful eye on small children throughout. Clues may be sited on private property but are all visible from publicly accessed places. Please respect private property, nature, artworks, statues and monuments at all times.

Competition rules apply to this puzzle and full details can be found at discoverygamesuk.com/ChestertonTower

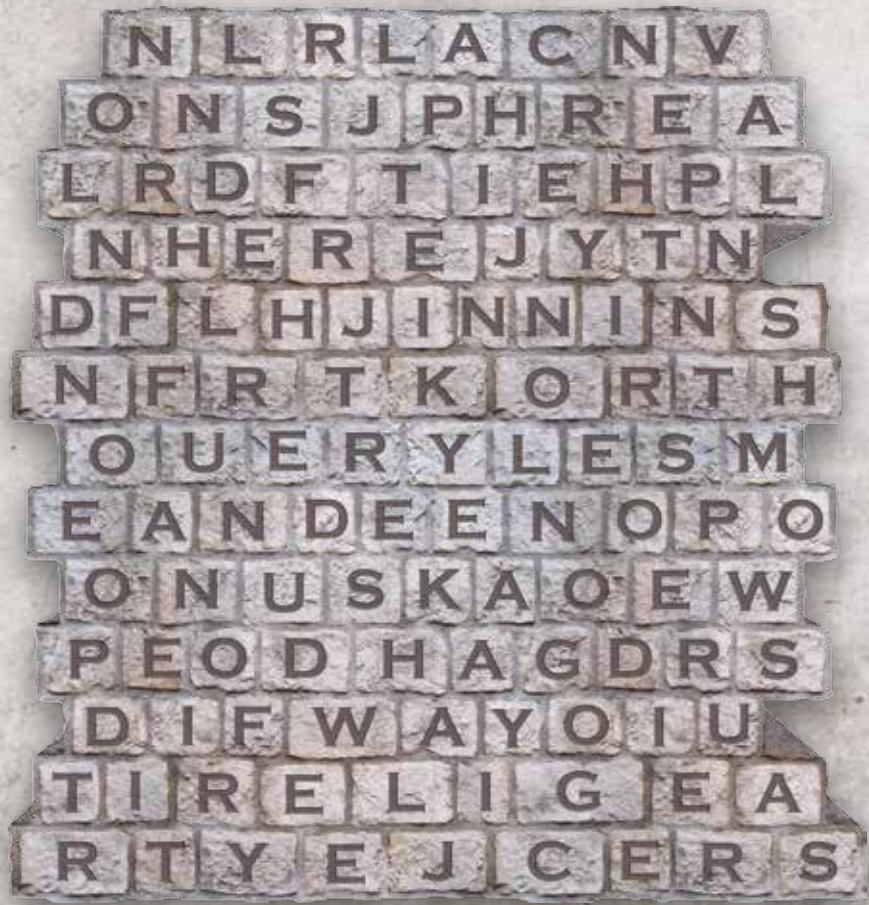
*The treasure is fictional - it wasn't really discovered in the tower. But the story behind the tower itself is real.

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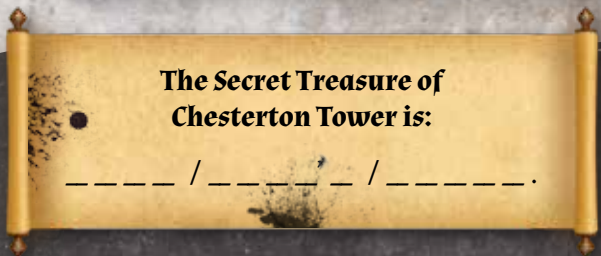
Reveal the Secret

Note your answer to each of the clues on pages 3 & 4, then one by one, cross off ALL the letters in each answer from the stone blocks below. You may find it easier to do this as you go along rather than waiting until the end. When all the letters are crossed off, you should have fourteen letters remaining. These can be rearranged into three words to find the name of the Secret Treasure of Chesterton Tower.



Tear this page off if it helps you to cross off the letters in the clue answers

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The Secret Treasure of Chesterton Tower is:

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