

Devizes Fun Family Trail

Start at the Market Cross in the **Market Place** in Devizes.

Read the story on the **Market Cross**
What is the name of the person in the story

What did she say she had paid for which in fact she had not?



From here, can you spot the following statues and answer the questions. Tick the boxes when you spot them.



What animal is this?

What is held in its mouth?





This is the Roman goddess of grain and agriculture, known as Ceres.

What building is this statue found upon?



Now head to the statue shown below.

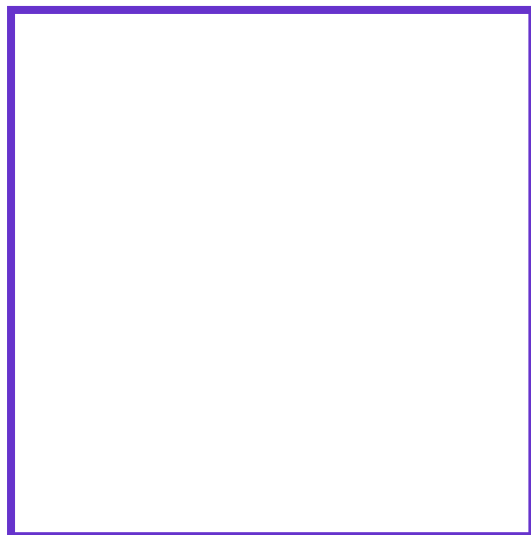


What do you think the creatures around the fountain are?

How many are there? _____



Have a go at drawing one of these creatures here.



From here go down a small street called the **Little Brittox** on the corner of the Market Place to the main street called the **Brittox**.

This name is unique and is the old entrance to the Castle. Tick here when you spot the street sign with this name.

Cross this street to **Old Swan Yard**.

This is named after the old coaching inn that used to be here, The stables here were burnt down when lightning struck them.

Find the arch where the coaches used to go.

Look for the restoration date carved into the wooden beam. What is this?

Now, follow the map to **St. John's Alley**. This is an example of a Tudor street. Can you find out when the black and white building built?

Look out for the other Tudor features:

- **The cobbled streets**
- **The drain in the middle of the road**
- **The way the top half of the building juts out over the street.**

At the time of Henry VIII people would throw their waste out of the windows into the drain.

Men would let ladies walk under the part of the building that jutted out so that the rubbish did not hit them and they did not get splashed by the water in the drain.

What does the shop that is now here sell?

From here cross the road
(use the zebra crossing near the Market Place)

Once you have crossed the road, walk down the road away from the Market Place towards St. John's Church.

Look down the drive at **Devizes Castle** (privately owned).

The town of Devizes built up around the castle and the name Devizes comes from the Latin **Castrum ad Devisas**, which means castle at the boundaries or division.

The castle we see here is a Victorian rebuild of the old castle that was largely destroyed during the English Civil War.

As you head towards St. John's church look out for the **Town Hall** straight ahead.

Dances were held here in Georgian times.

Can you spot this door?



Where does this lead?

Clue: look for the blue plaque

Now walk down the Tudor street called **St. John's Court**.

There are more Tudor buildings on your left.

Can you spot the pegs used to hold the building together?

Tick this box when you spot them

There is an old hall on your right. In what time of history was this built and used?

Walk down the side of the church yard where you can see the castle from another angle through the trees on your right.

Walk further until you reach the old **railway bridge**.

The rails are gone but if you look you can imagine where the trains used to go.

What old part of the railway can you still see?

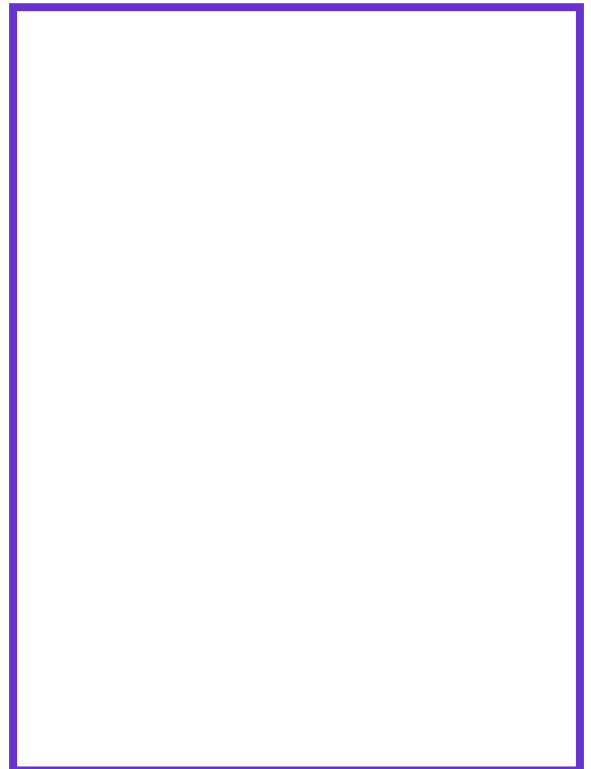
Now turn round and head back towards the church yard. Turn right from the bridge and follow the path around the church yard to the other side of the church.

St. John's Church

This church has a Norman tower.

Look up at the tower and have a go at drawing one of the Norman windows.

Clue: Norman windows have round tops (arched) and have a zig zag pattern around them.



Now look all around the outside of the church to see if you can spot the following:



the mass sundial

(on the side of the church)



marks on the wall caused by Civil War canon ball fire

(on the end of the church)



Finally, find one of the faces on the church Stone work and have a go at drawing it.

You have now completed the family town trail. We hope you have found out lots about Devizes as well as having some fun!



Devizes from the Air

The Town Trail



The Town Trail was produced by the Trust for Devizes, in association with Wiltshire Museum.

Visit the Museum in Long Street, close to St John's Church for interactive displays about Wiltshire's history and archaeology - including gold from the time of Stonehenge. Lots for children to see and do.

Find out about the Trust for Devizes at www.trustfordevizes.info
Find out about the Museum at www.wiltshiremuseum.org.uk