



KINGSCLERE VILLAGE CLUB TREASURE TRAIL

This treasure trail starts and finishes at the Village Club. Please give other people space and take care when crossing roads.

The Holding Family donated the building to the village 100 years ago. We wonder how much has changed since then ...

1. Looking at the front of the building you will see three plaques. According to the most recent, what was the building once used for?
2. Can you spot the fourth plaque on the west boundary wall? What is its date?
3. About 80 years ago, some careless folk failed to close the curtains properly and let light escape from the reading room, now the library. What world event was happening to make the blackout necessary?

Now take a stroll down George Street towards the Village centre ...

4. Opposite St Mary's Church, William Holding J.P. held court in this 'royal' location. What is it called and when does the current exterior date from?
5. A school once stood behind #4, funded in part by Frances Holding. What is here now?

Over the main road through the Village and down the hill ...

6. A malthouse once stood on the Village Club site, whose owner had another brewing-connected building here. There are a few to choose from so here's a clue: Which one is beside the stream and beside the Newbury Road?
7. The Holding family were regular worshipers at St Mary's Church. Which member of the family was last laid to rest in the Churchyard?
8. On the South side of the Church, two stained glass windows provide memorials for the Holding family. How many stained-glass windows are there on this wall?

Travel back along George Street in the direction of the fire station ...



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9. Another local benefactor, Mr Pearce, lived down George Street. Now numbers 1-4, what was his trade?

10. Temperance reading room or pub? Would your choice be reading at the Club or the demon drink just across the road? Can you work out the name of the pub once located at Barton house? Anagram CLOAKS HERB (an animal still important to Kingsclere)

Keep going, past the George and Horn ...

11. In 1891 Frances Holding allowed a field she owned to be used for playing cricket. Now called the Holding Field, which two sports can you play here in 2021?

12. Across the Ashford Hill Road, the Holding Family home was located in a grove named after this once common tree. What is it?

Back towards the Village Club ...

13. William Holding helped administer the alms houses, just next door to the Village Club. What are they called?

14. Feeling thirsty at the end of the trail? Unfortunately, this water handle in the KVC garden by the alms houses no longer works but what is its number?

Congratulations, you have reached the end!

If you want to know how many you got right, please fill in your contact details below and put in our letter box.

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