



Family Treasure Hunt

The Heswall Society has produced this Treasure Hunt/Quiz for parents/carers and grandparents. The trail is approximately 50 minutes in length, depending on how many stops are made. It is aimed at primary school children and takes you through the main Heswall Village.

There are several cafes for drinks and snacks along the route.



There are two play areas to stop off at along the way if there's a need to let off a bit of steam!

The questions are mainly observational. Obviously, there is no actual Treasure to take home at the end, but there is treasure to have a look at! The answers to the questions can be viewed/downloaded on our website www.theheswallsociety.org.uk.

The walk is suitable for wheelchair users - some of the pavements are narrow and steep and there are a few roads to cross.

This Family Treasure Hunt has been carefully planned and considered but the route is along both public and unadopted roads and paths, parks and other public spaces, it also requires the crossing of busy roads, navigating junctions and intersections and some narrow pavements. Due to the nature of this route Heswall Society cannot accept responsibility for any claim, loss, damage, injury or inconvenience resulting from participation in it. Anyone following this Family Treasure Hunt will be deemed to have agreed to do so entirely at their own risk and will take all reasonable safety precautions. All children are to be accompanied by a responsible adult.

The Walk

Start the walk at the bus station in Heswall. Look across the main road towards a large building opposite named 'Heswall Community Fire Station' which is home to the fire engines. There is a big tower behind the building. This is called a Drill Tower.



Heswall Bus Station

Q1: Do you know what the Drill Tower is used for by the firefighters?



Heswall Community Fire Station



Drill Tower

Turn right out of the bus station and opposite are some shops (Vision Express, Move Residential etc.). Some of them used to be cottages.

Q2: Which ones used to be cottages?

Q3: How many chimney pots are there?

Q4: How many chimney stacks are there?

Where the cars are parked in front of these buildings there used to be residents' gardens - can you imagine how different it would have looked?



Walk towards the traffic lights at Heswall Cross. Continuing in the same direction, cross the road carefully and continue until the pavement widens. Opposite is a long row of shops with a small road in front.



Q5: What is the name of these buildings?

Q6: In what year were they built?

Q7: Why are they called Castle Buildings?



Heswall Castle



Q8: There is a big tree outside 'Costa' - what sort of tree is it?

Walk further up the road until you reach the Oxfam Shop.

Q9: There is a bench outside - what does it commemorate?



Go into the field next door to the Oxfam Shop, taking care as you cross the narrow road to the side which leads to a car park. This field is called The Puddydale. This field used to have a pond so it was called 'Puddle Field'.

Q10: What is The Puddydale used for?

Walk towards the play area from the field and there is a small alleyway to the right behind the car park. There is a large sandstone wall on your right. Walk down this alleyway.

To the left is a building which is the post sorting office. This land used to be a quarry.

Q11: Can you guess what was quarried here?



When you get to the end of the alley, turn right on Pensby Road towards the traffic lights.

Q12: As you walk towards the traffic lights, count the flower planters. How many are there?



Now cross the road using the pelican crossing towards WH Smith.

Then cross the road towards Lloyds Bank, again using the Pelican crossing.

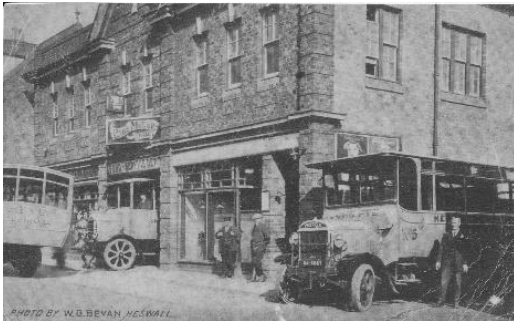
Q13: What sort of stone is the bank built with?

Q14: What is the date over the entrance?



Q15: What is the symbol above the main door?

Opposite the bank is 'Savers' and 'Halifax'. This used to be one big building. Can you guess what it used to be? It's difficult to tell now, but originally it was where Johnny Pye kept his buses.



Johnny Pye started a bus service from Woodside Ferry to Heswall. The building later became King's Cinema.

Walk a little way along the pavement until you reach the last concrete bollard and look across the road towards the present bus station.

Q16: What is the name of the pub behind the bus station?

Q17: Name two things you can see in the bus station.



Continue walking past the front of the fire station and look for a black and white bench.

Q18: Who does the bench commemorate?

Q19: Who donated the bench?

Q20: The bench has flowers on it. What are they called?



Heswall Library

Walk along the pavement until you're outside Heswall Library.

Q21: What are the posts and ornamental rail outside the Library?



Heswall Hall

Proceed up the right-hand side of the Library and Heswall Hall is on your right.

Q22: What is Heswall Hall used for?

Q23: What is the area of grass seen in this picture used for?

Q24: What is the name of the gardens opposite Heswall Hall Entrance?

Walk up the left-hand path beside the grass towards the grey and white building.

Q25: What is the name of the grey and white building?

Q26: What do people do there?





Facing the grey and white building, turn left and before you reach the road, turn right into the small garden.

Q27: How many benches are there to sit on?

Q28: Look at the various boxes and feeders. What animals do you think are encouraged to visit the garden?



Come out of the garden the way you went into it and turn right and head towards the road (Rocky Lane). At the road, turn right and go down the hill.



Q29: What is the name of the river you can see?

Q30: What is the name of the country on the other side of the river?

At the bottom of the hill there is a red postbox.

Q31: What time is the post collected on a Saturday?

Cross the road very carefully towards the Cross on the opposite side.





The Cross

Q32: What is the Cross and the little garden for?

Q33: How many names are on EACH of the freestanding stones headed 1939 – 1945 situated to the left and right of the cross?

Q34: The mirror isn't for brushing your hair in front of! What do you think it is for?

Come out of the memorial garden and, taking care, turn left almost immediately down a steep path.

Q35: How many steel posts are there at the top of the path?

Go to the bottom of the steep path and at the end of the railings, go through the small gate on your left and into the park.

Q36: What is the park called? – Hint - look carefully inside on the right-hand side of the gate.



Play Area

Turn right and walk towards the play area.

Now look over the fence towards the road and, opposite, you will see a house with a clock on it.

Q37: What was this house previously used for?

Q38: What were the dates of the schoolhouse? Hint - look at the clock.



Q39: How many benches are there in the park?

Q40: How many picnic tables are there in the park?

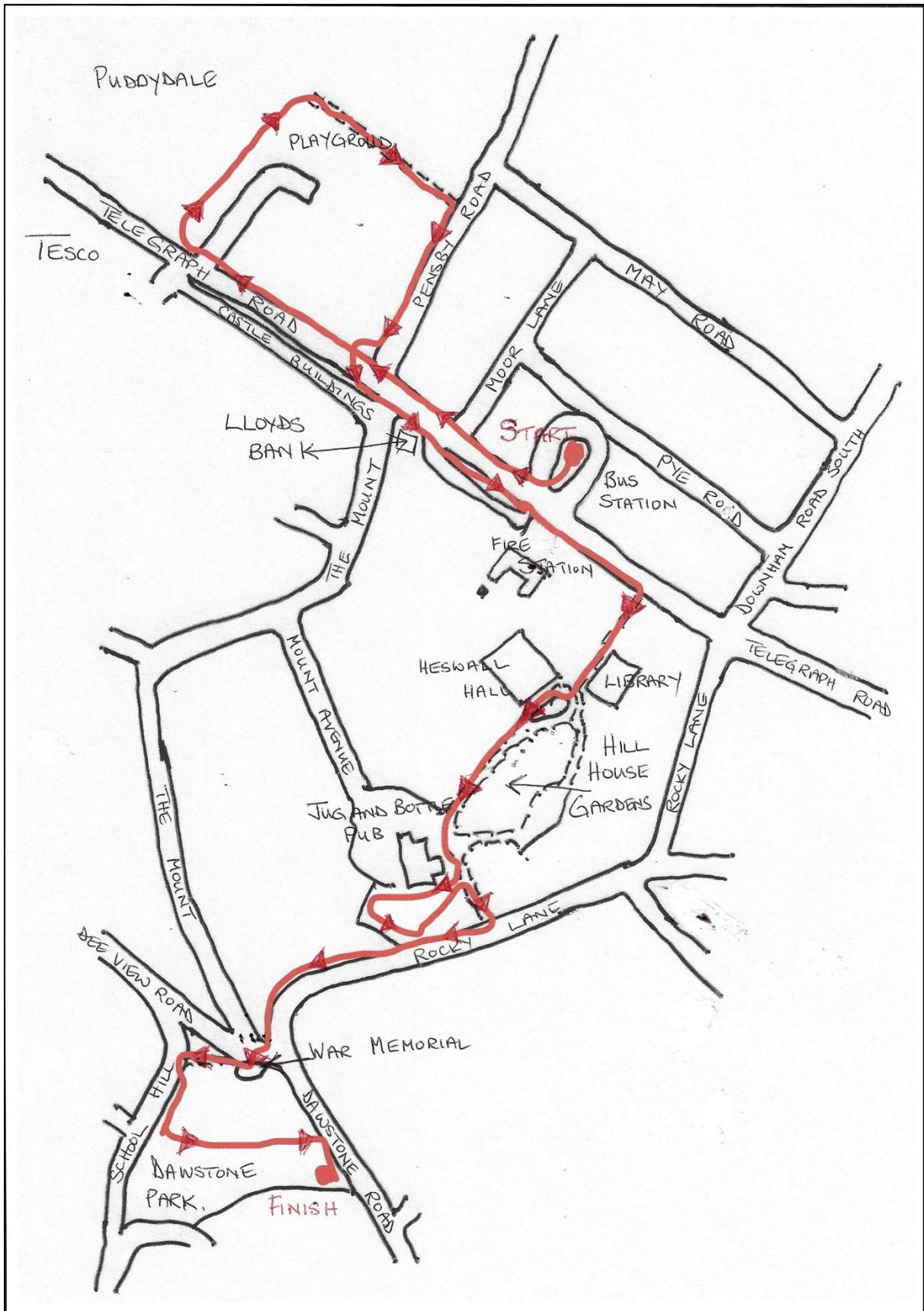
You are very near the end of the Family Treasure Hunt. Walk up towards the flag.

Q41: What colour is the flag?

Now walk towards the entrance in the wall and look at the noticeboard in the park and see if you can see the treasure!

You are now at the end of the trail. We hope that you have enjoyed it and have some time to relax in the park. If you wish to see more of Heswall, you could walk further down the hill and see the Lower Village (it's quite steep).

If you wish to go back to the Bus Station, re-trace your steps.





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