

Spotting Denbigh's market town past



DENBIGHSHIRE DIGITAL ADVENTURES

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A great one for the kids and adults alike, you'll need to have your wits about you to spot all nine of the pictures in this quiz. They all link back to Denbigh's past as an important market town, where people flocked to buy and sell just about anything, from pots and pans, to fruit and veg, as well as cows, sheep and horses.

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Before you start



How to get there

This adventure starts outside the library on the High Street in Denbigh town centre. If you're arriving by car, head for Vale Street car park. High Street turns into Vale Street at the library so go past the library, down the hill for about 30m, and the car park will be on your right. This is a pay and display car park but there are limited spaces, so you may need to go a little further down the hill where more parking is available.

Postcode:

LL16 3NU

Public transport:

For public transport options, call Traveline Cymru on 0871 200 2233 or National Rail Enquiries on 08457 48 49 50.

Activity starting point:

Start by standing outside the library – if your back is to the main library entrance, you'll be good to go!

How long will this activity take?

It depends on how quickly you spot all the sights! But as you'll be looking for them within quite a small area, this activity should take no more than 20mins to half an hour to complete.

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Let's get started

OK, we've come up with nine pictures of objects and details from some of Denbigh's buildings, to test your powers of observation. They're all within a short walk of the High Street (the road that the library is on) but you'll have to search high and low to find them all.

The pictures are all in a circuit, with some close to or along the road called Back Row, and others along the other side of High Street. How many can you spot?



To get started, look to your right as you stand with your back to the library. Can you see the square with the monument in the middle? That's Crown Square. Head there for your first 'spot'.

Clue: You'll need to look up to mark this one down.



Useful information

Mums and dads might want to think of a reward for children who finish the trail and spot all the features!

They might also want to hang on to the last printed sheet with the answers on (so there's no temptation to cheat!)



Getting back to the start

If you want to get back to the library, just walk straight back up High Street; you're only seconds away!



What did you think?

Tell us what you thought about this activity on the Discover Denbighshire Facebook page.



Clue: This one is up high, so get ready to look to the skies. Find the three red arches and you're nearly there.



Right, you're ready to move on from Crown Square now. If you stand with your back to High St, facing the monument and look to the left, you'll see a lane heading away from you. This is Back Row, where you'll find some more of our sights, including the next one...

Clue: This is another one that's quite high up – hope your neck isn't beginning to ache! Can you 'swoop' on this one, before anyone else does?!

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Clue: Find the word for shop in Welsh on Back Row, and you've solved the puzzle.

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Clue: Find this sign to get a roar of approval.

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We're back on the High Street now.

Clue: Do you need a little Xtra help finding this one?



Clue: you're looking for the end of a building to spot this sign, and its very high up. The writing's on the wall for this one.



You're still on High Street for this one.

Clue: Medicine fit for a queen?

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This one is a little further up towards the library.

Clue: This place has always been a barrel of laughs!

Answers:

Picture 1 – Terracota tiles, corner of Crown Square

Beautiful, flamboyant tiles were often found on big commercial buildings like this one, which was built during Victorian times.

Picture 2 – Edwardian market hall window, Crown Square

Built around 1916, this imposing building was once home to the town council, with a market hall below. It replaced the old Borough Market, where the town's butchers used to ply their trade. The old market had big glass panels in the ceiling, which someone probably once thought that was a good idea. But not the butchers, because as the sun beat through the glass it made all their meat go off!

Picture 3 – The Eagles pub, Back Row

These are the windows above the door to the Eagles pub. They look a bit like a face and with light shining through them, they'd be a bit spooky on a dark night!

Picture 4 – Siop Clwyd, Back Row

This dragon is part of the sign on Siop Clwyd, Denbigh's bookshop and, as it happens, one of the oldest buildings in Wales. Using a special process called dendrochronology, which can measure the age of the wood used to make a building, scientists worked out this crooked little shop was built in – wait for it – 1533! Can you work out how many years old it is?

Picture 5 – Golden Lion, Back Row

It's thought there were once over 20 pubs in and around the High Street. This is probably the oldest one that still survives.

Picture 6 – Star Shop glass window

Yet another building that was once a pub. It's now a building society, serving the good people of Denbigh with direct debits and tax advice rather than beer and wine!

Picture 7 – S&H Hyman sign, High Street

This is an old advert high up on a wall along the High Street. It was advertising a grocer's shop that opened up in the 1920s. The sign, however, lasted longer than the shop.

Picture 8 – Fferyllfa (Royles chemist)

Fferyllfa means pharmacy in Welsh, and they've been dispensing pills and potions from this spot for over 200 years. Before that it's thought the shop was a coffee house, making it one of the town's oldest purpose built shops.

Picture 9 – The Guildhall, Hall Square

The sign hanging in front of the Guildhall Tavern. There's been a pub here since the sixteenth century, when it used to be called the Bull.

Don't miss

Whilst you're in the area, there's lots of other great places that you could visit...

Denbigh castle walls

Pick up your own key to unlock the gate that lets you explore over half a mile of walls that still circle the town. Look out for the impressive Countess Tower and Goblin Tower!

Collect a key from Denbigh library on High Street. The staff in the library will direct you to the best starting point.

The castle walls are managed by Cadw.

For more information, visit www.cadw.wales.gov.uk or call 01745 813385.

Denbigh castle

'Dinbych' in Welsh means 'Little fortress', so don't miss the chance to explore the town's castle. It was one of a chain of fortresses built across the heartlands of Wales by Edward I and its impressive triple-towered gatehouse, is still considered one of the great wonders of Wales.

The entrance to the castle is on Castle Hill, LL16 3NB.

As with the castle walls, the castle itself is managed by Cadw.

For more information, visit www.cadw.wales.gov.uk or call 01745 813385.

Bodelwyddan Castle

The castle is set in 260 acres of magnificent parkland and dates back to the mid 1800s.

As well as an historic house and museum, the castle retains strong links with the National Portrait Gallery, and has an impressive art collection of its own. The grounds include practice trenches used during the First World War and well as an adventure playground and garden maze.

Leave the A55 at junction 25 of the A55 and follow the brown and white signs.

For more information visit www.bodelwyddan-castle.co.uk or call 01745 584060.