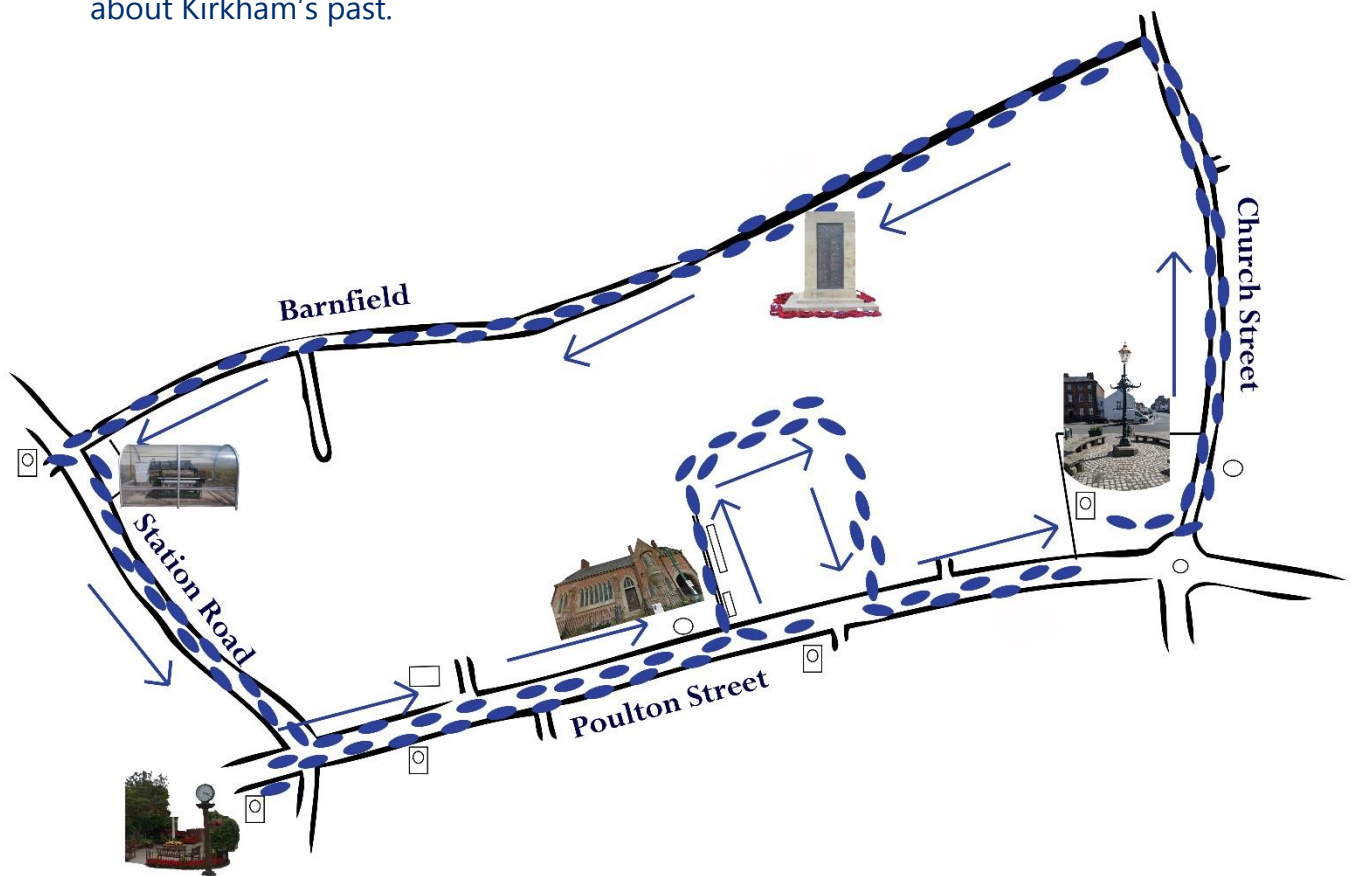


Kirkham Quest

Discover the lost treasures of Kirkham by unveiling the town's hidden secrets on the Kirkham Quest! To solve the Quest, you must find all the clues and decipher the hidden word. Each letter or the word is written in gold. Follow the route stopping at all the stops to find the answers to the questions. Each stop will reveal new secrets about Kirkham's past.



Answer:



- 1) Let's begin our exploration of Kirkham at the historic Market Square. The Market Square used to be home to a Moot Hall and Market cross. People have traded livestock and goods in Kirkham market since 1271. Look out for the Fish Stones, two semi-circular stones surrounding the clock, that used to be used to sell fish. Can you find the first peep hole box? Look through the glass. What animal can you see?

- 2) Next head towards St Michael's _____ where you can find ancient graves and artefacts from Kirkham's old Museum. Don't forget to look at the peepholes outside the Doctor's surgery that show you what Kirkham used to look like. Can you recognise anywhere from the photos? What has changed?

- 3) As you head towards the park keep an eye out for the War Memorial on your left. Kirkham was home to an RAF base during the war. Soldiers could be seen marching through the town. What do you call the remembrance flowers behind the memorial?

- 4) Head past the Park and straight up the road until you see The Last Loom on your left. Did you know that Kirkham was home to both cotton and flax mills? Kirkham produced flax for the sails of British ships. Look at the peephole box outside Pear Tree School. Can you see the mill workers outside the mill? Mill workers in Kirkham often wore special wooden shoes made in the town. Listen to the story of how they were made at the talking wall. What were they called?

- 5) Next, head back towards the centre, stopping at Town End on the way. Take a look outside the Citizens Advice Bureau. Here you will find a peephole exploring Roman Kirkham. Did you know that the Romans settled in Kirkham, building a fort and baths. The Roman fort stood on top of Carr _____ close to where the High School is now. Lots of Roman artefacts have been discovered in Kirkham, including a Roman shield boss which is now on display in London. Don't miss the next peephole at Shapes and Drapes. What can you see? I can see Poulton Street and a cart. The cart is on its way to the dairy with supplies from the farms.

- 6) Cross back over the road and head towards the centre but before you reach Morrisons keep an eye out for a map on the side of the Tattoo Parlour and the RAF Kirkham Peephole. Take a look at the map, what can you see? Kirkham used to look very different. There were grand homes, workhouses, mills and a windmill. What sport can you see being played on the map?

- 7) As you head up the street, notice the old school to your left. There are peepholes on the fence showing you what Kirkham used to look like. As you head into the tunnel you will discover artwork created by Year 9 pupils at Carr Hill School. Take a look at the glass work before heading through to the talking wall. There used to be a racecourse in Kirkham. One of the pieces of glass is inspired by the racecourse. Try to find the piece. What did they used to race?

- 8) As you reach the talking wall you will see lots more peepholes with QR codes allowing you to listen to the voices of people who have lived in Kirkham over the years. Listen to their stories. In one of the pictures there is a grand house with a horse and carriage outside. This was the home of Thomas Birley the local mill owner and could be found close to Station Road. What was the house called?

- 9) As you head back to Poulton Street cross over the road at the crossing and you will find a peep hole hidden beside a bench. Take a look at the image. What famous Kirkham event are they celebrating?

Now head back to the market square. Don't forget to take a look at the telephone box on the way and see the wonderful works of stained-glass art created by local Beavers. To find the answer to the final question spell out the name using the golden letters from all 9 of your answers. What was Kirkham originally called in the Domesday book? Write your answer on the front sheet for a chance to win a prize.

Well done! You've completed the Kirkham Quest.

Design a Treasure

Why not have a go at designing your own Kirkham Treasures Peephole. Are there any hidden treasures in Kirkham that we don't know about? What might a future Kirkham treasure look like? Draw your treasure and post it in along with your quiz answers for a chance to be entered into the great £50 prize draw.



All entries must be submitted before the 31st July for the chance to win a £50 voucher to spend on Kirkham High Street. To enter please scan/photograph your entry and submit via the Kirkham Treasures website: www.kirkhamtreasures.co.uk. Alternatively, you can drop off your entry at either Lily B's or Celebrations on Poulton Street.