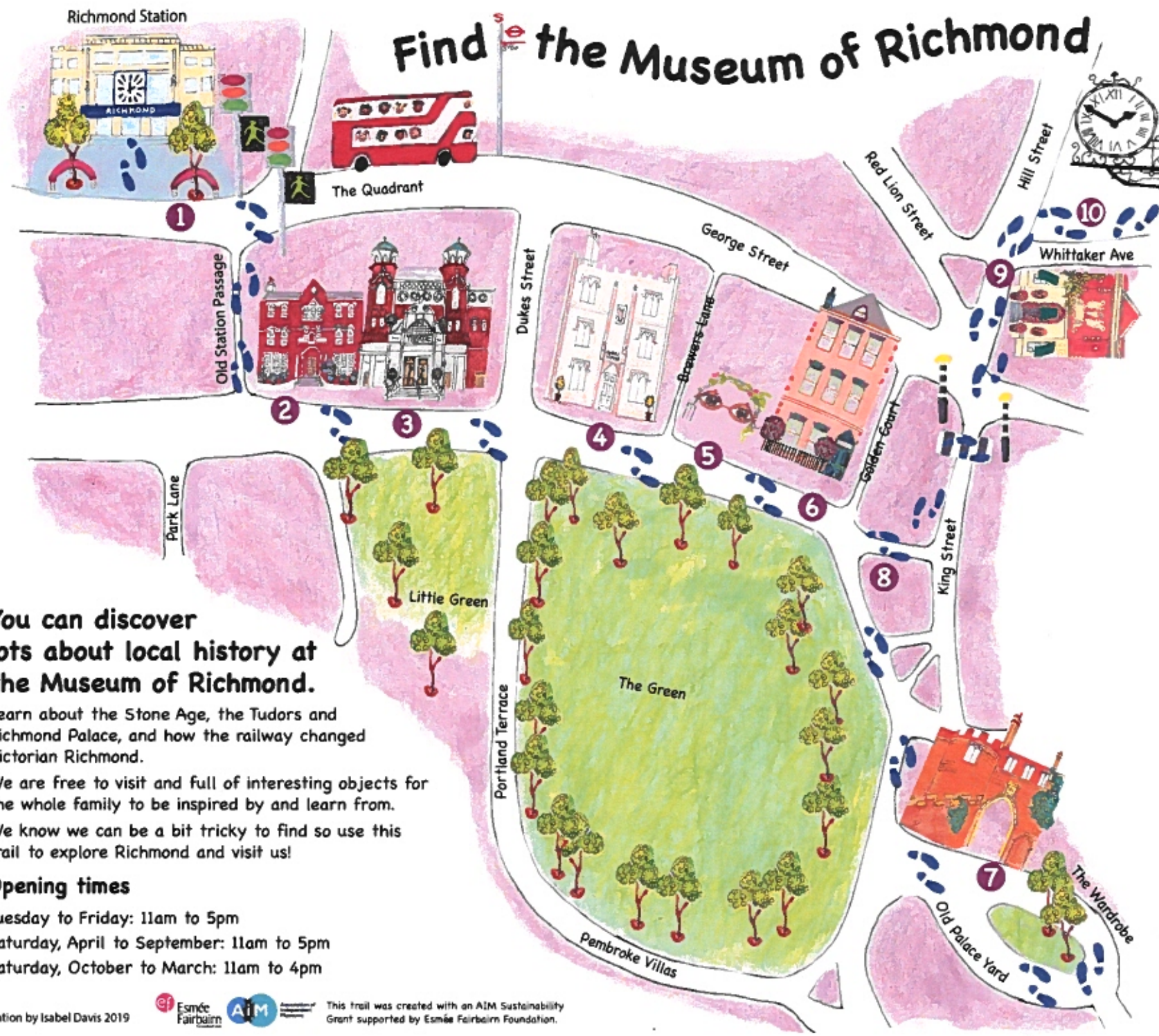


Find the Museum of Richmond



You can discover lots about local history at the Museum of Richmond.

Learn about the Stone Age, the Tudors and Richmond Palace, and how the railway changed Victorian Richmond.

We are free to visit and full of interesting objects for the whole family to be inspired by and learn from.

We know we can be a bit tricky to find so use this trail to explore Richmond and visit us!

Opening times

Tuesday to Friday: 11am to 5pm

Saturday, April to September: 11am to 5pm

Saturday, October to March: 11am to 4pm



MUSEUM OF RICHMOND
We are here!

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1 Train Station: Station Clock:

Richmond has had a train station since 1846 but this station was built in 1937. It was designed by James Robb Scott and is Art Deco in Style. Look at the square clock on the outside of the building.

? What time is it as you leave the station?

2 Library:

The very first library in Richmond was in the Palace but those books were only for a few people! It wasn't until 1881 that a free public library was opened in Richmond. Before that people had to pay subscriptions.

? Can you see the date on the Library building?

3 Theatre:

This Theatre was built in 1899 and was designed by the architect Frank Matcham. There were theatres on the Green before this one, you can find out more about them at the Museum.

? Can you see his name on the plaque and foundation stone?

4 Gothic House:

This house was built sometime between 1750 and 1850.

? Why do you think it is called Gothic house?

5 Optometrist's Sign:

Look out for the lovely optometrist's sign at Number 10 The Green.

? What colour are the eyes on the sign?
What colour are your eyes?

6 Coffee House:

Number 17 The Green was a Coffee House between 1731-1785. Coffee was first brought to Britain by travellers and explorers in the 1600s. It became a popular drink, especially for men who would use coffee houses as places to hang out. Coffee-houses also served tea and chocolate and became a symbol of intellectual, cultural and philosophical debate.

7 Palace Wardrobe:

If you take a small detour and continue around The Green, (to the right of the road you have been walking down), you will find the last standing part of Richmond Palace. It is called the Gatehouse and the Wardrobe. Richmond Palace was originally built during the medieval period and the Tudors continued to use it. It is where Elizabeth I died! Today it is mainly houses that were built much later. Visit the Museum to see Elizabethan decorations found during archaeological excavations and how we think the Palace would have looked...

? Which animals can you see in the crest above the archway?

8 Paved Court:

Continue your journey to the Museum by walking up Paved Court. Richmond has lots of little side streets and independent shops to explore!

? Aren't the buildings and shops interesting?

9 The Ivy:

Can you see the Ivy Café on Hill Street?

The vine on the corner of the building is the same plant as the Great Vine that Capability Brown planted at Hampton Court Palace.

? Can you see the squirrels on the front of the building?

10 Old Town Hall Clock/Museum of Richmond:

Can you see the Old Town Hall clock?

The Old Town Hall was opened in 1893. The Mayor then was Charles Butt and he paid for the clock and bells - can you see his initials on the side of the clock? You can see more about the building and opening of the Old Town Hall on the foundation stone on the corner of the building. Now head down Whittaker Avenue to your right.

Whittaker Ellis Bust:

Come up the steps and through the doors into the Old Town Hall. In front of you is a staircase, go up it and take a look at the statue on the first landing. This is John Whittaker Ellis, the first Mayor of Richmond. Can you see the crest of Richmond on his chain? You can see a big version of this in the Museum.

Remember to look at the statue but not to touch!

Memorial Book

Keep going up the stairs. On the left of the reference library doors is a case with a memorial book. This is a list of all of the local soldiers killed during the First and Second World Wars.

Follow signs to the Museum and come up the stairs to the Second Floor.

Palace Glass:

Find the last thing on the trail - the Tudor stained glass from Richmond Palace and use this activity sheet to explore the Museum!

Well done! You made it!

NOW YOU'RE HERE!



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Draw your favourite object

Design your own palace stained glass.



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