

Bournville Heritage Walk



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Places of Interest

6. The Birdcage

The Birdcage walk runs around the outside of the factory bordering the men's recreation ground. The name comes from the fencing on either side and the semi-circular lighting, which gives the impression of a bird cage.

8. The Girls' Baths

The baths were built in 1905 and thousands of women were taught to swim here as it was company policy to allow them to learn during work time. This building is currently disused.

9. Number 1 Lodge

Once the main factory entrance, the lodge stands on the site of Mrs. Duffield's Cottage. Mrs. Duffield's pear tree was preserved when the cottage was demolished and still grows up the lodge wall.

12. The Girls' Grounds

The Girls' Grounds were the gardens of the 18th century Bournbrook Hall. The existing lily pool was once the cellar of the house.

13. Terpsichore

The statue of Terpsichore, goddess of song, dance and eternal youth was presented to the firm by the employees to commemorate the centenary of Cadbury Brothers in 1931. Nicknamed 'The Bird Bath'.

14. The Men's Grounds

The Men's Recreation Ground was laid in 1896 and the Men's Pavilion was opened in 1902; a gift from the firm to the male employees to celebrate the coronation of Edward VII.

15. Old Farm Inn

This was one of the few original buildings still left in Bournville Lane from when the site was purchased in 1879.

16. Bournville Park

Bournville Park was opened on the banks of the Bourn Brook in 1907. This is the brook that runs through the factory and gave it its name.

17. St. Francis Church

The parish church of Bournville was built in 1925. Up until then services had been held in the adjacent church hall, to which the church was later connected by cloisters.

18. Bournville School and Carillon

Building of the school was completed in 1910 at the expense of Mr. and Mrs. George Cadbury. The school building includes a large clock tower which houses the Carillon, one of the largest in the country with 48 bells.

19 Friends' Meeting House

Built in the early years of the century, the Society of Friends' Meeting House was the last of six to be built in the area by George and Richard Cadbury. The bust of George looks over the Green towards the factory.

20. Day Continuation School

Opened in 1925. All employees under the age of eighteen were released from work one day each week to further their schooling. Attendance was compulsory.

21. Bournville Village Green

The Village Green was established in 1895 and the shops added in 1906. Each Christmas Eve, 2,000 people from around the world gather on the Green to sing carols.

- 1 Reception & Entrance
 - 2 The Bournville Experience (Entrance)
 - 3 African Adventure Play Area
 - 4 4D Chocolate Adventure & Toilets
 - 5 Heritage Trail
 - 6 Birdcage
 - 7 Moulded Factory*
 - 8 Girls' Baths*
 - 9 Number 1 Lodge*
 - 10 Assortments Factory*
 - 11 Bournville Station
 - 12 Girls' Grounds
 - 13 Terpsichore
 - 14 Men's Recreation Ground
 - 15 Old Farm Inn
 - 16 Bournville Park
 - 17 St. Francis Church
 - 18 Bournville School and Carillon*
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 - 22 Rest House
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 - 24 Bournville Garden Centre
- * No public access

Places to visit

22. The Rest House

The Rest House in the middle of the Green, which mimics a late medieval English yarn market, was a silver wedding present to George and Elizabeth Cadbury in 1913 from Cadbury workers worldwide.

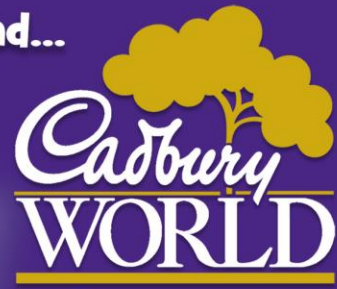
23. Selly Manor Museum

Two ancient half-timbered houses moved from their original locations by George Cadbury when building the Bournville Village. They contain a wealth of contemporary furniture collected over many years by Lawrence Cadbury.

24. Bournville Garden Centre

Located in the heart of Bournville, the Garden Centre prides itself on supplying top quality plants, trees, shrubs, and all the sundries for the enthusiastic gardener at competitive prices.

Follow the footsteps. Along your route there are conundrums and things to find...



Green metal railings either side,
Will be your birdcage route and guide.

At what time did Gent of Leicester stop?

The answer to these questions will reveal,
Within the words on stainless steel.

- 1) From what country do we source our nuts?
- 2) The name given to milk chocolate at an early stage of manufacture?
- 3) The half-timbered pavilion was built to commemorate the coronation of which British monarch?



Now pass the "Bird Bath" and take a stroll,
And discover a unique Belisha beacon pole.
Carry on walking down Bournville Lane,
And look out for a weathervane (the opposite of 27).

The Old Farm Inn is now in sight,
At Bournville ¼ take a right,
(keep to the pavement and don't cross the A4040).

Willow on leather, jack on green
Sports of allsorts have been seen
New Members Welcomed will appear
With sports established in this year

Solve and find our hidden things:

A Patron Saint set in Roman time,
Will help you solve this holy rhyme,
Above the arched wooden door,
How many birds upon the floor?

Shops a plenty in black and white
Makes the Green a rural sight
Locate Louise and look very hard
And find a Yeoman of the Guard (Beefeater)

The bank is silent and makes no money,
But find 2 hives full of honey.

Cross Sycamore Road via the zebra crossing and explore the Village Green.
Things to find:

- 1) An inscription that reads: 'My times are in thy hand!' ¹⁹
- 2) The Birmingham Coat of Arms and Forward motto. ²¹
- 3) 1895 above 1989. ²²
- 4) Convert twenty five past seven into a 24 hour clock and discover when this building was opened. ²⁰

Explore Selly Manor; Adults £4.00, Children £2.00

Selly Manor Museum is in the heart of Bournville Village and is managed by Bournville Village Trust. Selly Manor dates back to 1474, just before Henry VII founded the Tudor dynasty, and offers visitors the chance to explore how people cooked, dressed and lived over 500 years ago. Minworth Greaves, possibly the oldest building in Birmingham, is a medieval hall house thought to be around 750 years old.

