

Timeline	Roman	Saxon	Norman	Medieval	Tudor	Georgian	Victorian	World War I	World War II
AD 43-410	410-1066	1066-1154	1154-1485	1485-1603	1603-1714	1714-1830	1830-1901	1901-1918	1918-1945



**5** The clock only has one hand! A minute hand would have made the working of an 18th century clock very complex. The hour hand was more important to tell when a church service was about to begin.



**4** The Square is in the shape of a triangle!

**3** Windows were bricked up to avoid a tax, introduced in 1696 as a way to raise money from people who had houses with lots of windows. (picture left shows the building in late Victorian times)



**2** In a tannery leather is made from animal skins.

**1** About 8,000 people live in Edenbridge today.



**Did you get them all right?**



Bradford's decorated for King George V's Coronation 1911

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Southdown House was once the butcher's shop with a slaughter house behind



Parish church in snow, winter 2009



View past Ye Old High Street (circa 1890)



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**Look on the right for the answers.**

**5** What is different about the clock on the Church of St Peter & St Paul, the oldest building in Edenbridge?



**4** What do you notice about the shape of the Square, where Church Street joins the High Street?

**3** From the High Street, can you find a bricked up window on the front of the Eden Valley Museum – why do you think this was done?



**2** For 500 years there was a tannery in the town. Do you know what happens in a tannery?

**1** In the 13th century 300 people lived in Edenbridge – how many do you think live here today?

**What do you know about Edenbridge's history?**

## Edenbridge in the 21st century

Visit the Museum which has fantastic displays of what life was like in Edenbridge. The staff are very helpful and happy to provide lots of interesting facts. Try to find the first object given to the Museum.

[www.evmt.org.uk](http://www.evmt.org.uk) 01732 868102.



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Behind the Museum is Doggetts Barn where you can get information on other exciting places to visit in the Eden Valley. [www.edenvalleykent.org](http://www.edenvalleykent.org) 01732 865368.

On the map inside you can see Stangrove Park and Edenbridge Leisure Centre. The Centre has lots of activities for children of all ages, including a 25 metre pool with weekly inflatable sessions, toddler pool and café.

[www.sencio.org.uk](http://www.sencio.org.uk) 01732 865665.

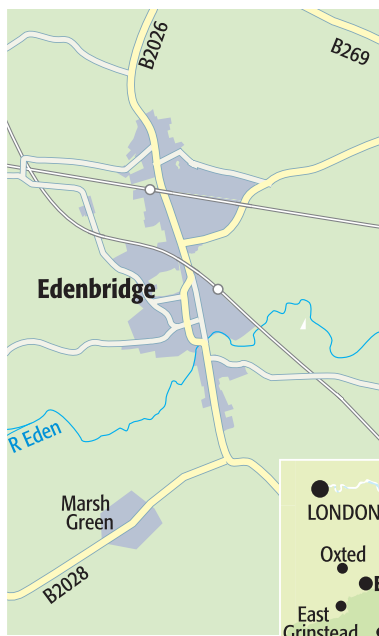
In the park are a young children's play area, duck pond and lots of trees.



At the other end of town is Blossoms Park, with skate and BMX ramps.



## Explore Edenbridge



**By car:** Edenbridge is situated on the B2026, south of the M25 (at junction 6). From the A25 at Oxted, follow the B269 then the B2026 to Edenbridge.

There is free parking in the town (TN8 5AR).

**By train:** Edenbridge Town station is on the London to Uckfield line; while Edenbridge station (about 1 mile from the town centre) is on the Redhill to Tonbridge line.

National Rail Enquiries: 08457 48 49 50

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## Time Travelling Through Edenbridge!

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**1 You've survived the Black Death – start your trail here!**  
**Church House (The Eden Valley Museum), Doggetts Barn and Rickards Hall**  
The Museum was built about 1380 just after the Black Death, a deadly plague brought by rats. It's the third oldest building in Edenbridge and used to be a farm where they grew corn, hops and fruit and kept cows. Inside you can see the huge beams which make the wooden frame, and there's a model of what Doggetts Farm used to look like.



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**Mice in the hayloft**  
**Doggetts Barn**  
Doggetts Barn was built in the 1500s. Spot the door to the loft, where the farmer stored hay for his animals.



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**Doctor, doctor!**  
**Rickards Hall**  
Rickards Hall was used as a hospital for Belgian soldiers in World War I. See the worn stone blocks beside the entrance gate caused by years of farm wagons leaving the yard.



**2 Get your ticket for London! Costa Coffee**  
Formerly an inn, this was built in 1574. In the early 19th century, before the railways reached Edenbridge, you could get the daily coach to Westerham from here and then change to go to London. Notice the doors which provided access for the coach and horses to the yard at the rear.

**3 Yummy bacon sandwiches**  
**Ebenezer Chapel / Bridges Centre**  
This chapel was built in 1808. As years went by the congregation became smaller, and in 1991 the building was threatened with demolition. Local people saved it and set up the Bridge's Pop-In Centre. If you turn up at the right time you might smell delicious cooking in the kitchen. Peek in through the door and look to the left to see the pulpit.



**4 Letters not texts!**  
**The old Post Office**  
In King George V's silver jubilee year, a brand new Post Office was built – it's now a sorting office. Find the King's arms on the building. What is the date?

**5 Our first hospital**  
**St Lawrence's Presbytery**  
The old building beneath the patterned tile hanging is mainly 18th century. Can you see the Georgian style porch? In 1920 it became the first Edenbridge and District War Memorial Hospital in memory of those killed in World War I. In 1931 the hospital moved to its Mill Hill site and the building was used as a Catholic church until the current one was built.



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**6 Fox on the roof!**  
**FoxWood Maclean**  
The offices of FoxWood Maclean are Victorian and built by a local family, the Goodwins. Look up to see the eye catching, colourful stained glass lantern at the top of the roof.



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Further down the High Street, our Primary School was built in the grounds of an old estate called Falconers. The first building went up in 1910. The estate coach house is now the home of the local Police Office.



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**7 Mrs Tickle's tea shop**  
**The Magic Wok**  
This was built in 1860 and has been used for different types of business. First it was Mrs Tickle's shop and tea room, and later became a drapers' shop selling buttons, clothes and materials. Then it was a grocers (the Co-op). As you walk past look at the huge windows and brick pattern; see how it hasn't really changed that much on the outside! The blue effect was made by dipping the ends of bricks in salt water before they were put in the kiln.

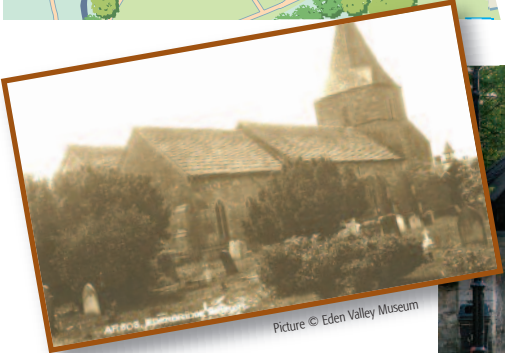
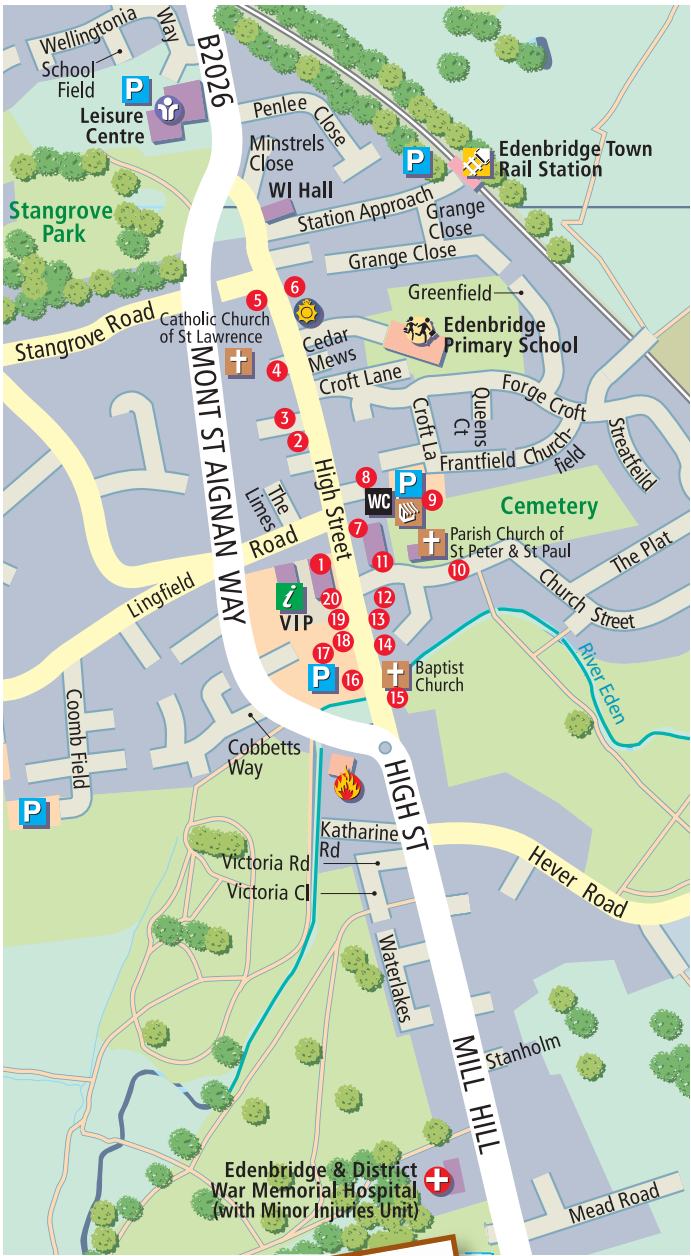
**8 Shop outdoors! Market Yard**  
In 1279 King Henry III gave permission to the Lord of the Manor for a market to be held in the town every Saturday. The Lord controlled the sale of bread, beer and cattle. Today it is a car park and a general market is held on Thursdays. You can buy toys, fruit and even doughnuts! Find the rings on the walls for tethering cattle. On the far side, turn right down the alley to reach our beautiful church.



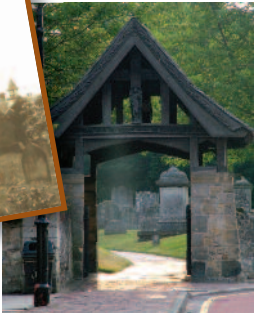
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**9 A tankard of ale for the traveller**  
**Church Cottage**  
In the corner of the churchyard is Church Cottage, a mid 15th century timber framed building. It was once a pub known as the King's Head.



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**10 What's the time?**  
**The Parish Church of St Peter & St Paul**  
The Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul is believed to have been built on a Saxon site. It has stone walls and a double roof covered with Horsham slabs. The stained glass windows are extremely interesting and have pictures of holy people. The lych gate was built by Mr Sales, an Edenbridge carpenter.

**11 Black and white curves**  
**The Priest House**  
The Priest House was built in the late 14th century. Originally the main room was open to the rafters. It has a jettied first floor – when an upper floor sticks out beyond the building underneath, making the house bigger without blocking the street below.



**12 The patterned houses**  
**2 and 4 Church Street**  
These houses were built by the Goodwins, successful builders who lived in Edenbridge from the 19th century. The design was possibly chosen from Victorian pattern books. Pick out the differences between the two houses. On which side is the entrance for the cart and the rack for storing ladders?

**13 Call 999!**  
**77 and 79 High Street / Farringtons Jewellers and Edenbridge Bookshop**  
This was one complete house built in the mid 15th century. In the early 1900s it was the fire station – when the large bell hung in the gable was rung, horses were brought from elsewhere in the High Street and harnessed up to the 'fire engine'.



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**14 Flour for bread! Honours Mill**  
Honours Mill was used for grinding wheat and was built in the late 18th century. The mill pond was behind the Mill, which was in use until 1968 when flood waters reached 6ft high and broke the water wheel.



**15 The beginning of Edenbridge**  
**The Great Stone Bridge**  
Often when roads crossed a river, groups of houses were built – this is how Edenbridge began. The Roman road from Lewes to London would probably have crossed by a causeway. The first (wooden) bridge may have been ordered by an Abbot of Canterbury, called Eadhelm. A five arch pack horse bridge followed, which was replaced in 1834 by the present bridge. Find the stone plaque. There are two names and a date – the two people were Bridge Wardens. At the outbreak of World War II the parapet stones were numbered, removed and carefully stored so that enemy tanks crossing the bridge could be better targets!



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**16 You might have shopped here in 1500**  
**94 and 96 High Street**  
Hard to believe but No 96 was once a shop, not like our modern shops though as a shutter would have been raised and you would have bought your goods whilst standing in the street.

Although connected, 94 and 96 are two separate 15th century timber framed buildings built some 50 years apart.

**17 Poo, what a smell! Tannery Site**  
Tanning of hides in Edenbridge dates back to at least 1447. The Whitmore family owned the tannery from the mid 19th century and their leather was much in demand – during World War I it was said every British soldier went to war on an Edenbridge boot sole. Hides came from local cattle and tannin was made from the many oak trees. The process was very smelly. Linked to tanning was boot and shoe making and flax was grown locally for thread. The cobbled entrance to the Leathermarket car park was the gateway to the tannery. Find the curved marks of the track of the iron gates. On the side wall of No 94, is the World War I memorial to the tannery workers who lost their lives. The building on the other side was the Tannery Office, where the workers collected their pay each week.



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**18 Old rubbish! Mill Leat**  
The Mill Leat was built by hand in 1400 to provide water from the River Eden to the water mill in the High Street (see 14). In 1968 there was heavy rain and the leat and river flooded, ruining most of the shops at the south end of the town. In 2007 it was made into a water feature. In the Museum see if you can find all the things that were discovered. It's amazing what people throw away!



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**19 Get your pork chops here!**  
**Southdown House**  
Southdown House was built in the 14th century and used to be a butcher's shop which specialised in pork. It had a slaughter house at the back and they used to display their produce on the front of the shop. Later it became the Bull Inn and then a sweet shop called The Chocolate Box.



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**20 Smugglers! Ye Old Crown Inn**  
This is the second oldest building in Edenbridge and was built over 600 years ago. Look up and see the sign across the road. Long ago smugglers used Ye Old Crown Inn, but not any more! There would have been stables at the back. Can you see the doors where the horses and carriages would have driven through?

