

**14** Call 999! Built in the mid-15th century, No 77 & 79 were once a complete house. 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’. What do you notice about the shape of The Square? It’s in the shape of a triangle!



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



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**16** The beginning of Edenbridge 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, then by a wooden bridge. Eventually the present Great Stone Bridge was built in 1834. 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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**17** You might have shopped here in 1500! 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 & 96 are two separate 15th century timber framed buildings built some 50 years apart.



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**18** Poo, what a smell! For over 500 years there was a Tannery in the town. Do you know what happens in a tannery? Leather is made from animal skins. During World War I it was said every British soldier went to war with a boot sole made in Edenbridge. Hides came from local cattle and tannin was made from the many oak trees. The process was very smelly. To help boot and shoe making, flax was grown



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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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**19** Old rubbish! The mill leat was built by hand in 1400 to provide water from the River Eden to the mill in the High Street (see 15). 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 the Museum see if you can find the things that were discovered. It’s amazing what people throw away!



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**20** Get your pork chops here! 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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**21** Smugglers! 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 Olde 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?



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Well done Time Traveller, you’ve finished your journey!



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Trail 2



Edenbridge offers free parking, and has a variety of places in which to eat, and historic buildings (including the Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul and the Eden Valley Museum). There is also the convenient Edenbridge Town Station.

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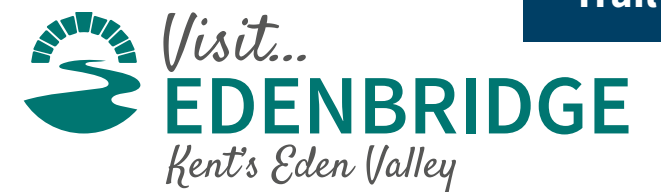
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Trail 2

# Time Travelling Through Edenbridge!

Step back in time to discover medieval inns, Tudor merchants and Roman roads right here in Edenbridge!

Distance 1 mile

Time 1 hour

Starting at... TN8 5AR



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In the 13th century 300 people lived in Edenbridge – today it's about 10,000. In 1348/49, the Black Death swept across Europe, killing up to half the population, but you've survived it!



**Start your time travelling journey at the Eden Valley Museum on the High Street at TN8 5AR [///boil.afford.rival](http://boil.afford.rival)**

**1 Start your trail here!**

Now the Eden Valley Museum, **Church House** was built 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.



**2 Mice in the hayloft!**

**Doggetts Barn** was built in the 1500s. Can you spot the door to the loft, where the farmer stored hay for his animals?



**3 Doctor, doctor!**

**Rickards Hall** was used as a hospital for Belgian soldiers in World War I – imagine sleeping here! See the worn stone blocks beside the gate to the courtyard caused by years of farm wagons leaving the yard.



**4 Get your ticket for London!**

This building, now home to **Costa Coffee**, was built in 1574 and used to be an inn. In the 1800s you could catch the daily coach from here to Westerham, and then onto London. Notice the doors for coach and horses to enter the yard at the rear.



**5 Yummy food!**

The **Ebenezer 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 Community Centre. If you turn up at the right time you might smell delicious cooking in the kitchen!



**6 Letters not texts!**

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?



**7 Our first hospital!**

Can you see the patterned tile hanging on **St Lawrence's Presbytery**? 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 Mill Hill but has now closed. This building was used as a Catholic church until the current one was built.



**12 Black and white curves**

The **Priest House** was built in the late 14th century. Originally the main room was open up to the roof. 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.



**13 The patterned houses**

**No 2 & 4** were built by the Goodwins (see 8), who lived in Edenbridge from the 19th century. The design was possibly chosen from Victorian pattern books – like choosing a house from a catalogue! Pick out the differences between the two houses. On which side is the entrance for the cart and the rack for storing ladders?



**8 Fox on the roof!**

Across the road is a **Victorian building** built by a local family, the Goodwins. Look up to see the colourful eye-catching stained glass at the top of the roof. 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. Children still learn here today – just like you!



**9 Mrs Tickle's tea shop**

**No 59** – this was built in 1860 and has had lots of different uses. First it was a shop and tearoom, and later became a drapers' shop selling buttons, clothes and materials. Then it was a grocers. Look at the brick pattern and huge windows – 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.



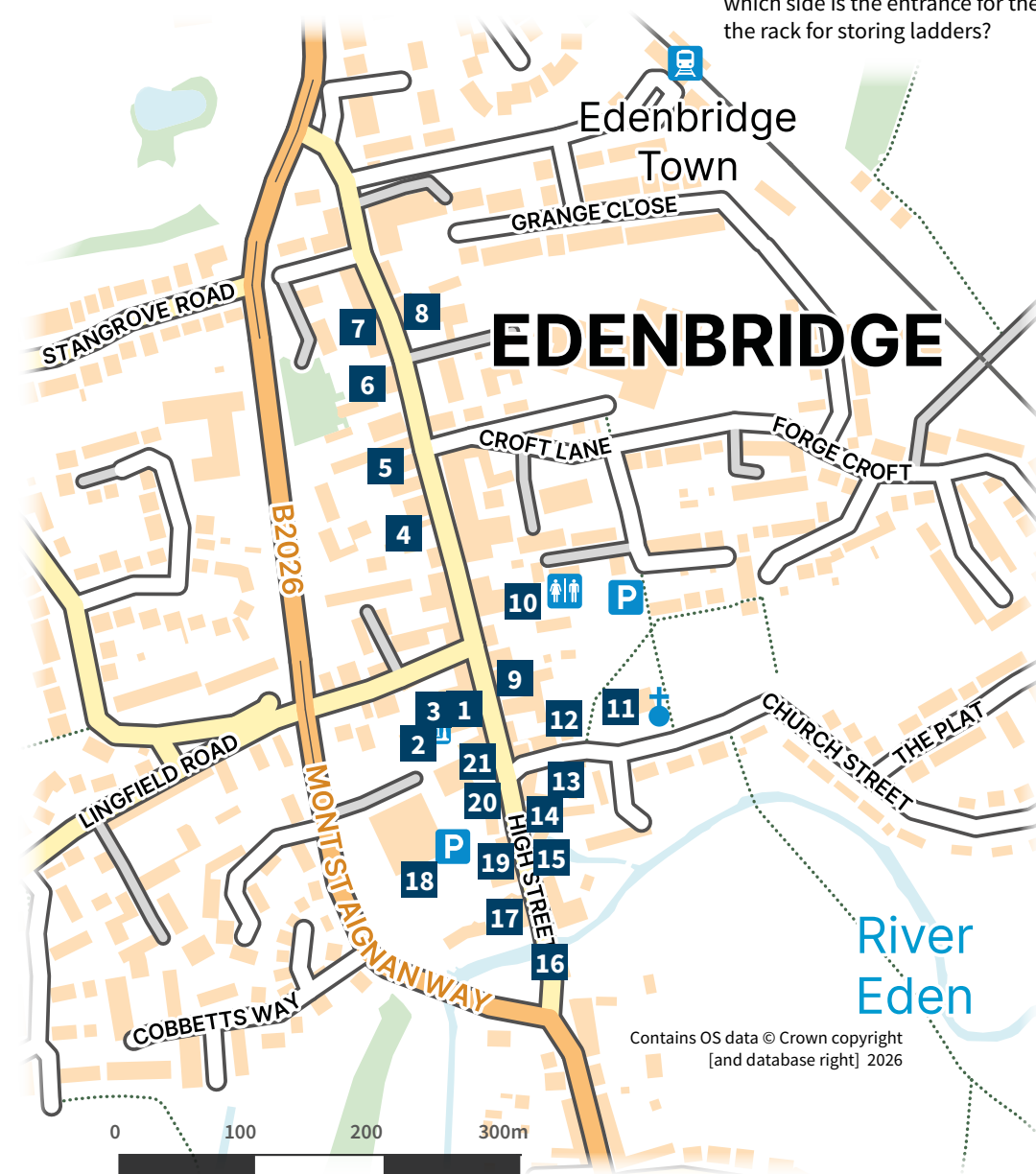
**10 Shop outdoors!**

In 1227 King Henry III gave permission to the Lord of the Manor for a weekly market to be held in the **Market Yard**. The Lord controlled the sale of bread, beer and cattle. Today it is a car park, with a general market held on Thursdays. Find the rings on the walls for tethering cattle. On the far side, turn right down the alley to reach the **Parish Church of St Peter & St Paul**.

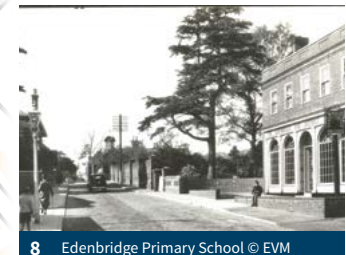


**11 What's the time?**

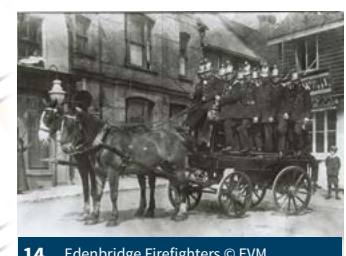
A **church** has stood here since at least the 12th century. What do you notice about the clock? It only has one hand! The hour hand was all that mattered for worshippers, so they knew when the service was beginning! The stained-glass windows are extremely interesting and have pictures of holy people.



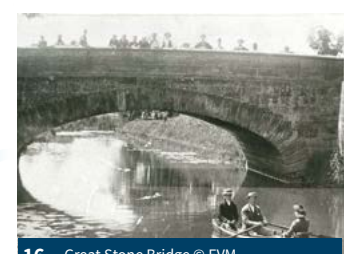
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