

Hodnet is a historic village. Dating from Anglo Saxon times, it grew to prominence with the building of its Norman Castle. Most of its 'black and white' timber-framed buildings date from the 16th and 17th centuries, with later buildings dating mainly from the Victorian era.

Key to map numbers

- 1: Hodnet Hall. Built 1870 & home to the Heber-Percy family. Famous for its gardens. When they are open, visitors can view the historic Dovecot (1a) and Tithe Barn (1b).
- 2: 'The Portico', From Apley Hall, Wellington. Erected in the 1960's in memory of Brig. Heber-Percy, creator of Hodnet Hall Gardens.
- 3: Hodnet's oldest house. Dates from 1546.
- 4: St Luke's Church. Dates from 1083 & noted for its octagonal tower & 1673 sundial. The Lych Gate looks old, but only dates from 1936.
- 5: Hodnet Hall Gardens' gateway. Originally part of Adderley Hall.
- 6: Ye Hundred House. The village's ancient admin centre and court.
- 7: The Rocking Horse Workshop. Formerly Thomas & Charles, drapers. For many years it lay empty, until restored by the current owners.
- 8: The Bear Inn. Dating from 16th century and a former coaching inn. Said to be haunted by 'Jasper', a 16th century traveller who died on a snowy night after being thrown out for not paying his bill.
- 9: Lyon Hall. Built in memory of Doctor Lyon and opened in 1914.
- 10: WI Cottage. Hodnet's only thatched building. Once used by the W.I. and now part of the medical centre. Known for its crooked windows.
- 11: The Penfold. Used in times past to contain stray animals.
- 12: Unicorn Court. Formerly The Unicorn—a coaching inn.
- 13: Former Wesleyan Chapel. Built 1859 & once Hodnet's market hall.
- 14: Hodnet's Norman Castle mound—largely obscured by trees.
- 15: Site of Hodnet Station. On the Crewe—Wellington line, shut 1963. The line now forms part of the 'Glow Worm Walk', see Hodnet Walks 1.

Further information on Hodnet's history can be found on the village website or in Gerald's books—as may still be available from Hodnet Post Office.

Welcome to Hodnet

This leaflet is one of a series on local walks, this one intended to help visitors and residents enjoy some of the history of Hodnet. We are indebted to Gerald Mothershaw, local author and historian (1935-2013) for his help in its preparation.

If visiting, please consider supporting some of our local businesses and visitor attractions see www.hodnet.org.uk for details.

Details of other walks, and information on Hodnet Footpath Group, can be found at www.hodnet.org.uk/fpg

We hope you enjoy your visit.

May we remind you to:

Not leave litter

Keep dogs under control and clean up after them (Dog bins at Lyon Hall, corner of Church Street—opposite the Bear Inn, and at the old Railway Line Bridge)

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Hodnet Walks : 4

Walking around Hodnet

'The History Walk'



Photo. A Underwood

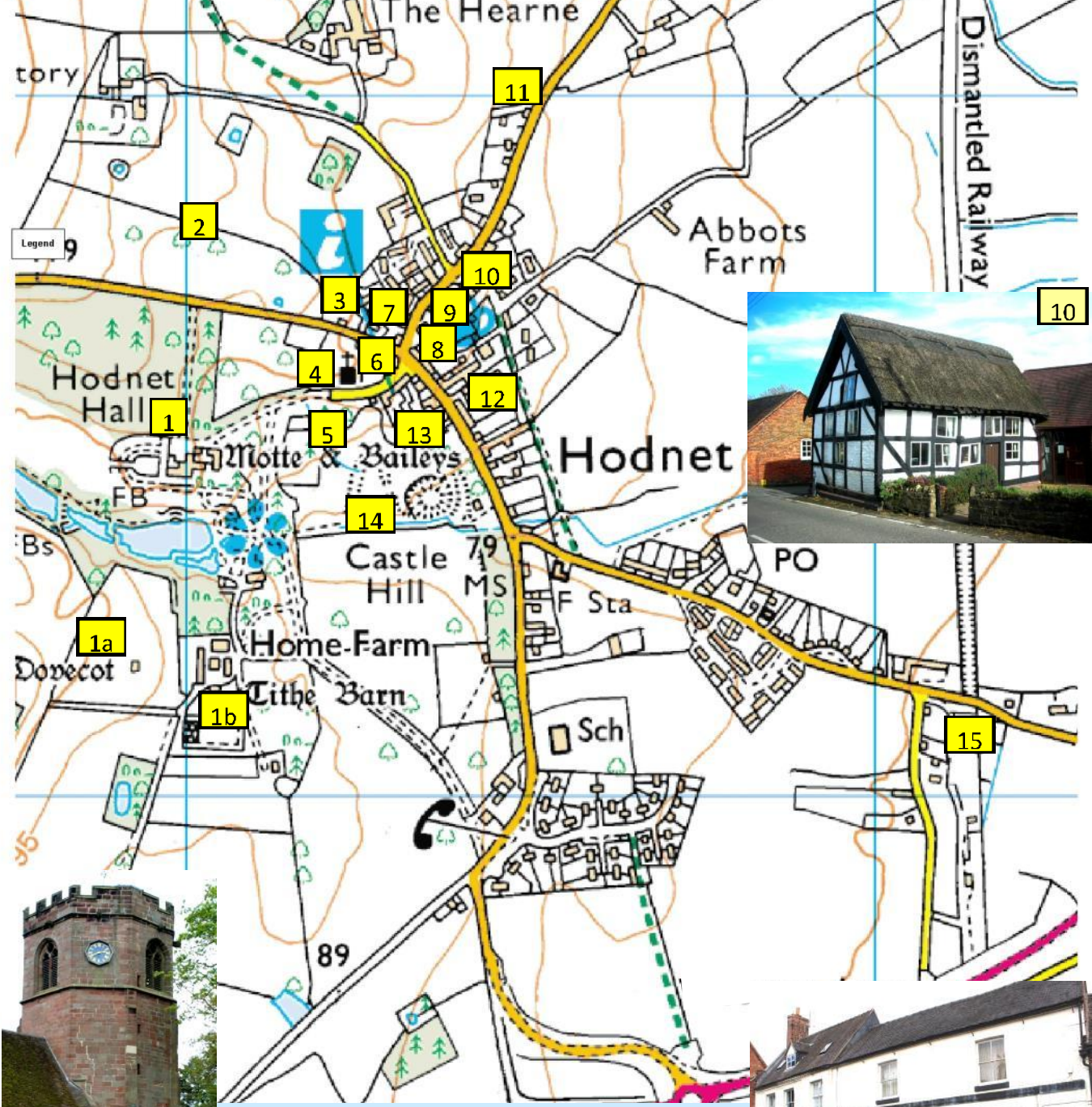
A walk with numbered points of interest

**No set route/time
Fitness Level? Easy
Dog Friendly? Yes**

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