

Hodnet is a historic village. Dating from Anglo Saxon times, it grew to prominence with the building of its Norman Castle and then its Church. 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 Castle, Wellington. Erected in the 1960's in memory of Brig. Heber-Percy, creator of Hodnet Hall Gardens.
- 3: Hodnet's oldest house? The date on the front gable is 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: Gateway to Hodnet Hall Gardens. 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, almost a 'time capsule' until restored.
- 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: Hodnet's only remaining thatched building, with very crooked windows. Once used by the Women's Institute, and thus sometimes called the WI Cottage, it is now part of the medical centre.
- 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. Now largely obscured by trees.
- 15: Site of Hodnet Station, on the former Market Drayton to Wellington railway line., closed in 1963. Its route forms part of the 'Glow Worm Walk' - see the Hodnet Walks 1 leaflet.

Further information on Hodnet's history can be found on the village website—www.hodnet.org.uk.

Welcome to Hodnet

This leaflet is one of a series of walk leaflets created by Hodnet Footpath Group (HFG), this one intended to help visitors 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.

Notes.

- 1/ There is no set route for this walk; simply walk around the village and look for the numbered landmarks shown on the map (overleaf), then read the relevant details from the key.
- 2/ To learn more about HFG, view/download more walk leaflets or to report an issue visit www.hodnet.org.uk/fpg

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Country Code—Please:

- Take your litter home
- Keep dogs on a lead near livestock and clean up after them - **dog faeces can spread diseases!**

(Dog bins at the Lyon Hall; in Church Street; on the Recreation Ground and at the old Railway Line Bridge)



Hodnet Walks : 4

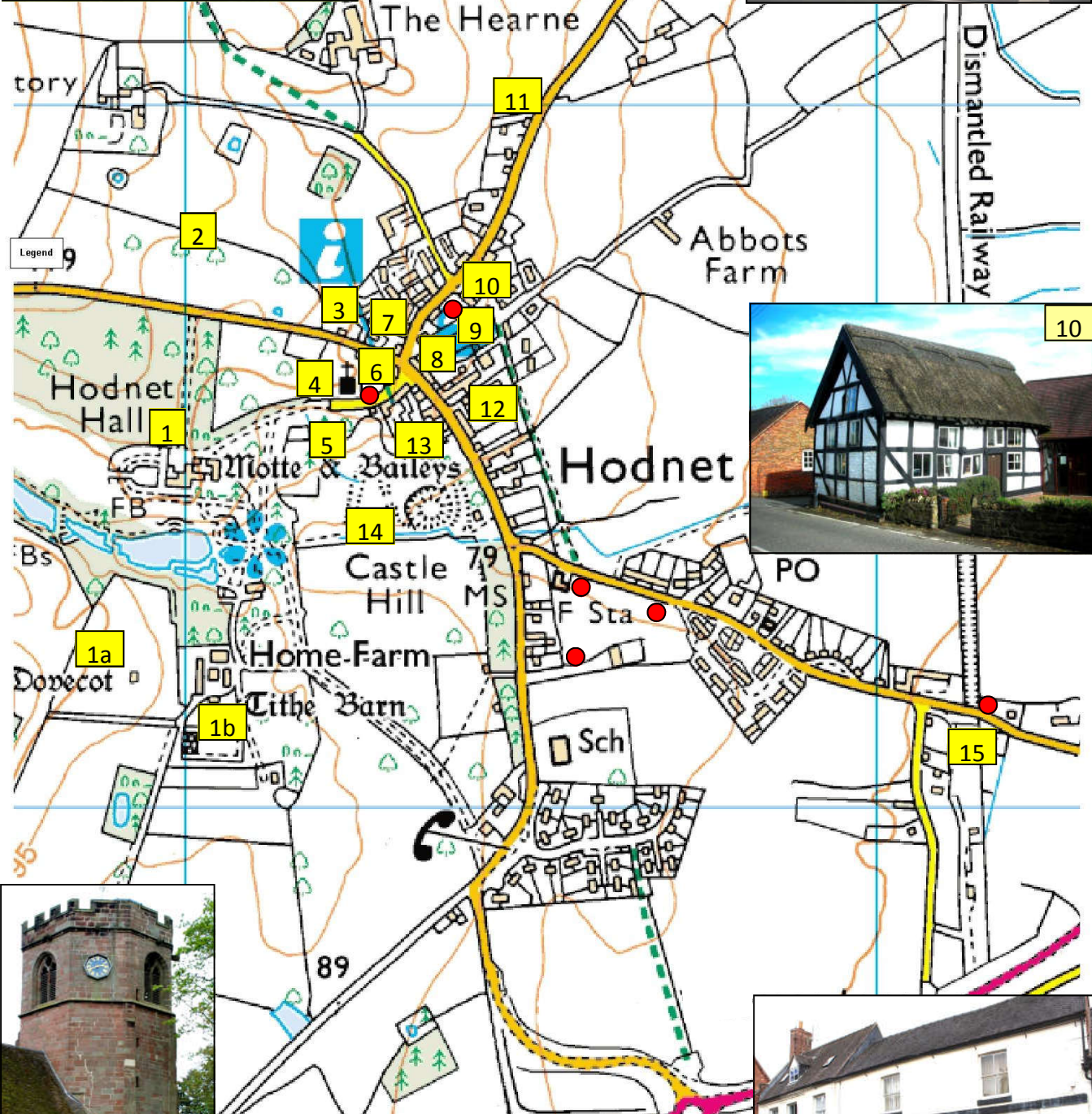
Walking around Hodnet 'History Walk'



Photo. A Underwood

A walk with various numbered points of interest

Walk Type: Village Tour
Distance: Approx 1 mile
Walk Grade: 1
Dog Friendly: Yes
Time: 1 hour



Note. Some of the places mentioned in this leaflet are private property and not open to the public. Please respect the privacy of the occupiers.

Abbreviations/Symbols/Terms used in leaflet & map:

Dog Bin = ● Walk Grades = Grade 1: Shorter/level route &/or no or few stiles