

Hodnet is an historic village. Dating from Anglo Saxon times, it grew to prominence with the building of its **Norman Castle**, then its **Church** and the (first) **Hodnet Hall**. Most of its 'black and white' timber-framed buildings date from the 16th/17th century, with later buildings mainly built in 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**) - part of the old Hodnet Hall site.
- 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:** Formerly Thomas & Charles, a drapers shop. For many years it lay empty, almost a 'time capsule' until sympathetically restored.
- 8:** The Bear Inn. A former coaching inn, dating from the 16th century. It is a prominent historic building and one that has long been, and remains, a focus of village life.
- 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 now forms part of the 'Glow Worm Walk' - see Hodnet Walks leaflet no 1.

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 created by Hodnet Footpath Group (HFG), this one intended to help visitors enjoy some of Hodnet's history. We are indebted to local author/historian Gerald Mothershaw (1935–2013) for his help in its preparation.

Notes.

- 1/ There is no set route for this walk, just look for the numbered landmarks shown and read the listed details.
- 2/ For a key to abbreviations/symbols see map.
- 3/ To learn about HFG, download more walk leaflets (we've 10 of them) or to report an issue visit www.hodnet.org.uk/fpg

Why not start or end your walk with food or a drink at The Bear Inn? Walkers and dogs welcome—check opening times on their website, see below.

For information on some other local businesses and visitor attractions, see www.hodnet.org.uk

Please: Don't leave litter, and if you've a dog with you clean up after them - dog faeces spread diseases!



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Hodnet Walks : 4

Walking around Hodnet
'History Walk'



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A village walk with numbered points of interest

Walk Type: Village Tour

Distance: Approx 1 mile

Walk Grade: 1

Dog Friendly: Yes

Time: 1 hour



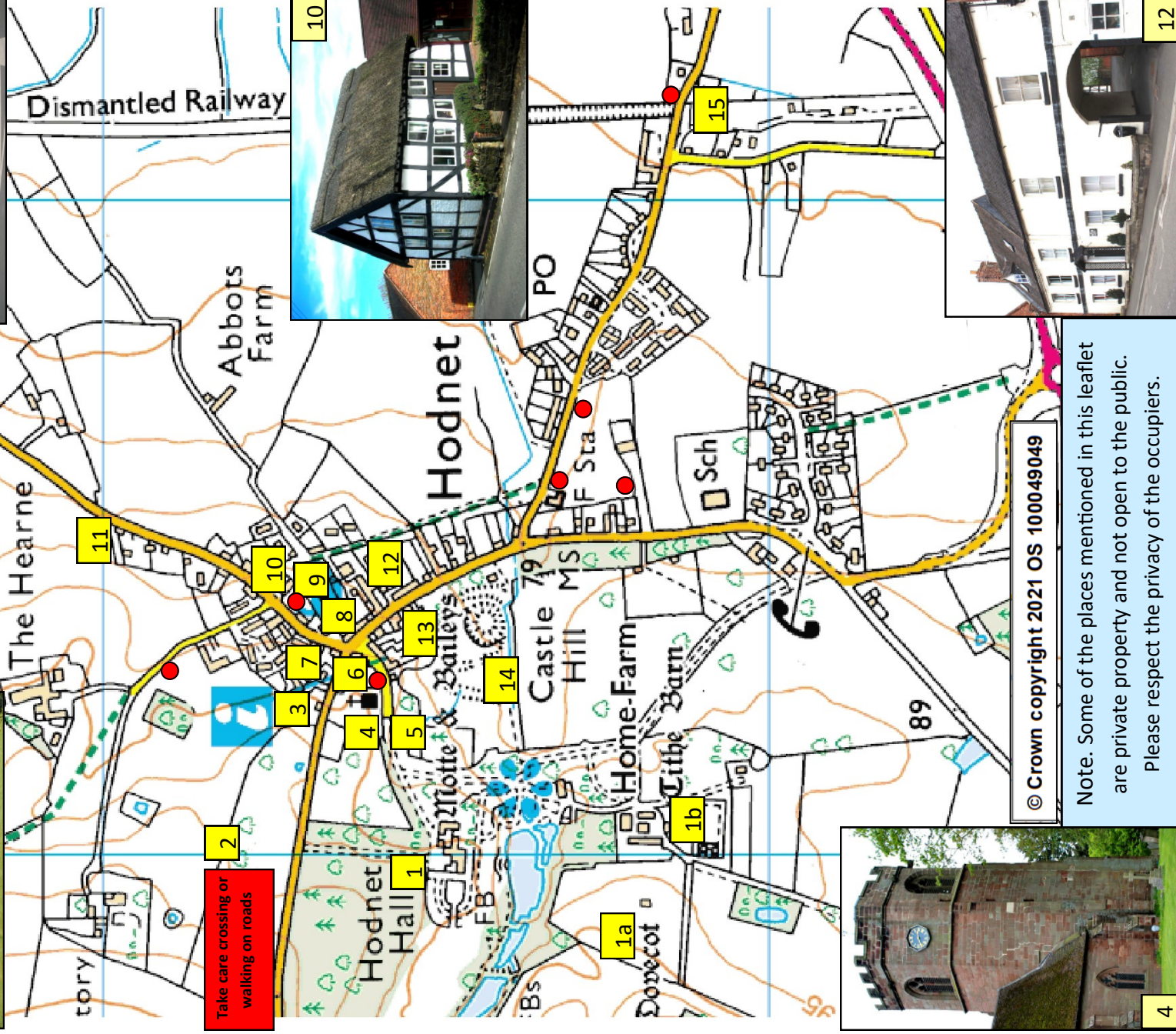
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Abbreviations/Symbols/Terms used in leaflet & map:

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