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Trafford History Trail: Altrincham

We need you to be a history detective!

1. Start at Altrincham Market House, on the Market Street side

In 1290, King Edward I gave permission to Hamon de Massey, the lord of Dunham, to hold a market in Altrincham. That means that there has been a market in the town for more than 700 years! In what year did the Earl of Stamford give the land for this market hall to be built?

Answer:

2. Walk down Market Street to Regent Road and turn left. Carry on until you get to the Phantong Restaurant.

This black and white building used to be a pub called 'The Grapes' but the street it was on is no longer there. What was the street called?

Answer:

3. Walk back up Regent Road and turn right onto Groby Road. When you reach the end, turn right onto Dunham Road. Carry on until you reach the Esso garage.

There is a brick building opposite the garage. What did it used to be?

Answer:

4. Carry on down Dunham Road until you reach the market cross and stocks, in front of The Orange Tree.

Like the market cross, the stocks are replicas. Hundreds of years ago, people who had committed crimes such as swearing or drunkenness had both ankles locked in them. Local people would then throw rotten food and sometimes stones at them. Judging by the holes, how many people could have been held in stocks like these at one time?

Answer:

5. Cross the road and walk down Market Street. Stop around half way down, when you spot a blue plaque on the right.

This blue plaque for Helen Allingham. What was she famous for?

Answer:

6. Carry on down Market Street until you get to the Town Hall.

When the town hall was built in 1900, it was used as offices for Altrincham Urban District Council. You can see the letters 'UDC' on the doorframe. You can also see the UDC motto above the door, which means 'Peace and Abundance'. What animal can you see in the coat of arms?

Answer:

Congratulations!

You have now completed the history trail!

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