

# TENTERDEN FAMILY FUN TRAIL

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# WHAT ARE THE CINQUE PORTS?

(we pronounce it SINK fyi)

# PORTS?

In medieval times, there was not yet a Royal Navy to protect England. Instead, the fighting ships and the sailors were provided by five special towns on the south coast. These were known as The Cinque Ports.

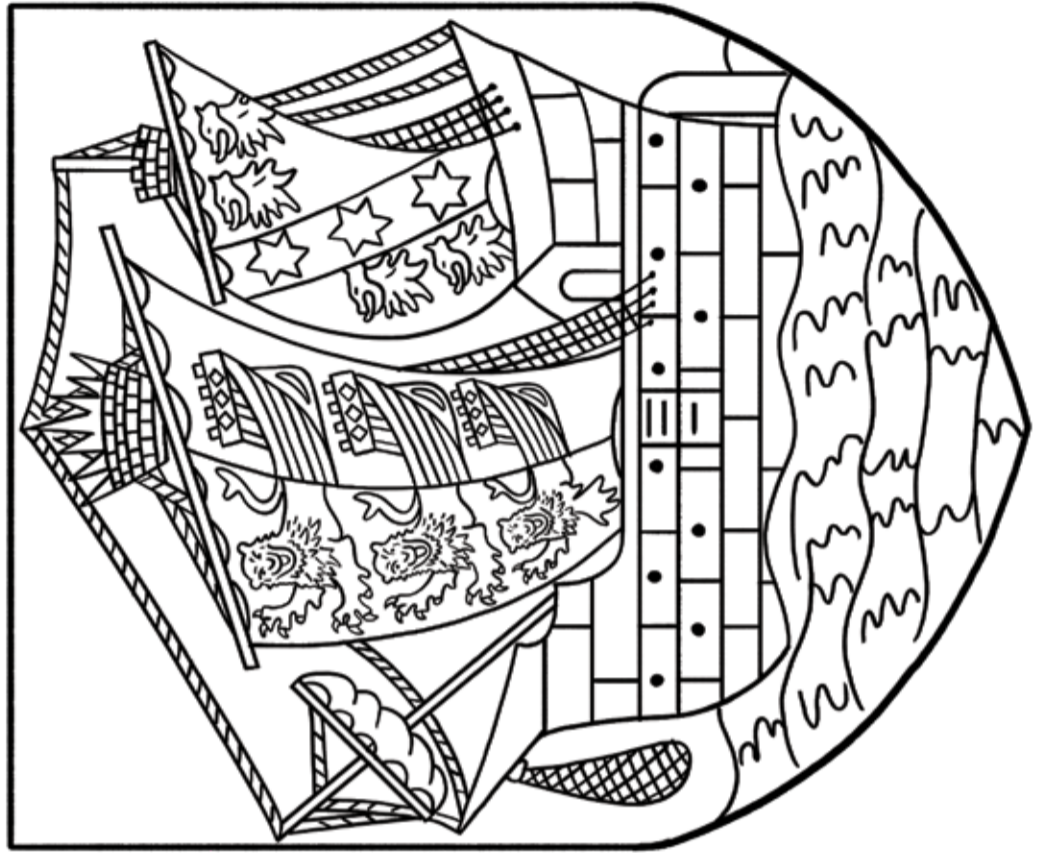


Tenterden joined them in 1449 and it made the town quite wealthy.

Can you find the Cinque Port coat-of-arms on our town crest?

Colour in our Town Coat of Arms

You may use the ancient (heraldic) colours that you'll see all over the town, or just choose your own.



# 5 FAMILY FUN TRAIL LEVELS

- Spotters Quiz
- Photo Match Ups
- Strike a Pose
- Colour-in Coat of Arms
- Counting Challenge



## Spotters Quiz Earn a Badge

Ten Spotters Quiz Questions marked in red along the Trail.

Take your answers, finished or not, to the very nice people at the Museum to claim a "Wheels of Time" badge. Opening times and quiz answers may be found on [www.tenterdenmuseum.co.uk](http://www.tenterdenmuseum.co.uk)

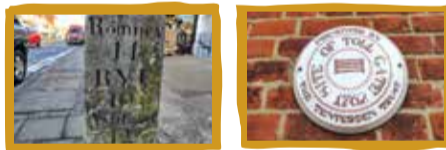
You can find out how to get a Wheels of Time "E-badge" on the Museum's E-badge page and/or visit [www.wheelsofetime.uk](http://www.wheelsofetime.uk)

Answers to the Spotters Quiz may also be found on: [www.tenterdenhistory.co.uk](http://www.tenterdenhistory.co.uk) and [www.tenterdentowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.tenterdentowncouncil.gov.uk)

## Photo Match Ups 5 matches to find



Marked in yellow on the Trail. Tick them off as you go along.



No. 50 High Street (front)

Match up the toll gate to the milestone across the High Street.



No. 50 High Street (back)

Be careful to behave well! For centuries wrong-doers in the town were locked up in this Gaol House. Match up the jail bars in the window.

No.18 High Street

A school for Tenterden children, built 500 years ago for £10. Match up the wooden Tudor Roses.



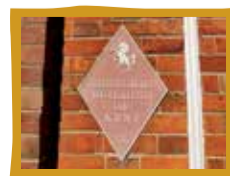
No. 7 High Street

200 years ago, someone chose to have these pretty windows and front door. Match up a strange doorknocker, and two ladies with huge hair.

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No. 2 West Cross

Historical House of Kent Match up some Mathematical Tiles



## Crest Counting Challenge

How many town crests — any size anywhere — can you spot? More than 20?

Excellent!



## Strike a Pose

Find a favourite town spot.

Take your group selfie. With parental permission, go online and share your photo on social media.

Please tag us in!

#TenterdenFamilyTrail

@tenterdentowncouncil

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@tenterden\_museum



Tag me in, matey!







# Welcome to Tenterden – An Ancient Port

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## But where is the sea?

800 years ago the coastline was different from today. The port of Tenterden was nearby at Smallhythe. Splendid fighting ships were built here, including in 1415 the first 1,000 ton ship in the world, named "The Jesus". In our gem of a Museum you can find out why the sea is now ten miles away. Our town trail reveals our 21st Century treasures: a heritage railway, unique buildings, independent shops, cafés and restaurants. **Start your Trail at any point.**

## No. 22 Doctor Death



Dr Jeremiah Cliff was fascinated by people dying. From 1713 to 1740 he made notes about the deaths of 1,245 local people. In 1722 his own maid Mrs Parton sadly hanged herself in the attic here. He is buried in St Mildred's churchyard.

## 29-33 High Street

This ancient hall house was built in the 1400s. Since Victorian times it has mostly been a butcher's shop. There were three generations of butchers all called "Mr Stephen Hook". Their raw meat was on show in the street.

**Spot how the raw meat was displayed outside. Clue: it's in his name!**

## The Town Hall

This lovely Georgian building was once a medieval hall which included the Woolpack next door. The first Town Hall stood further down the High Street until a prisoner burnt it down in 1661.

The tall tower of St Mildred's has four bright golden flags. These can be seen by travellers on land and at sea. Every morning the tower's eight bells ring out a cheerful hymn, to wake up the good people of Tenterden Town.

Buried in this churchyard are some very unusual circular graves. Can you find some?

**Spot why are these called "barrel tombs"?**



## 19-21 High Street

This warehouse stored and sold corn to the town. Can you work out how the heavy sacks got up to the top two floors? They didn't climb the stairs!

**Spot two small clues and two large door ones.**



## The Woolpack Pub

This olden inn was built in 1478. See its funny crooked side beside the churchyard.

## The Milestone & Toll Gate No.55

There used to be a gate here across the High Street. Nearly all traffic had to stop and pay a toll (cost) for using the road. LONDON and RYE are in capital letters, can you think why?

**Spot how many miles from London are we?**

## Bulls Eye Lantern, 60 High Street

Here's an exceptionally old medieval building. It has been a stationery, medicine, and chemist's shop for the past two centuries. Look carefully at the green glass 'bull's eye' lantern.

**Spot the name of the Victorian chemist who once owned the shop?**

## Pittlesden Gatehouse 91

Tenterden joined the Cinque Ports in 1449 when Thomas Pittlesden was the mayor. This tiny gatehouse may have belonged to him and could be the oldest house in the town. Thomas's coat of arms is still on our town crest.

## The War Memorial

Some of these soldiers survived the fighting of the Great War. Then sadly in 1919 they died from a flu pandemic.

**Spot what is the animal at the top of the memorial?**

## 1 Kent & East Sussex Railway, Station Road

Our railway was set up in 1903 by Colonel Stephens who built sixteen other railways in England.

**Guess what was his favourite toy as a child?**

## Tenterden Museum

**Spot a place to find out even more about Tenterden. And a place to get your Wheels of Time badge!**

## 118 High Street

Reminds us Tenterden once had a port.

## Hats off if you solve this!

In 1777 Doctor John Mace had his house built with only one tall, narrow doorway. He wanted to keep his splendid top hat on his head when riding through to the back. He also didn't want his sons to buy themselves a big carriage. One tall, narrow doorway – **Can you find it?**

## Pretending to be a Brick

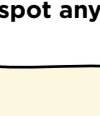
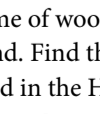
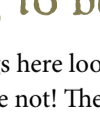
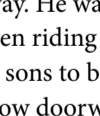
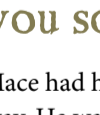
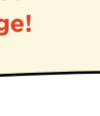
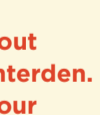
Some of the buildings here look like they are made of bricks, but they are not! These Mathematical Tiles neatly hang on a frame of wood and are found only in this part of England. Find them at West Cross Numbers 2 and 9, and in the High Street Numbers 19 and 23. **Can you spot any more?**

## 8 Heronden Gatehouse

One thousand years ago a Lady Aethelflaed owned the land here. In 1987 the gatehouse was blown down by a big storm.

**Spot the date when the gatehouse was repaired?**

# TRAIL STARTS HERE



Sayers Lane

West Cross