



Scan to hear the audio tour of Chester's historic Rows.

Join our circular journey through an urban landscape that is unique in the world. Chester's historic four main streets, built on the foundations of the Roman fort Deva Victrix, are lined with a precious network of buildings that will lead you down the centuries from medieval times to the present day.

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CHESTER

TIME TRAVELLING TREASURE HUNT

Free interactive trail for the whole family

Suitable for children aged 4-11, adult supervision is recommended. Younger children may need more assistance from their adults. The route is an easy to moderate walking route.



STOP THE TIME WATCHERS

Chester is under threat from the Time Watchers, a mysterious society of time travellers who hide in pockets of time. They have surfaced in modern day Chester and are threatening to lock us in a pocket of time in the past if we do not provide them with the secret password.

Your mission is to travel to specific spots in the time, using the map on the reverse, and solve the clues left by Cestrians of the past along The Rows. Then solve the cryptex to reveal the password which will prevent Chester being locked in time forever.

CLUE NUMBER I
YEAR 1780

Your journey starts by taking a step back to the Georgians. Using the map on the reverse, head to clue number 1, Browns of Chester on The Rows. Look up at the blue and white ceiling. What shapes can you see?

FILL THE BLANKS

O _____ D _____

1 2

Stepping back in time to the Middle Ages. Head back up onto the Rows at the Cross and make your way down to 63 Bridge Street Row. Stop here and look out across the street to the Row opposite. You will see a cream fronted building with three arches. What is the missing word from its' name below?

CLUE NUMBER III
YEAR 1274

FILL THE BLANKS

Three _____ Arches

4

2-4 Eastgate Street, The Victorian era. Stand at street level outside of the jewellery store and look up on the black and white building. You will see two shields nestled in the timber framing, one white, one black. What animal head is shown on the black shield three times?

CLUE NUMBER II
YEAR 1888

FILL THE BLANKS

_____ G _____

3

Stay in the Middle Ages and carefully cross the road to join Bridge Street Row on the opposite side of the road. Look through any of the three arches, across the street to the black and white timbered building with the statue of a man between the windows. On the front of this building, in white text is a sentence, complete the missing words below:

CLUE NUMBER IV
YEAR 1200

FILL THE BLANKS

To God My _____ and my _____

5 6

Back to the Roman Times. Head north on Bridge Street Row, on your left a ramp will appear. Head down this ramp and up the cobbled alleyway until you find a secret Roman Medical Garden on your left. You will find a very special tree in this garden which grows a savoury stoned fruit that Italians still use and love as a staple of their diet today. Look at the signs for the trees, which food are we looking for?

CLUE NUMBER V
YEAR 1940

FILL THE BLANKS

_____ O _____

7

Leaping centuries ahead to the 17th century, find number 22 Bridge Street Row. Above the door of this shop is the name of the building, what word is missing from the name below?

CLUE NUMBER VI
YEAR 1670

FILL THE BLANKS

The _____ Houses _____

8

Staying in the 17th Century, stand at street level in front of 9 Watergate Street and look up at the black and white building on the Rows above you. You will see in white text the sentence, "Gods providence is mine inheritance." Above this are three repeated symbols in red, what shape are they?

CLUE NUMBER VII
YEAR 1652

FILL THE BLANKS

_____ A _____

9 10

Step into the Victorian era on the Rows. The timbers on this section of the Rows are very low. Make sure the adults with you mind their head! Look out of the Rows at this point and across the street, you will see a black and white timbered building with a sentence in white text. Fill in the missing words from this sentence, below:

CLUE NUMBER VIII
YEAR 1890

FILL THE BLANKS

The _____ d _____ is my _____ s _____

11 12

In this corner of the Rows you will find a time capsule in the form of some signage showing you "Tales from the Rows." These tales speak of various key points in the history of Chester. In 1346, they speak of a heroic Prince planning a party. What is the name of the Prince?

CLUE NUMBER IX
YEAR 1346

FILL THE BLANKS

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Now you can help us to appease the Time Watchers and stop them locking Chester away in a pocket of time forever! Plot the highlighted letters from each of your answers in the cryptex below in the correct boxes to reveal the password and prevent Chester from being locked in time.

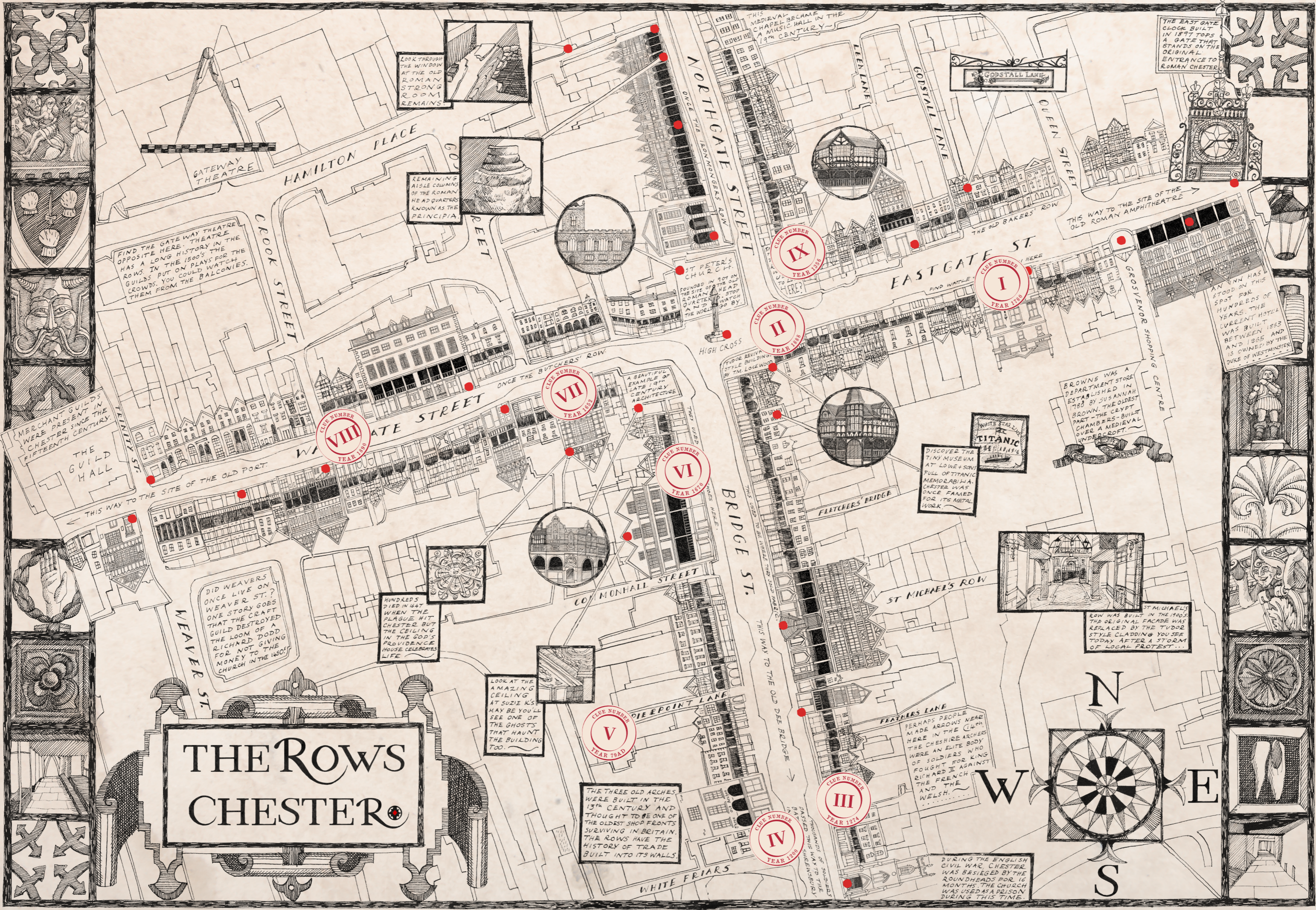
FILL THE BLANKS

1 8 7 3 12 13 11
6 2 4 10 9 5

COMPLETE THE CRYPTEX

Congratulations Time Traveller! You have gathered all the clues!

THE ROWS CHESTER



FIND THE GATEWAY THEATRE OPPOSITE HERE. THEATRE HAS A LONG HISTORY IN THE ROWS. IN THE 1500'S THE GUILDS PUT ON PLAYS FOR THE CROWDS. YOU COULD WATCH THEM FROM THE BALCONIES.

DID WEAVERS ONCE LIVE ON WEAVER ST.? ONE STORY GOES THAT THE CRAFT THAT DESTROYED THE GUILD LOOM OF A RICHARD DODD GIVING FOR NOT GIVING FOR MONEY TO THE CHURCH IN THE 1450'S.

HUNDREDS DIED IN 1647 WHEN THE PLAGUE HIT CHESTER. BUT THE CEILING IN THE GOD'S PROVIDENCE HOUSE CELEBRATES LIFE.

LOOK AT THE AMAZING CEILING AT SUZIE K'S. MAY BE YOU'LL SEE ONE OF THE GHOSTS THAT HAUNT THE BUILDING TOO.

THE THREE OLD ARCHES WERE BUILT IN THE 13TH CENTURY AND THOUGHT TO BE ONE OF THE OLDEST SHOP FRONTS SURVIVING IN BRITAIN. THE ROWS HAVE THE HISTORY OF TRADE BUILT INTO ITS WALLS.

PERHAPS PEOPLE NEAR MADE ARROWS HERE IN THE 14TH CENTURY. THE CHESHIRE BODY WERE AN ELITE WHO FOUGHT FOR KING RICHARD III AGAINST THE FRENCH AND THE WELSH.

DURING THE ENGLISH CIVIL WAR, CHESTER WAS BESIEGED FOR 16 MONTHS. THE CHURCH WAS USED AS A PRISON DURING THIS TIME.

BROWNS WAS A DEPARTMENT STORE ESTABLISHED IN 1780 BY SUSANNAH BROWN. THE OLDEST PART - THE CRYST CHAMBERS - BUILT OVER A MEDIEVAL UNDERCROFT.

AN VVV HAS STOOD ON THIS SPOT FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS. THE CURRENT HOTEL WAS BUILT BETWEEN 1853 AND 1885 AND IS OWNED BY THE DUKE OF WESTMINSTER.

THE EAST GATE CLOCK BUILT IN 1877 TOPS A GATE THAT STANDS ON THE ORIGINAL ENTRANCE TO ROMAN CHESTER.

THIS WAY TO THE SITE OF THE OLD ROMAN AMPHITHEATRE

THOUSANDS OF MEMBERS PASSED THIS WAY TO THE

CLUE NUMBER IV YEAR 1900

CLUE NUMBER III YEAR 1974

CLUE NUMBER V YEAR 1940

CLUE NUMBER VI YEAR 1970

CLUE NUMBER VII YEAR 1950

CLUE NUMBER VIII YEAR 1900

CLUE NUMBER II YEAR 1858

CLUE NUMBER IX YEAR 1858

CLUE NUMBER I YEAR 1750

LOOK THROUGH THE WINDOW AT THE OLD ROMAN STONING ROOM. REMAINS

REMAINING AISLE COLUMNS OF THE ROMAN HEAD QUARTERS KNOWN AS THE PRINCIPIA

FOUNDED IN 901 ON THE SITE OF THE OLD ROMAN QUARTERS. ST. PETER'S CHURCH WAS BUILT BY THE WOODEN DOOR

A BEAUTIFUL EXAMPLE OF LATE 19TH CENTURY ARCHITECTURE

ONCE THE BUTCHERS' ROW

THIS USED TO BE THE PLACE WHERE THE

THIS USED TO BE THE PLACE WHERE THE

THIS WAY TO THE OLD DEE BRIDGE

ST MICHAEL'S ROW WAS BUILT IN THE 1900'S. THE ORIGINAL FACADE WAS REPLACED BY THE TUDOR STYLE CLADDING YOU SEE TODAY AFTER A STORM OF LOCAL PROTEST...

DISCOVER THE TINY MUSEUM AT LOWE + SON'S FULL OF TITANIC MEMORABILIA. CHESTER WAS ONCE FAMED FOR ITS METAL WORK.

WHITE STAR TITANIC

