The Pilgrimage Trail & The Walks

The Pilgrimage Trail public art project was commissioned by the Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk as part of the £4.3 million restoration of The Walks park, the only surviving example of an 18th century town walk in Norfolk. The development of the trail was supported by King's Lynn Arts Centre, Norfolk Museums & Archaeology Service and Commissions East.

Visitor Information

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Public Transport

Mainline trains from Cambridge and London King's Cross
National Rail Enquiry Line: 0845 748 4950
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Access
Not all sites are fully accessible. Please contact King's Lynn Tourist Information Centre for details.

Visitor web site
www.visitwestnorfolk.com

Producing the Pilgrimage Trail

Artist Lyndall Phelps created the artworks for the Pilgrimage Trail to link the restored Red Mount Chapel in The Walks with other medieval buildings in the town.

She was initially inspired by the wonderful collection of medieval metal pilgrim badges in Lynn Museum. These intriguing objects were produced in large numbers and sold to pilgrims to promote individual religious shrines and sites of worship. Many are decorated with the designs of buildings or symbols associated with particular medieval shrines and centres of pilgrimage.

Details found in the fine medieval buildings of King's Lynn also provided inspiration for the designs that the artist would eventually use to create the Pilgrimage Trail including:

- A wooden ceiling boss showing a seated Christ from All Saints' Church.
- A dog pictured on a monumental brass from St Margaret's Church.
- Designs from the fine ceiling of the Red Mount Chapel.
- A decorated stone corbel from Greyfriars Tower.
- A carved ship on a wooden bench end from St Nicholas' Chapel.

These designs now feature on a series of brushed stainless steel plaques located on or near the buildings with which they are associated. The designs have also been reproduced on stickers and paper bags.
Welcome to the King’s Lynn Pilgrimage Trail

Explore the rich medieval heritage of King’s Lynn by following the Pilgrimage Trail, featuring a series of specially designed steel plaques that guide you to some of the most fascinating medieval buildings in the town.

These unique plaques were created by artist Lyndall Phelps. The designs were inspired by details from the historic buildings where they are located.

The Lynn Museum is a good place to start your tour. You can see a full set of plaques near the museum entrance.

**All Saints’ Church**
All Saints’ Church is the oldest church in King’s Lynn, largely rebuilt in the 14th century. This plaque was inspired by a wooden ceiling boss showing a seated figure of Christ.

For further information please visit www.allsaintskingslynn.org.uk

Permission to reproduce Christ in Majesty kindly given by All Saints’ Church

**St Margaret’s Church**
A fine collection of medieval brasses in the church includes one from 1364 showing Robert Braunche, a former mayor of Lynn, with his wives, Letitia and Margaret. The dog sitting at Letitia’s feet provided the inspiration for this plaque.

For further information please visit www.stmargaretskingslynn.org.uk

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**Greyfriars Tower**
Greyfriars Tower was part of a Franciscan friary, founded in the 1230s. The bell tower dates to the late 13th century and features many fine carved bosses and corbels, one of which is featured in the plaque. The tower survived the Reformation as a sea mark, guiding ships into port.

For further information please visit www.visitwestnorfolk.com

**Red Mount Chapel**
The late 15th century Red Mount Chapel was a wayside chapel for pilgrims on their way to the shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham. The upper chapel of 1506 has a fan vaulted roof, further decorated with quatrefoils which inspired the design of the plaque.

Limited opening. For further information please visit www.visitwestnorfolk.com

**St Nicholas’ Chapel**
The 15th century ship featured on the plaque is from a wooden benchend from St Nicholas’, which is now on display in the Town House Museum (on loan from the Victoria and Albert Museum). The ship highlights King’s Lynn’s rich maritime past.

Limited opening. For further information please visit www.visitwestnorfolk.com

**Lynn Museum**
The important collection of medieval pilgrim badges on display at Lynn Museum mostly came from the river mud of Lynn’s Purfleet. They were probably lost by pilgrims on their way to the shrine at Walsingham. The “West Norfolk Story” gallery explores medieval life and pilgrimage in the town.

Open Tues-Sat 10-5. For more information visit www.museums.norfolk.gov.uk

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Greyfriars
All Saints Church
St Margaret’s Church
Town House Museum
The Purfleet
St Nicholas’ Chapel

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