

Horsham Town Trail

Guiding you to places of historical interest in and around the town







In the top right corner of Carfax you can see the spire of St Mark's Church. Walk up to it and along Chart Way. The spire is all that remains of the church, built in 1840 and redeveloped by the RSA Insurance Group in 1989. Horsham Society led the fight to retain the spire as a landmark.

The windows of the new building are decorated with a panorama of the South Downs.

Continue over the bridge to the Jubilee Fountain, originally sited in Carfax in 1897 for Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee, and finally moved here in 1992.

Behind you will see Bottings, a 14th century timber framed hall house.





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Continue on into North Street. On your left is a former horse trough, which commemorates Captain Drummond MVO, Chief Constable in Horsham from 1879 until 1912, when he became Chief Constable of West Sussex Police.





Walking northwards you will see Park House on your left. On the site of Cockmans, a former medieval burgage house, it was built in two stages between 1690 and 1720 by John Wicker and known as Wicker House. It was then sold to the Hurst family in 1799. The Hursts were a prominent family, providing two MPs. Dorothea Hurst wrote the first history of Horsham in 1868. The family sold Park House and the gardens to Horsham Urban District Council in 1928.