



1 Lyon Inn (now Hand of Glory)

The Lyon Inn is reputedly where John Woodman of Kellaways plotted the Fire of London. He was heard to say he would make *'London as sad a London as ever it was since the World began'*. After the fire in 1666, a warrant was issued for his arrest but he was never tried.

Location: 34 Market Pl, Chippenham, SN15 3HP

2 Jubilee Building

Erected in 1887, the year of Queen Victoria's Jubilee, this building was funded in part by public subscription and was intended to serve as a lasting memorial to the Queen. When it first opened, the Jubilee Building was used as a literary and scientific institute.

Location: 32 Market Pl, Chippenham, SN15 3HP



3 Canal Wharf (now Chippenham bus station)

The Chippenham branch of the Wilts and Berks Canal joined the main canal at Pewsham. It terminated in a yard near Timber Street and extended out of town on land between Wood Lane and the Causeway. Coal, salt, stone and agricultural produce was the main cargo carried from the wharf. The canal fell into decline after the railway came to Chippenham.

Location: Timber St, Chippenham SN15 3EJ



4 Samuel Fludyer's House (now Chippenham Library)

Sir Samuel Fludyer was MP for Chippenham from 1754 to 1768 and is credited with improving the cloth trade for local clothiers during his time in office. The site of Number 11 Timber Street is where Fludyer lived in 1754.

Location: Timber St, Chippenham, SN15 3EJ.



5 Dame Florence Hancock

Florence Hancock was born into poverty on Factory Lane in Chippenham. She worked in the Nestlé factory from the age of 14 and became an active campaigner for workers and women's rights in the trade union movement. In 1949 she was elected the second female president of the Trades Union Council. This is the latest blue plaque unveiled in October 2021.

Location: Westmead Ln, Chippenham, SN15 3HZ (private house)

6 The Angel Hotel

During the 18th century, The Angel Hotel was one of the major coaching inns on the busy route between London and Bristol. Journey by horse and coach was very slow so coaching inns like this would have been a welcome sight for travellers.

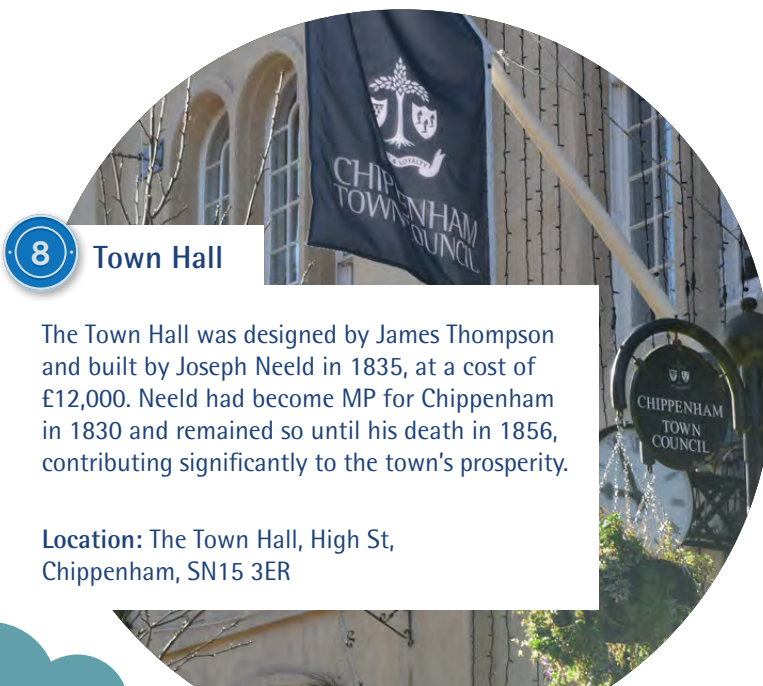
Location: 8 Market Pl, Chippenham, SN15 3HD



7 White Hart Inn (now Iceland)

Another of Chippenham's coaching inns, only the façade of The White Hart remains. Oliver Cromwell, leader of the Parliamentarians during the Civil War, lodged here in 1649, on route to Bristol.

Location: 44-45 Market Pl, Chippenham, SN15 3HU



8 Town Hall

The Town Hall was designed by James Thompson and built by Joseph Neeld in 1835, at a cost of £12,000. Neeld had become MP for Chippenham in 1830 and remained so until his death in 1856, contributing significantly to the town's prosperity.

Location: The Town Hall, High St, Chippenham, SN15 3ER

9 Cheese Market Arch

In 1850 Joseph Neeld constructed large sheds at the rear of the Town Hall for the Cheese Market and Corn Exchange. The Bath stone arch which now fronts the High Street was erected as part of the entrance to the Cheese Market. It was moved several metres to the left of its original location when the Borough Parade shopping precinct was rebuilt.

Location: The entrance to Borough Parade. 4 High St, Chippenham, SN15 3ER

10 Nestlé Condensed Milk Factory (now Alliance)

The Nestlé factories played a significant part in the dairy economy of Wiltshire during the late 1800's. The Chippenham factory belonging to Nestlé was once one of the most modern in the country. It was here that the use of tin cans for the famous Nestlé condensed milk was pioneered.

Location: Avonbridge House, Bath Rd, Chippenham, SN15 2BB

11 Town Mill (now Goughs solicitors)

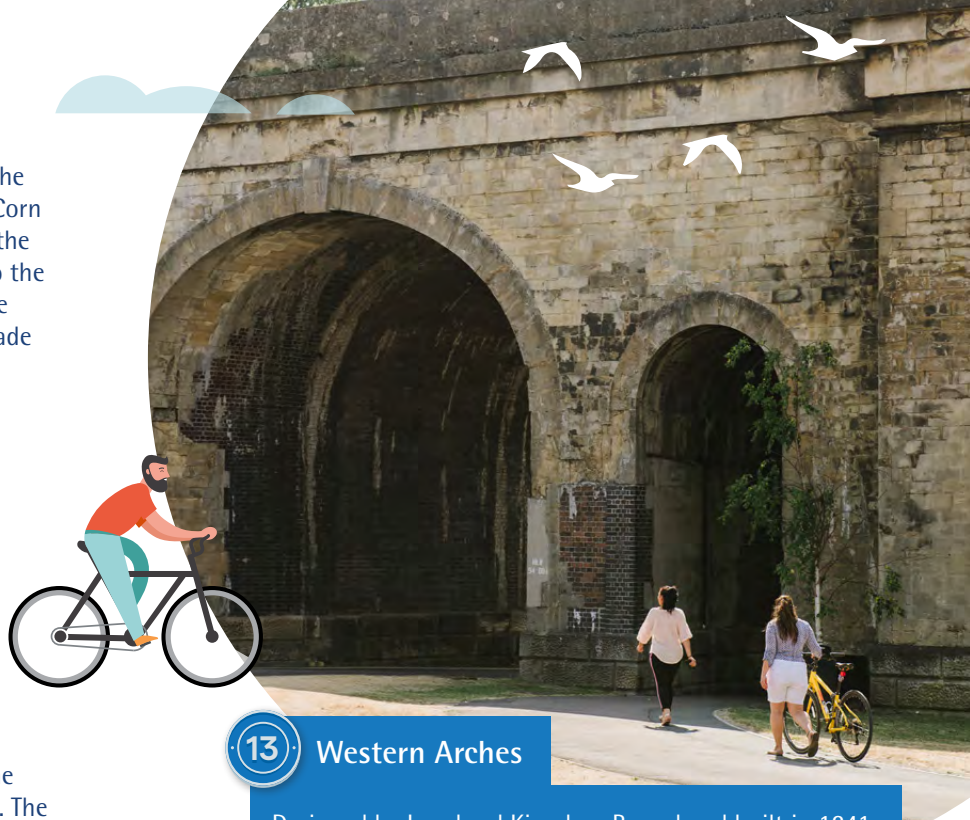
A flour mill, powered by water from the River Avon was at the heart of the town since Saxon times. This building was once the residence of the Collen family who managed the town mill for over a hundred years. The mill stood to the right of this house which now bears the Civic Society plaque.

Location: Mill House, 1 New Rd, Chippenham, SN15 1EJ

12 Robin Tanner

Artist and educator Robin Tanner was born in Wiltshire in 1904. He published a number of books on printmaking which remain popular to this day. Tanner taught at Ivy Lane School before leaving to become an H.M. Inspector of Schools. He continued to work and live in Kington Langley until his death in 1988.

Location: Ivy Lane Primary School, Chippenham, SN15 1HE



13 Western Arches

Designed by Isambard Kingdom Brunel and built in 1841, the Western Arches carry the Great Western Railway line high above the town. The imposing railway viaduct makes a perfect gateway to the town centre.

Location: Railway viaduct, New Rd, Chippenham, SN15 1LA

14 John Coles Park

When originally built all three openings were matching archways. John Coles was at one time Chemist, Grocer, Mayor, Promoter of Secondary Education and Benefactor. John Coles ran his business from a shop on the corner of the Market Place which he opened in the 1870s. John Coles Park was named after him.

Location: Fleet Rd, Chippenham, SN15 1NZ



15 Railway Site Office

This plaque is on one of the original Italianate style buildings which date from the opening of the railway. The building is still in use today, and clearly shows the styling used by Brunel for the original 1841 station. The main station was rebuilt in a plainer style in 1856.

Location: Cocklebury Rd, Chippenham, SN15 3QE

Discover the tales of Chippenham's most extraordinary people and the places where they lived, worked and built



Chippenham Museum
Chippenham Town Council



Keep exploring

Another good place to discover Chippenham and the local area is by visiting customer services in the town's pedestrianised High Street in the Town Hall. You can find local maps, timetables for public transport and more free leaflets for attractions in and around the town.

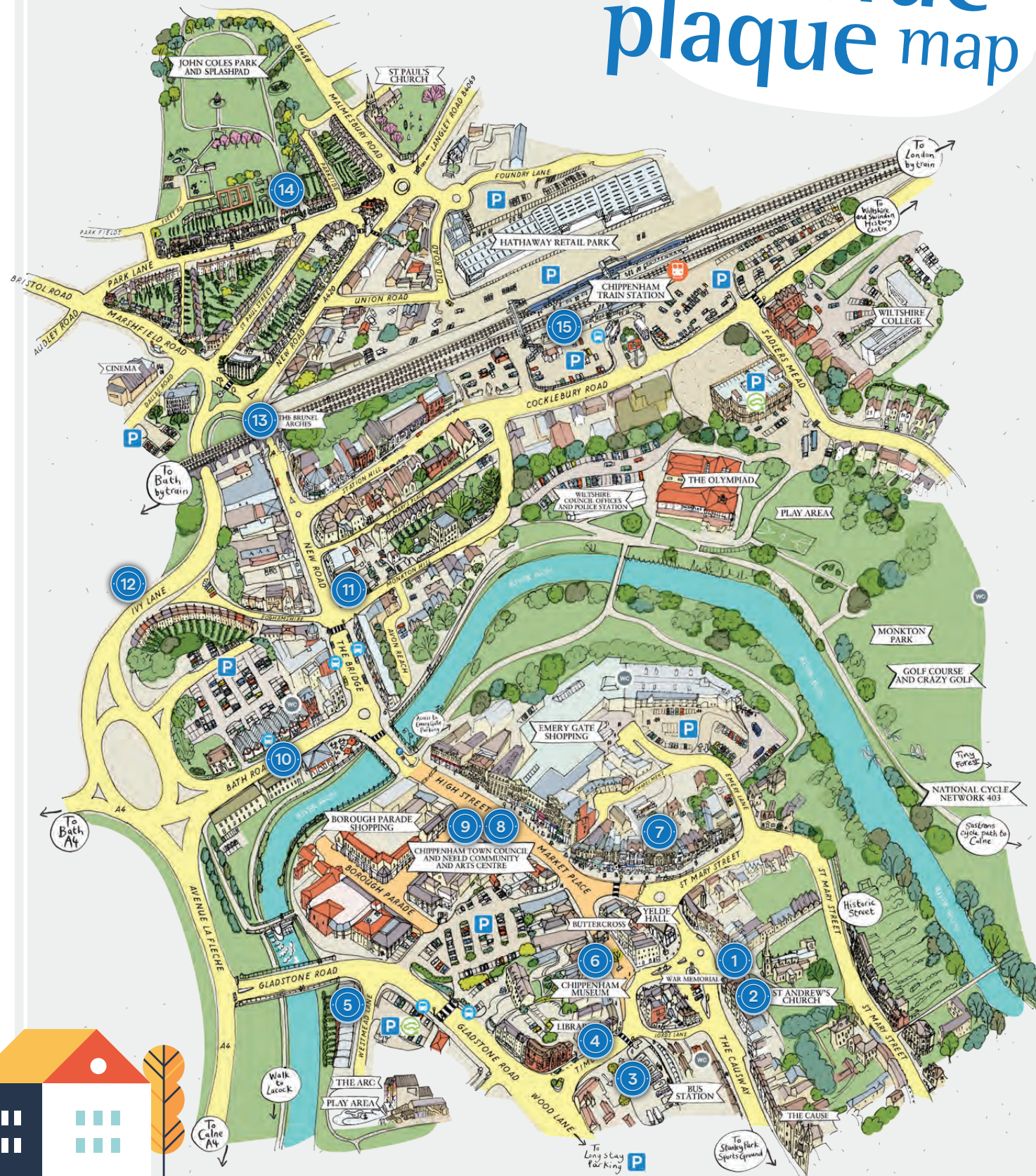
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Chippenham blue plaque guide

There are 15 blue plaques in the centre of Chippenham. Please use this guide to find them and learn about Chippenham's diverse history.



Western Arches
Designed & built by Isambard Kingdom Brunel, 1841

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