

ABERGAVENNY TOWN TRAIL

This trail takes you around some of the main features of Abergavenny. You should learn something of the past history of the town, as well as its importance today.

1. The trail starts at the Bus Station, ❶ a very busy place. Buses bring people in from the villages around the area. You can get a bus to Cardiff, Brecon or Hereford from here.

2. Tan House ❷ used to be the centre for a thriving tanning industry in Abergavenny.

What was made in the tanning process? _____

3. Look out for the Blue plaques, ❸ there are lots of them around Abergavenny at places of interest.

4. The Castle ❹ was built in 1090 and by the 14th century had become very splendid. It was largely destroyed during the Civil War in the 17th century. The "new" part of the castle now contains the Abergavenny museum.

Look around you. Why did they choose to build the Castle here?

5. The Angel Hotel ❺ was once a large coaching inn on the London to Fishguard stagecoach route. It is a fine example of a Georgian style building. Look at the sets of windows on either side of the front door.

Are the upstairs windows bigger or smaller?

Look up Cross Street towards the Town Hall tower
Name three other shops which have the same pattern of windows

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6. The Butter Market ❻ is used most days of the week, there are lots of stalls selling lots of different goods. Abergavenny has had a market charter since the mid-15th century.

7. The painting on this building ❼ is called a mural, it depicts the development of Abergavenny through the ages

8. Walk up Market Street ❽ past the small shops which have an overhanging first floor. These were built during Tudor times and are some of the 0 _____ buildings in the town.

9. The Livestock Market ⑨ first appeared on this site in 1863. Before this smaller markets were held in the centre of town and many years ago everything was sold in the market - there were no shops! Market day is on a Tuesday when cattle and sheep are sold.

Which animals would be kept in the large pens? _____

Which animals would be kept in the small pens? _____

Which animals do you think they sell most of here? _____

10. Frogmore Street ⑩ is right in the middle of the town, many of the shops here are the same as in other towns and cities they are called chain stores
Walk through the main pedestrianised shopping street ⑪ and look at the different shops.

Name two shops you would also find in Haringey

Name two shops in Abergavenny that you would not expect to find in London

The War Memorial ⑫ marks the end of Frogmore Street

11. Walk up Nevill street and look out for the unusual decorations ⑬ under the roof.

Which family used to live here? What was the building used for later?

12. The King's Arms ⑭ is a very old building, what are the animals in the King's Arms?

13. Find the gateway ⑮ in St. John's Street. What was once here?

14. The stone circle ⑯ in Swan Meadow was placed there when the Welsh National Eisteddfodd was held in Abergavenny.

Write down one advantage (good thing) about living in Abergavenny

Write down one disadvantage (bad thing) about living here

