

CARRINGTON HISTORY TRAIL

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This town or suburb trail covers about 1½ miles and takes about 1 hour to complete. No-one knows exactly where the boundary is between Sherwood and Carrington but for the purpose of this trail we start at Bingham Road and walk south along Mansfield Road.

The development of Carrington as a village begins in 1825 when a valuable freehold estate, forming a triangle between Mansfield Road and Hucknall Road, was sold at auction. William Surplice, the architect who designed St John's church, drew up a plan for the original plots around a triangular market place. To the north of the market place, lace factories were built, which was the main reason for developing the area. These were demolished in 2008, as were nearly all the houses around them, in the early 1960s. However, several important buildings and features remain for us to see today.

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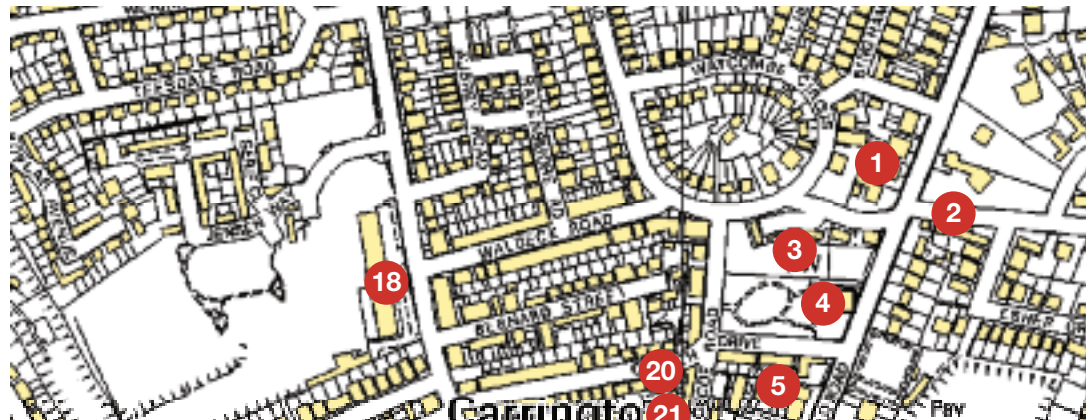
Densely packed terraced housing on Hucknall Road, typical of the area until demolition in the 1960s.
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Start at Bingham Rd and walk south along Mansfield Rd.

1 WATSON FOTHERGILL HOUSES

The terrace from 413 to 419 Mansfield Road is the last major work of Watson Fothergill, the famous local architect, in 1906. Next door is a pair of semi-detached properties erected in 1887. Note the woodwork, especially the carved animal's head, formerly a lamp fitting on no. 409.

At the corner with Watcombe Road is Clawson



6 THE NATIONAL SCHOOL

Erected at the corner of Mansfield Road and Selkirk Street in 1833, the rear elevation can still be seen behind Joe's Store. It was the first school to be built in Carrington and was virtually a church school built by Ichabod Wright. In 1846 the 101 pupils were taught by one master and six pupil teachers.

Proceed through the arch of Selkirk Way and observe the rear of the old school to your left, noting the circular window. Look to your right and admire the artwork.

9 THE MURAL AND THE MOSAIC

In the summer holidays of 2005 local school children aged from about 4 to 12 were involved in a project financed by a grant from Nottingham City Council. They provided drawings and helped with the vibrant painting of various buildings and landmarks in Carrington. Guidance for the mural was given by James Gant and for the mosaic by Jane Levick.

Walk along Selkirk Way to join Jenner Street to the left

10 THE MARKET PLACE



Market Place, looking north. c. 1950
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At the corner with Watcombe Road is Clawson Lodge, designed in 1885 for F. A. Doubleday, a prominent lace manufacturer. It is considered to be the finest house by Fothergill outside of the Park Estate. It is currently occupied by the Ukrainian Cultural Centre.

2 MAPPERLEY HALL LODGE

On the opposite side of Mansfield Road is the lodge house (1885) at the corner of Mapperley Hall Drive which leads to Mapperley Hall, built in the 1790s for Ichabod Wright, a prominent Nottingham banker.

3 PIRATE PARK

This children's playground between Mansfield Road and Loscoe Road is on the site of Carrington Lido, opened in 1937 and closed in 1988. The site was originally used for the horse-drawn tram stables which were no longer needed after 1901 when the electric trams began to use the route. In the Park, note the ceramic tiles bearing the handprints of local school children and the skull and crossbones! All were made by Carrington Pottery.



Carrington Lido c.1937
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4 ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH

This neo-Gothic building, designed by architect William Surplice, opened in April 1843. The design was influenced by Ichabod Wright of Mapperley Hall who gave the land and over £1000. A north aisle was added after the First World War, partly as a war memorial for those from the parish who had died. That aisle has now been cleverly converted (2009)



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into two floors with a lift to provide two church halls, a kitchen and café bar. A new porch has been added to the entrance at the west end and the nave modernized.

5 5-7 YEW TREE AVENUE

While he was a teacher at Nottingham High School for Boys, this was the home of Captain Theodore Bayley Hardy VC, DSO, MC, from 1893 to 1907. After his wife died he volunteered to become an army chaplain at the age of 51, in 1916. In the First World War he would appear in trenches with cigarettes and sweets saying, "It's only me". He was awarded the DSO after staying 36 hours in No Man's Land with a dying soldier. The VC came after he comforted a wounded man all day, within a few yards of a German machine gun post. He was fatally wounded and died on October 18th 1918. A very brave man, he never fired a shot. No. 7 is one of two pairs of villas designed by Watson Fothergill in 1881.

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Factory buildings, looking north on Wesley St.
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You are now standing at what was originally the north east corner of the triangular market place. Part of the school playground was extended across it and streets to the west were demolished in the 1960s. Opposite is Wesley Street and to the right the rubble left after the original lace factories were demolished in 2008.

Turn left along Jenner Street

11 CARRINGTON PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

Across the road is the school built in the early 1960s which was originally called Claremont Primary. The change of name occurred in 1976 when the old secondary school on Claremont Road was re-modelled as a community primary school called Claremont.

Turn left down New Street to rejoin Mansfield Road

12 NEW CARRINGTON INN

On the corner of New Street is the pub originally called the New Inn. It was built in the 1830s and was supplied by Carrington Brewery which stood nearby. (The brewery was in production until 1906) The pub was given an Irish theme and the name, "Rosie O'Brien's" in the 1990s.

Turn right and walk down Mansfield Road to the junction with Hucknall Road

13 THE NATWEST BANK



Junction of Mansfield Rd and Hucknall Rd c 1950
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The building was designed by W. Beedham Starr and E. B. H. Hall and opened in 1929 as the Westminster Bank. It stands on the site of the St John's Church School which opened in 1868 and was demolished in 1929.

Cross Hucknall Road carefully at the traffic lights.

14 THE GROSVENOR

There has been a pub on this site since the early 19th century. Then it was known as the Black's Head Inn which boasted "beautiful tea gardens" probably on the site of the John Farr rest gardens nearby (Farr was a former chairman of Home Brewery). In 1873 John Robinson, the founder of Home Brewery, bought the pub and changed its name to the Grosvenor Hotel. At that time there was extensive stabling for racehorses from the Forest racecourse. George Williamson, son of the landlord, was a leading jockey who won the Grand National on Manifesto in 1899. The statue of a horse used to stand on top of a wall in front of the car park. It disappeared not long after the pub was re-named The Grosvenor in the 1990s, after years of being saddled with the name Squires.

15 CLARENDON COLLEGE

This modern building with its bright blue panels, opened in September 1960. Its precursor was the Clarendon Institute on Clarendon Street, hence its name. It is now

part of New College Nottingham, offering a wide choice of courses in Further Education.



Station cutting 1979, looking south east.
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16 CARRINGTON RAILWAY STATION

Look to the left of Clarendon College and you will see the rear of the Experience Nottingham building. Between it and Nottingham Road was the site of Carrington Station. It opened in March 1899 and was the first stop from Victoria Station on the new Great Central Line. It closed in 1929 and was demolished soon afterwards.

Turn back and retrace your steps then walk up Hucknall Road as far as Claremont Road on the left

17 CLAREMONT PRIMARY SCHOOL

Originally known as Carrington Board Schools, designed by T. C. Hine and opened in 1884. It has been an Infant and Junior school, a Secondary Modern, a Bilateral, a Special School and now again a primary school. In the First World War it was a hospital for wounded soldiers.

Continue north along Hucknall Road

18 THOMAS FOREMAN & SON LTD. (PRINTERS)

This factory opened in 1926 and closed in 1999.

Its war memorial was removed and installed in St John's church in Carrington. Part of the building is now occupied by Tesco and part by The Indian Community Centre Association.

Cross Hucknall Road and walk back as far as Sherbrooke Road.

19 MOUNT ZION APOSTOLIC CHURCH

The baptists built this chapel on Sherbrooke Road in 1882. Originally it was known for its support of temperance. For some years now it has been used by the Mount Zion Apostolic Church.

Continue along Sherbrooke Road and turn left onto Loscoe Road.

20 CARRINGTON POTTERY

At the corner with Church Drive is this unusual building erected in 1891 and shaped to fit the narrow corner. At first it was a draper's premises but from 1900 to at least the 1950s it was a butcher's shop. The building was converted to a pottery in 1977.

Go back along Loscoe Road to the pub

21 THE GLADSTONE HOTEL

Built in 1882, its name commemorates William Gladstone, the Liberal statesman and Prime Minister. One of the first landlords was George Fryer, former heavyweight boxing champion of England. A small plaque in the bar refers to the visit of John H. Sullivan, former world heavyweight champion.

This is the end of the trail so you might like to enjoy a drink. You've earned it after your walk round historic Carrington.



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There is a lot more information about the area in “The History of Carrington” by Terry Fry.

There are also maps and oral history tapes which are all available from Nottingham City Libraries www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/libraries, Sherwood Library, Spondon St., Sherwood NG5 4AB Tel: 0115 915 1155

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