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STOP 1 - THE TRIANGLE

The Triangle is the heart of Clevedon, where markets were held from the 14th century onward. The board is on a wall near the NatWest bank and the 3 maps show you which buildings were developed first. The clock tower was placed here in 1898, and features tiles of a type of pottery made at Clevedon Court, Eltonware. Sir Edmund Elton developed it, and it became known as Eltonware.

Now walk to the left from the board turning into Station Road to enter Queens Square. On the way you pass the point where trains running on the old Weston, Clevedon and Portishead Light Railway used to cross the road for decades on the way to and from Portishead. Queens Square was laid out after the clearance of the Great Western Railway Station site in the 1980s.

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STOP 2 - QUEENS SQUARE

Queens Square was originally the home of the stations of Clevedon's two railway services. The Land Yeo river still runs underneath the square in a culvert. The history board is on the wall of the toilet block ahead of you.

Leave the Square by returning to Station Road and continue to the left. After passing a rather striking steam train mural turn left at the end of the road, into Old Church Road, which you should cross at some point. Keep walking towards the Curzon and the library. Turn right into Hillside Road, which runs beside library. Follow the road up the hill past St Johns Church, built in 1878, into St Johns Road, which further up becomes Sunnyside Road. Bear slightly left along that road and keep the garden wall of Clevedon Community Centre

to your right. At the end turn right into Albert Road.

Cross and keep walking, and you will reach the bus shelter with images of Clevedon painted by Doris Hatt, a Clevedon artist who died in 1969. Cross to the Masonic Hall opposite which was built as a Public Hall by Sir Arthur Elton, then owner of the Clevedon Court Estate. The junction here is called Six Ways, where six roads meet.



STOP 3 - SIX WAYS / ALEXANDRA ROAD

From your starting point at Six Ways, cross Linden Road which is to your left and head north up Bellevue Road. You will find the next board on the right side of Bellevue Road. From here continue along Bellevue Road until you reach Hill Road. The next board is just in front of you, on the broad pavement with an inviting seat.



STOP 4 - HILL ROAD / BELLEVUE

Hill Road has been one of the main shopping streets in Clevedon for well over a century. Take the opportunity to peruse many of the independent shops, bars and cafes here. Walk up Hill Road, until you come to the next board at the top of Alexandra Gardens.



STOP 5 - HILL ROAD WEST

Cross the road and enter Alexandra Gardens, given to the town by the Elton family of Clevedon Court in the 1860s. Walk down through the gardens and you will come to Alexandra Road. You will have seen some of the views of both the Gardens and the Road on the board at Six Ways. Turn right and walk down to the end of the road, where you can see Clevedon's grade one listed pier.



STOP 6 - THE BEACH

Walk around the corner to the right a little way and opposite the Pier, you will find the next board, with a seat for a well deserved rest. The cafes along the seafront offer some excellent refreshments and you can get food and drink on The Pier too. Follow the promenade toward the Sailing Club HQ and go past it along the Green Beach to the Bandstand and then on to the Marine Lake.



STOP 7 - SALTHOUSE

The board is by the slipway leading down to the Marine Lake, which is open all hours and all days of the week, unless the lake is being drained to refresh the water and remove some of the silt deposited by the Bristol Channel's water. Walk down any of the steps from the high promenade by the Lake and cross Salthouse Fields toward the road. Go through the wrought iron arch crossing carefully into Old Church Road, continuing past the petrol station. You are walking back towards the Curzon

STOP 8 - CURZON AND OLD CHURCH ROAD

Old Church Road is one of the oldest roads in Clevedon and originally led from farm to farm toward the Norman St Andrew's Church, on the coast. Some of the farmhouses be seen on this board, though only one is now left standing.



We hope you have enjoyed this journey back through the time - much of Clevedon remains as it has been for over a hundred years, although much has changed.

