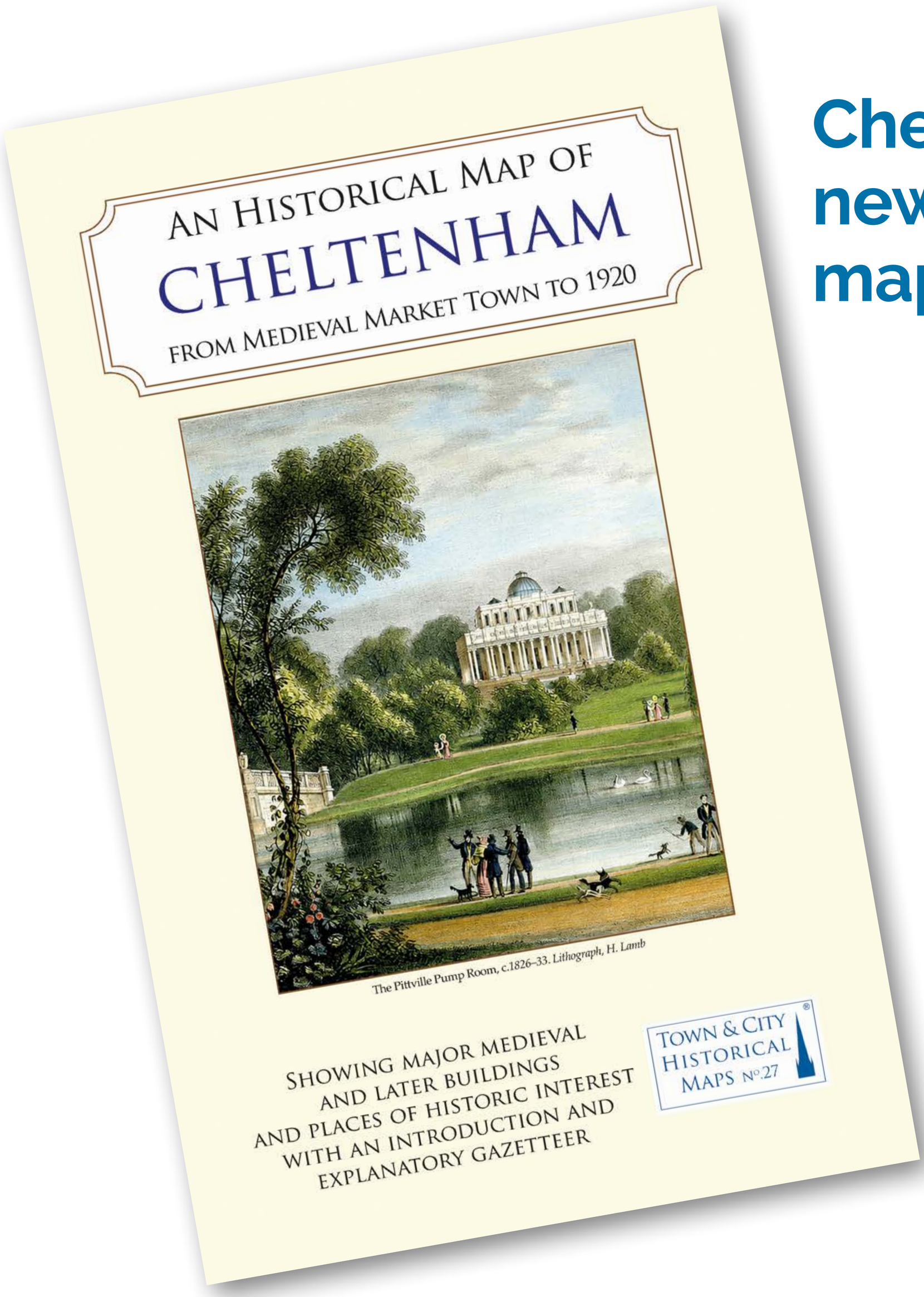
Welcome



Cheltenham's new historical map

Cheltenham Civic Society

THE HISTORIC TOWNS TRUST®

Who are we?

Cheltenham Civic Society is working with The Historic Towns Trust to produce a new historical map of Cheltenham

Cheltenham Civic Society

Cheltenham Civic Society is an active network of citizens that promotes pride in our town.
We aim to encourage:

- high standards of design and execution for buildings and public spaces
- conservation of the town's heritage
- discussion and understanding of our urban environment

We do this by identifying concerns, developing ideas and galvanising the community to help make the town more distinctive, attractive and enjoyable.

As a non-profit registered charity, the Society is non-political and is funded by our members.
We also act as a formal consultee to the local planning authority.

The Historic Towns Trust

The Historic Towns Trust is a charity that produces historical mapping illustrating the evolution of Britain's towns.

At the Trust, we focus on inspiring future generations to understand, appreciate and preserve their urban heritage. We work with local historians, geographers and archaeologists to publish educational maps and atlases that give everyone a sense of belonging and custodianship.

Our unique multi-layer mapping techniques reveal a new way to visualise the complex development of Britain's towns, enabling us to better understand the impact of events and communities over time.

We use our research to develop teaching materials for schools and engage the public, empowering them with the knowledge and helping to influence future decisions about the built environment.

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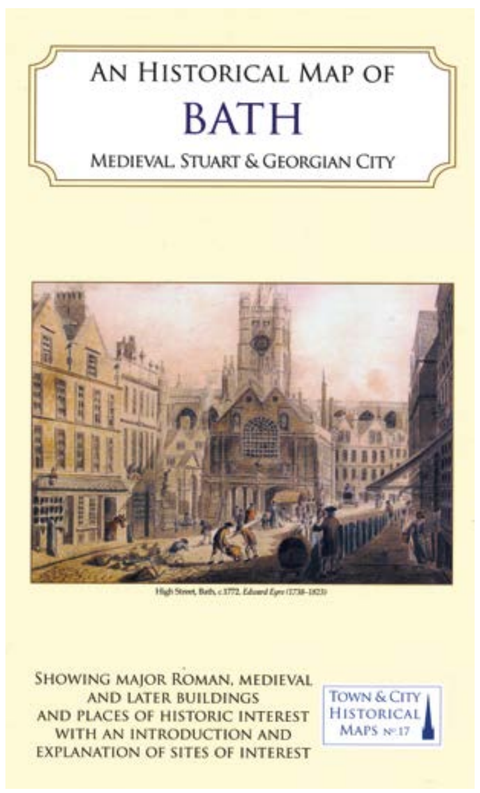
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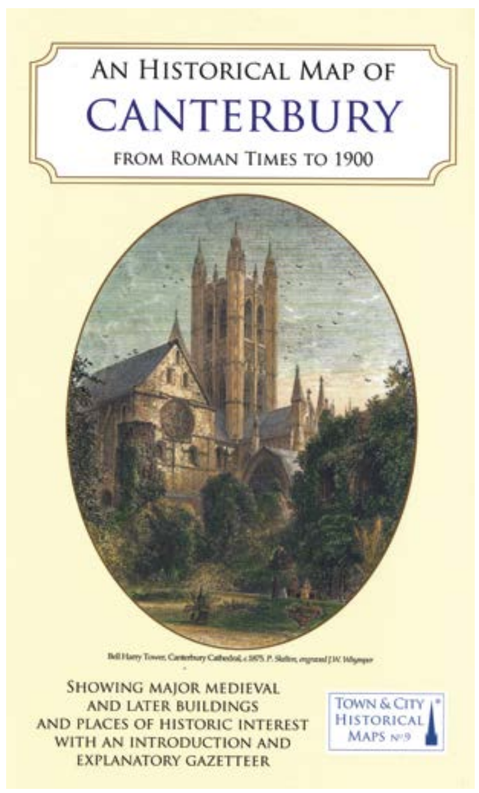
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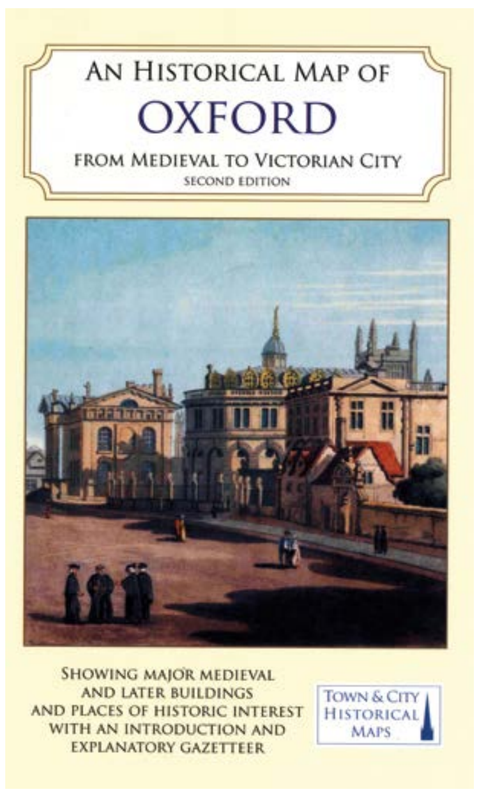
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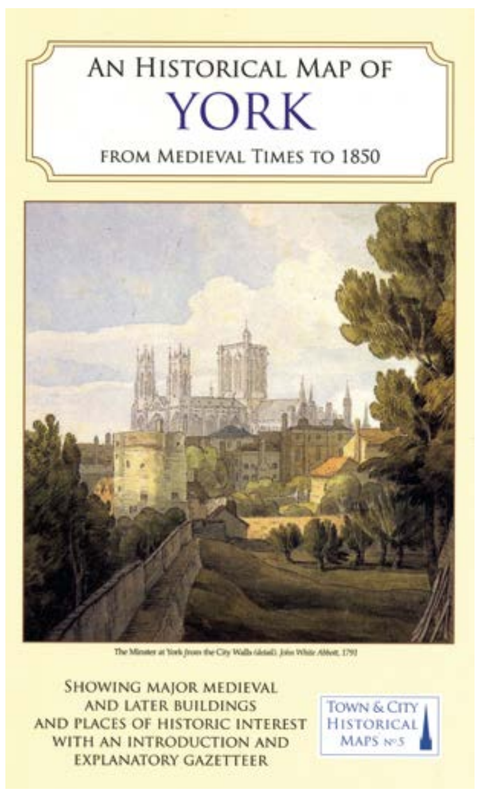
The Historic Towns Trust publishes historical maps of towns and cities of historic interest

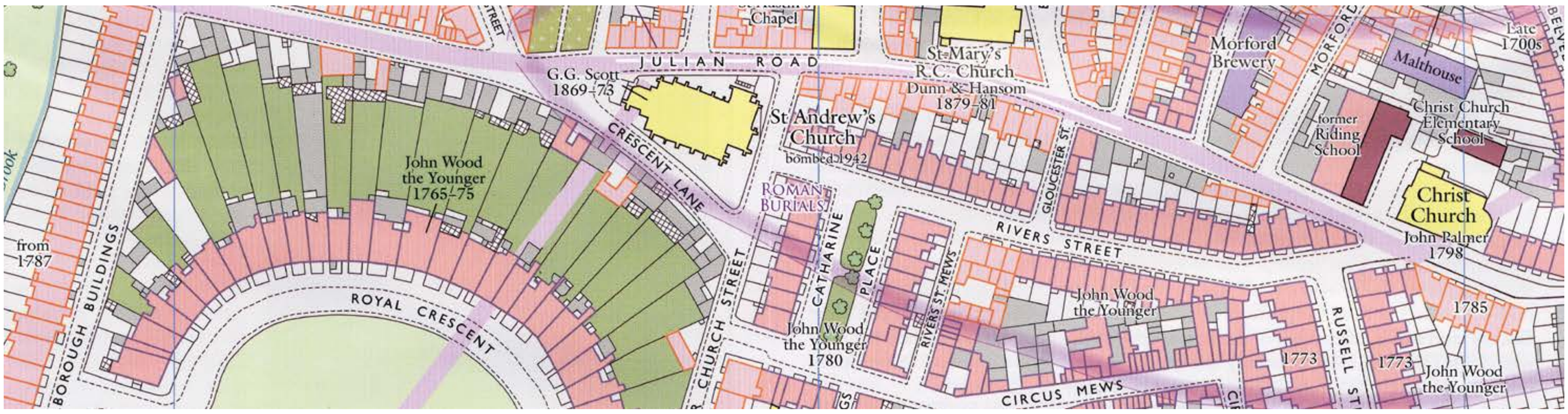
- A historical map is a modern map showing the history of the town – not a reproduction of an old map.
- Each printed map includes an introduction, and a history of the featured city or town. On the reverse is a 10,000 word description of the main features shown on the map.
- All the printed maps are at a scale of 1:2500 (about 25 inches to the mile). They include engravings, watercolours or early photographs, and topic boxes related to points of interest in the town.











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Cheltenham before the spa



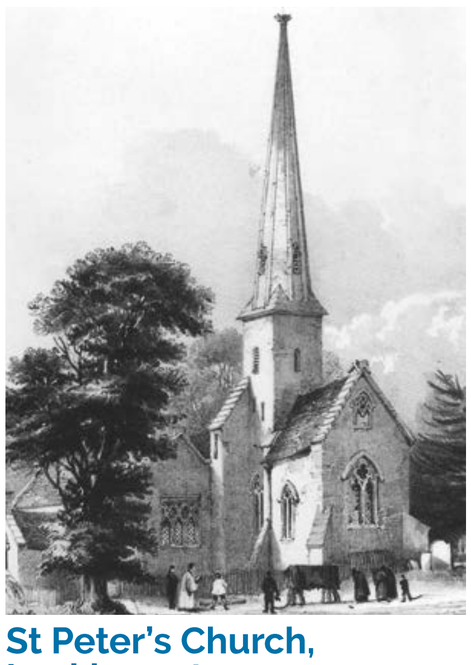
St Mary's Church, Cheltenham



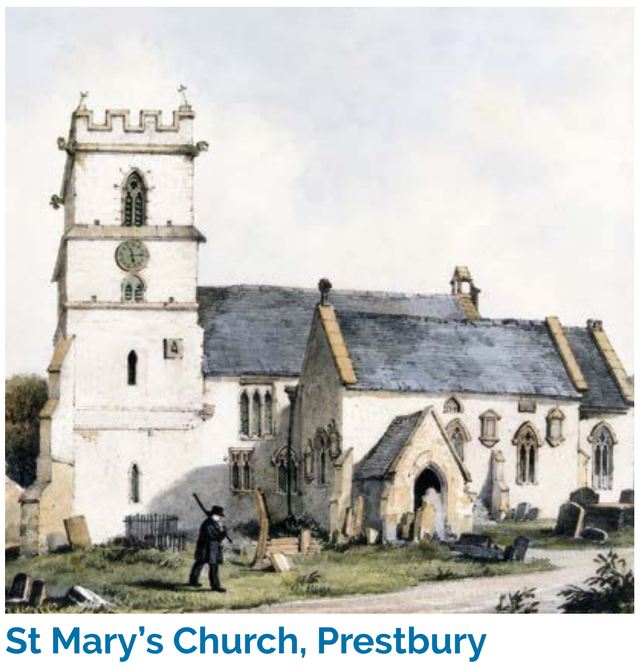
St Lawrence Church, Swindon Village



St Mary's Church, Charlton Kings



St Peter's Church, Leckhampton (c. 14th-Century)



St Mary's Church, Prestbury

Cheltenham was an ancient town surrounded by medieval villages.

Evidence of the earliest settlement in Cheltenham includes a neolithic tomb, various Iron Age sites and scattered Roman remains suggesting farmsteads or villas in the area. An Anglo-Saxon minster church was documented by 773.

Medieval Cheltenham was a small market town, strung along a single street aligned south-east to north-west, parallel to the river. It was bordered by open fields and orchards and at the heart of the town was the parish church of St. Mary, dating from around 1200.

In the near distance were the outlying ancient villages of Swindon, Prestbury, Charlton Kings and Leckhampton.

With its church, manor, market place, mills, inns and brew houses, shops and a grammar school, even as late as 1800 the town would have seemed familiar to earlier generations.

It would change dramatically over the next 35 years.

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Cheltenham the spa town



Montpellier Spa, now The Ivy



The Promenade



Eccentrics in the High Street



The Promenade



Pittville Pump Room

Cheltenham evolved into a fashionable spa resort.

The discovery of the spa waters in 1716 started a series of events that would transform the town. Development proceeded steadily, the streets were paved and lit, the roads were improved and the coaching trade grew. A building was erected above the Old Well in 1738 and the manorial buildings near to the church were replaced by the Great House, an upper class lodging house.

The visit of King George III in 1788 brought publicity and more visitors to hotels such as The Plough, George, Fleece, Crown and Lamb. The Colonnade was begun in 1791 by Samuel Harward, whilst Joseph Pitt's first building project was the Royal Crescent, in 1805. The next 30 years saw the creation of several new spas and the development of private housing estates at Montpellier, Pittville, Lansdown, Bayshill and The Park.

The population of the town grew from about 3,000 in 1801 to 31,000 in 1841.

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Cheltenham

a residential, educational and working town



Cheltenham College



St James Station



Cheltenham Fire Brigade



A tram heading towards Leckhampton



Cheltenham General Hospital

The extraordinary growth of Cheltenham early in the nineteenth century resulted from the popularity of spas and as a place to socialise with the fashionable and wealthy. It was a summer resort supporting seasonal employment in the hotels, concert halls, pump rooms and smart shops.

The broad promenades, gardens, terraces and spacious villas associated with Regency Cheltenham were created to be attractive to visitors.

By about 1830, these facilities also drew people to settle here permanently, requiring services such as domestic help, transport, hospitals and schools all year around.

Cheltenham's great spa period peaked in the 1820s and declined noticeably during the 1830s. In the 1840s, it became more of a residential, educational and cultural centre.

The spa era was effectively over, yet the town continued to prosper. The arrival of the railway in 1840 raised the prospect of commercial development but manufacturing played only a small part in the local economy until the start of the twentieth century.

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An extract of the 1806 Mitchell Map

TOWN OF CHELTENHAM.

Laid down, chiefly, from his own observations, and engraved by

EDWARD MITCHELL

with

Part of { Leckhampton / Charlton Kings / Prestbury } Parish by { Thomas Pinnell / Thomas Billings / Thomas Smith }

The Positions, of the principal Objects, determined geometrically by

DALRYMPLE.

References.

* Stations. H. House. B.H, Boarding House. In. Inn. *D* Lodgings.

1 Old Swan In	13 Belvidere H	26 Grammar School
2 Freeman's Baths	14 Billiard Rooms	27 St. George's Place
3 Yatman's Yard *D*	15 Crown In.	28 Fleece In & Lane
4 York Hotel	16 Lamb In.	29 Prison
5 Mrs. Banbury	17 George In.	30 Smith's BH.
6 Upper Rooms	18 White, Sadler	31 Shakespear Tavern
7 Lower Rooms	19 Mrs. Andrews New H *D*	32 Naggs Head In.
8 Plough In	20 Portland H	33 Somerset Place
9 Coffee H	21 Markham now Gwinnett	34 Somerset H.
10 Sir Robt. Herries	22 Greyhound Lane	35 Old Well
10 Winchcomb Street	23 Collonade	36 Mr. Forty's H.
11 Hooper, Confectioner	24 The Market	
12 Waggon Office	25 Russells BH.	

The Post Office Map of 1820

THE POST OFFICE MAP OF CHELTENHAM 1820

TO THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
THE EARL OF CHICHESTER,
AND TO THE MOST NOBLE
THE MARQUIS OF SALISBURY,
HIS MAJESTY'S POST-MASTERS GENERAL.
This Lithographic Plan of
The Town of Cheltenham,
is most humbly dedicated with permission,
By their Lordships most obedient
and very humble Servants
Thompsons &c. Masters.

View of Old Well, Thompsons, & Sherborne Spas.

The Merrett Map, 1834

TO

The Right Hon.ble Lord Sherborne,

THIS PLAN OF THE TOWN OF

CHELTENHAM,

AND ITS VICINITY:

Is most humbly

Dedicated with Permission

BY HIS LORDSHIP'S

Most obedient and very humble Servant

H.S. MERRETT.

1834. ARCHITECT & SURVEYOR.

Engraved by JAMES NEELD, Oxford Street.

PRESTBURY

Marle Hill Lake

Pittville Lake

PARISH

CHELTENHAM

Plough

Garden

TOWNSHIP

ALSTONE

TYTHING

Westall Garden

NEW GLOUCESTER ROAD

ALSTONE AND SANDFORD

TITHING

CHARLTON PARK

CHARLTON PARISH

ECKHAMPTON PARISH

WOODLANDS

SCALE OF 40 CHAINS OR ½ A MILE

SCALE OF YARDS

REFERENCES.

CHURCHES and CHAPELS

A St Mary's Church

B Trinity Church

C Christ Church

D St Peter's Church

E St Paul's Church

F Cheltenham Chapel

G Ebenezer Chapel

H Portland Chapel

I Highbury Chapel

K Bethel Chapel

L Catholic Chapel

M Wesleyan Chapel

N Friends Meeting House

O Jerusalem Chapel

SCHOOLS

P Schools of Grammar

Q National School

R Bennett's School

S Infant School

T Proprietary Union School

CHARITIES

I Female Orphan Asylum

V Town Shoe Bounty

W General Hospital

PUBLIC BUILDINGS &c.

a Old or Assize Pump Room

b Montpellier Pump Room

c Imperial Spa

d Pittville Pump Room

e Imperial Lodge

f Cumberland Spa

g Montpellier Baths

h Freemasons Rooms

i Assembly Rooms

k Theatre

l Museum

m Public Office

n Museum Hall

o Rotunda

MEASUREMENT of STREETS

NORTH SIDE

SOUTH SIDE

TOTALS

PUBLIC BUILDINGS CONT.

SUNDRIES

Parish Boundary

Township Boundary

Buildings erected

Detached Buildings

The Electors Franchise extends to the Boundary of the Parish

Latitude 51° 54' North

Longitude 2° 5' West

1920 Ordnance Survey Map



Educational Outreach



The Cheltenham historical map will provide an excellent teaching resource, enabling children to explore and understand what makes their town unique as well as helping them to understand their own place and sense of belonging. Used alongside the Place Detectives® learning resources produced by the Historic Towns Trust, the map will provide the basis for developing local place knowledge and uncovering the stories hidden in plain sight within our urban environment.

The bespoke Place Detectives® resources will enable children to develop key geographical and historical skills while exploring how Cheltenham has changed over time. The resources encourage children to look closely at familiar places, ask questions about their surroundings and discover the people, buildings and events that have shaped the history of the town.



We hope that teachers and pupils will be inspired to explore Cheltenham with fresh eyes, making connections between its past and present, while thinking about how the town might continue to change in the future.



The Historic Towns Trust have worked with education experts to create school resources to accompany our maps and bring the history of a town or city's development to life through class and field work. We believe our maps are the perfect tool to provide children with an understanding of what makes their town or city so special and the significance of urban landscapes in the past, present and future.

Our current education initiative, Place Detectives®, focuses on resources for primary education. These teaching resources are built around our detailed historical maps. Using the local environment to consider how the past, present and future are connected is a powerful learning context for children not just in history and geography but across the wider curriculum, as the concept of 'place' provides cohesion and meaning.

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Funding

To deliver this unique historical map for Cheltenham, we need to raise a further £25,000

We have already received seed funding of £10,000, which is being used to pay for our project officer to gather all the essential historical and geographical materials.

However, we need a further £25,000 to pay for the cartography and production work by The Historic Towns Trust as well as to prepare post-publication community engagement and educational outreach projects.

Our fundraiser is currently seeking sponsorships from major local institutions and employers. He has already secured £1,000 and we are confident of signing a major sponsor soon.

But smaller donations will also help bring this important project to fruition.

Once published, the map will be sold by all good bookshops and the Trust's website. The map's retail price will be around £12.

If you can donate anything from £5 to £500, please scan the adjacent QR code, which will take you to the Trust's donation page:

https://shop.historictownstrust.uk/product/donate

Then, under **HTT Current Projects**, choose **Cheltenham Map** and progress your donation from there.



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