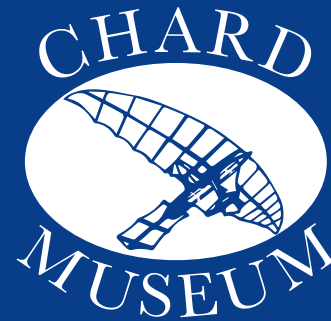


Chard Points of Interest

Blue plaques numbered locations and suggested viewing order

- 1 1235 Boundary Marker**
Bishop Jocelyn marked a boundary of his new borough here 'AT THE GATE OF OUR COURT' 1235. To the south from here was Old Chard and the Manor building. *Unveiled 14.04.1992*
- 2 Crowshute House**
Formerly Love's Furniture Emporium and later Town's Fire Station. A small Quaker burial ground lay to the West. *Unveiled 06.11.1993*
- 3 John Stringfellow's Home**
On the side is the plaque to the home of the inventor of the aeroplane, John Stringfellow. 1848 A bronze model of that aircraft stands in Fore Street, Chard. See the museum exhibition of before manned flight. Stringfellow also invented and patented compact electric batteries used in early medical treatment.
- 4 1854 High St School**
This is the 1854 Site of High St, non-conformist British School, Built 1854, enlarged by the School Board 1870. It was a Junior school 1925-1960. Margret Bonfield (the first female MP) was a pupil here.
- 5 1650 Chrimchard House**
From 1650 home of the Wheadons family, Rich Dyers. Three generations of this family were Mayors of Chard. Bought by Denning Iron foundry 1884. Now a listed building. *Unveiled 04/06/2005*
- 6 1820 Hope Terrace**
Local Philanthropists Revd. John Gunn, instigated the building of this Terrace to relieve acute hardship caused by unemployment in the 1820's. *Unveiled 07/12/2002*
- 7 1663 Harvey's Homes**
Richard Harvey, Merchant of Exeter, by his will dated 1663, left this property, His place of birth. Rebuilt 1842 for the use as a Hospital for residents of Chard. *Unveiled 29/05/1997*
- 8 1905 Lace Mill Workshops**
This building rebuilt around 1905 made and maintained machines and produced bobbins for the Lace Mill. Converted to Town Houses, Shop and cafe 1999. *Unveiled 24/02/2007*
- 9 Dr. Fawcus's Home**
Home of Doctor R.A. Fawcus for 50 years. Beloved Physician and friend. FREEMAN OF CHARD.
- 10 1829 Holyrood Lace Mill**
Manufactured Plain Net 1829-1964. Mill owner for many years, Col. J.W. Gifford (1856-1930) Astronomer and Pioneer in X-Ray Photography. *Unveiled 28/02/1998*
- 11 1892 Boden Club & Institute**
Erected in 1892 by Henry & Walter Boden for the Mill workers. Later used as a Reading Room and Public Library until 1998. *Unveiled 12/11/2005.*
- 12 1840 Watt's Store**
Rented to Grocer Mr Alford in 1840. Later sold to Gifford Fox in 1940, used by Watts Bros. Ownership passed to Mr Whit, then to Chard Town Council
- 13 1343 Medieval Chapel**
The Bakers Dozen Plaque! In 1343 here stood the Borough Chapel of Saint Francis. It became a Town Hall after the reformation. It sold in 1834 as building material for £43. That is about £5,000 in 2017. *Unveiled 08/06/1996.*
- 14 1874 Corn Hill**
The site of Thomas Young's Printing Business where the Chard and Ilminster News was Founded in 1874. *Unveiled 18/02/2000.*
- 15 1550 Manor Court House**
1550 Residence of the Cogans, wealthy cloth merchants. Upstairs hall has moulded ceilings. in 1644 King Charles I was unwillingly entertained by George Barcroft
- 16 1873 Margaret Bonfield**
The Right Hon. Margaret Bondfield CH., LLD., JP, 1873-1953. The first woman Cabinet Minister 1929-1931 was born in this Town. Shop worker, Christian Socialist, Trader improving the lot of the down trodden.
- 17 1835 Chard Town Hall**
The Town Hall was built here and held Butchers Shambles ("Butchers stalls, a Meat-Market,") Prison Cell and Fire Station. The Corn Exchange at the rear was added in 1883.
- 18 1600 Assizes Court**
This Plaque references a hall once in the middle of the street. Also an Assize Court and Market House 1600-1834 AD. Here too, her husband sold Lizzie Taff in 1801 for half a crown. *Unveiled 02/09/1995*
- 19 1896 Holly Terrace**
One of Several Town 'Rows' built in 1896 on land once owned by John Riste, founder of Chard's Lace Industry Sponsored by Mrs. W Chubb. *Unveiled 23/06/2001*
- 20 1583 Chard School**
John Symes owned this manor house in 1583. A school was founded in 1671, the Town Grammar School until 1890. *Unveiled 08/03/2003.*
- 21 1939 Clark's Row**
From here, came three young men, to serve their Country in World War II - None Returned - Stan Boon, Len Manley, Clark Newbery "ON SILVER WINGS OF VALOUR BORNE WERE THEY"
- 22 1837 Union Workhouse**
Built in 1837 for the relief of Destitution under the 'Poor Law Act, 1834'. Here also Wayfarers were lodged. It became Sunnylands E.P.H in 1984. Demolished, 1974. Redesigned by Chard Resident. Alec S. Cockle



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