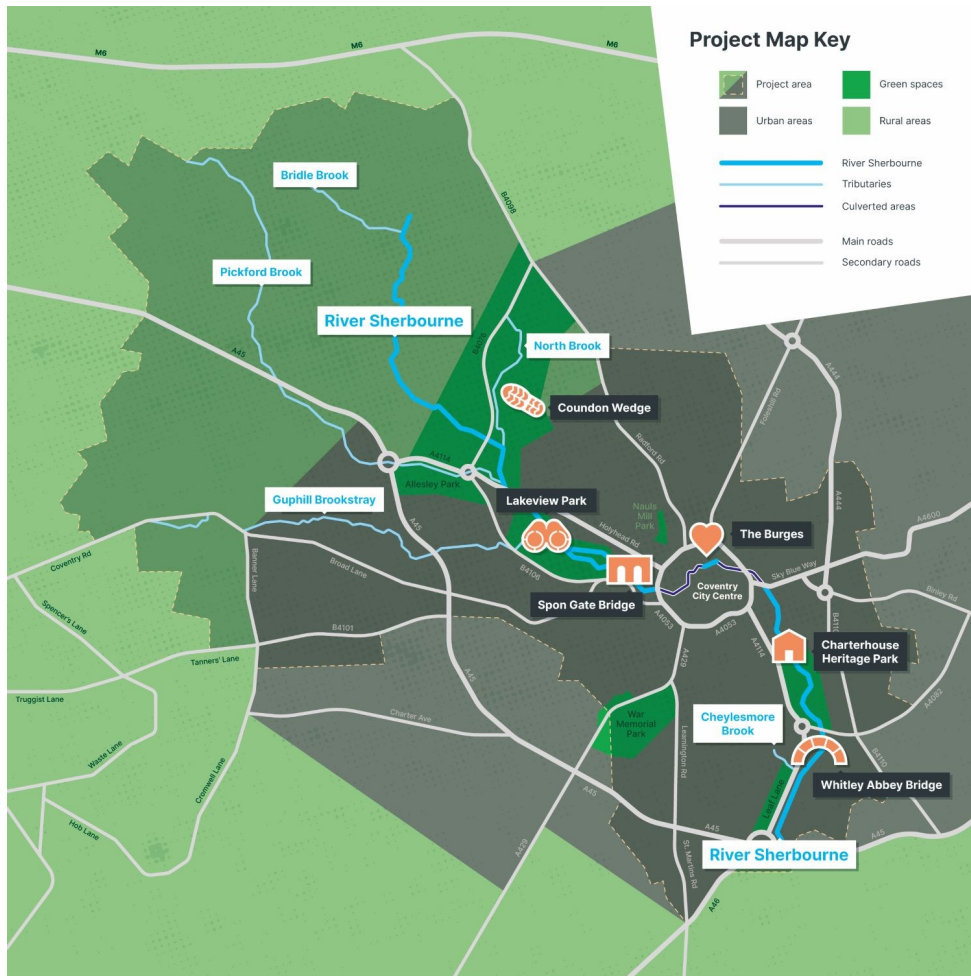


Project Map



About us

We're bringing back the source of our city. For people, for wildlife, for the future.

Connecting the people of Coventry with the River Sherbourne and its rich and diverse heritage.

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Charterhouse to Fargo River Festival Trail

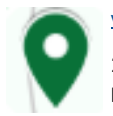
A short 1.5km walk between them . Charterhouse with its rich history and diverse nature then Fargo village with many small shops that create a vibrant and diverse space for independent creatives, artists, makers and musicians. Between the two places discover more hidden historical and cultural curiosities. Come join the Sherbourne valley project

celebrate the river with a festival at Fargo on 20th & 21st





Explore the Cultural and historical finds along the short walk to Fargo Village .



1. Charterhouse Charterhouse is a medieval monastic house connected by acres of green space to Coventry's bustling urban community. To find out more follow the link <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/warwickshire/coventry-charterhouse>

2. Charterhouse boundary wall The Charterhouse in Coventry features a well-preserved medieval boundary wall, designated as Grade II*. It is particularly notable for being one of the best-preserved examples of its kind in Coventry. The wall is constructed from ashlar stone and stands at a height of 3.5 meters (12 feet).

The wall forms part of the original monastery site, defining its perimeter. Excavations have revealed that the wall played a crucial role in separating individual monk's cells and their associated gardens within the monastery complex. It's also been noted that the wall was made of sandstone and faced with ashlar stone, according to Historic England.



This Map and all the links to gain further information

	3. Charterhouse precinct wall The outer precinct walls were built from 1400 onwards and have survived largely intact to this day extending to 400m in length. This is unusual with only one other Carthusian site, Mount Grace Priory within the North York Moors National Park, having substantial walls remaining." site, https://www.coventrysociety.org.uk/2021/06/11/restoration-of-charterhouse-walls-complete/
	4. Sluice gate You can still see what's left of one of the Sluice gate on River Sherbourne. The sluice was important during World War 2 in ensuring the river channel was well filled so that firefighters could fill their hoses from it. Constructed about 1942. https://www.heritagegateway.org.uk/Gateway/Results_Single.aspx?uid=MCT8682&resourceID=1029 the second image is from the sluice gate at Charterhouse .
	5. Part of the old medieval wall that surrounded the city A 638 year old badger pawprint was found on an excavation site here. Can you see any other animal tracks or signs? Use the guide to help you .If you google Coventry charterhouse a tale of two trenches you will find an article all about the excavations and what else they found.
	6. Mill Lane Originally called mill Lane due to the Mills on the river then changed to brick kiln Lane by the 1850s because of the brick works then changed again to Gulson to be named after the famous John gulson one of the philanthropist . To learn more about him follow this link https://cov-soc.skizzar.site/2019/11/28/john-gulson-the-coventry-philanthropist/
	7. Goose Ford The name Gosford is derived from Goose Ford .referring to the point where the river Sherbourne was crossed in early medieval times before any bridges were built . The Ford probably would have been broad and shallow to allow people , wagons and animals to wade across . This area would have been a wet meadow with willow, alder and Hazel we know this from pollen record's taken from an archeology dig. https://www.fargosfordstreet.com/yesterday/birth-of-a-street/
	8. Gosford gate The plaque faces the site of gosford gate. Constructed in the latter half of the 14th century. It overlooked the ancient crossing of the river Sherbourne, beyond which developed the medieval suburb of Far Gosford street .for more information on the gate follow this link https://www.historiccoventry.co.uk/wall/wall.php?pg=gulsonrd-gosfordgate
	9. Calcott Building The Calcott Bros moved to Gosford street in 1896. They built bikes then cars . They were then bought out by singer in 1926. Singer produced sewing machines then Ashley's took over the building and traded as rope, canvas and paint. Another true example of how Coventry changed to stay relevant. For more information on this follow this link https://www.heritagegateway.org.uk/Gateway/Results_Single.aspx?uid=MCT2212&resourceID=1029
	10. Burgage plots All medieval houses were built to same size frontage . If you were a burges (registered citizen) of the city. This meant everyone had a frontage to trade from. You would have your house at the front and a garden at the back . For more information follow this link https://ruralhistoria.com/2023/12/04/what-is-a-medieval-burgage-plot/ .
	11. Top Shops Weavers top shops with extra large windows to let in as much natural light as possible. For more information on weavers in Coventry follow this link https://theweavershouse.org/
	12. Fargosfords streets many historic buildings So many interesting building on this street follow this link to learn more about them https://www.fargosfordstreet.com/yesterday/historic-buildings/
	13. Fargo Village Fargo shopping village and the home of Sherbourne valley river festival on the 20th and 21st of September 2025 .For more information on the village , the shops and events held here please follow this link . https://www.fargovillage.co.uk/

