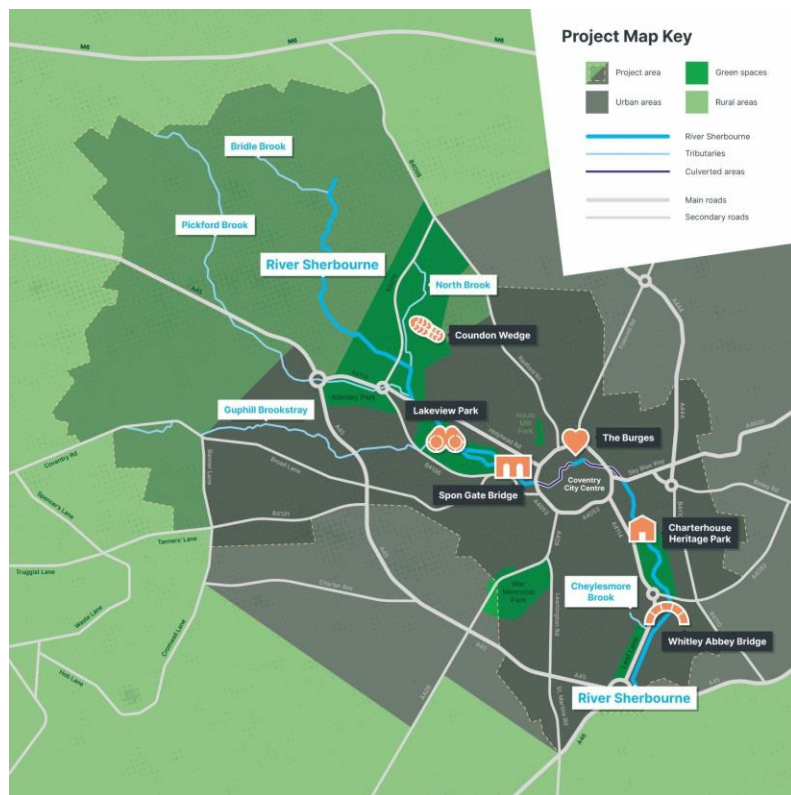


Project Map



The Sherbourne Valley Project

Charterhouse History Trail

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.

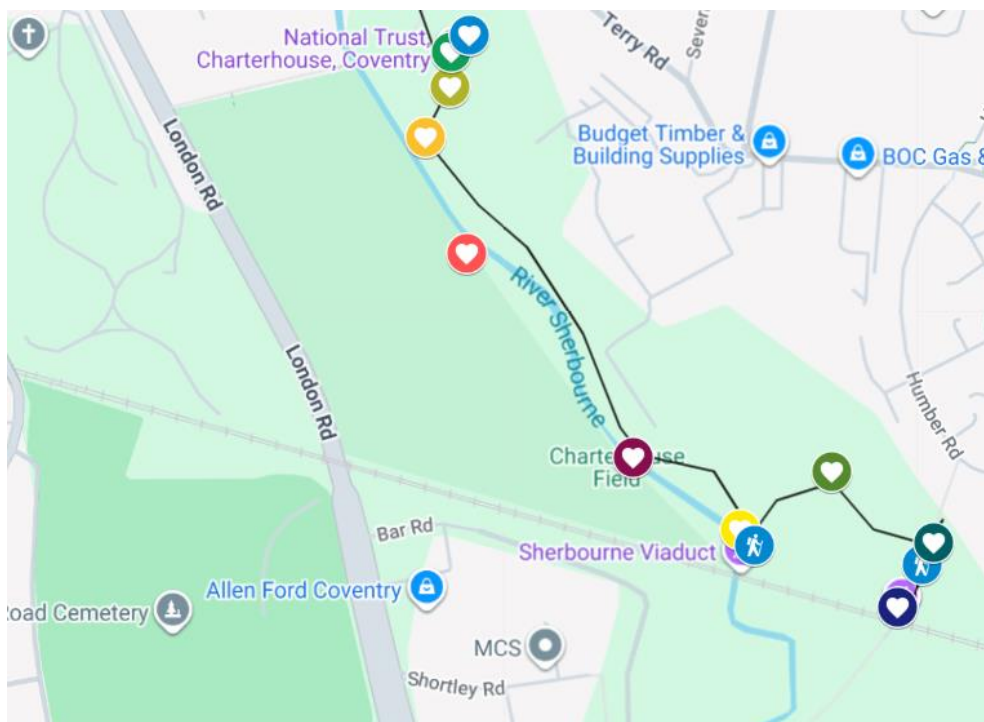
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Trail to discover more hidden historical and cultural curiosities. travel to the old sluice gate, the Viaduct, old allotments, the loop way and Folly tunnels .This will take just under 1km to reach the tunnels.



Map



A walk to encourage you to focus on the area around you, exploring and discovering hidden historical and cultural curiosities around the grounds of Charterhouse.

This map and all the links to gain further information can be accessed online using the following QR code.



Trail points

	Boundary Wall is particularly notable for being one of the best-preserved examples of its kind in Coventry. Stands at a height of 3.5 meters (12 feet). To view a 3D image of one of the walls follow this link https://sketchfab.com/3d-models/coventry-charterhouse-south-wing-a70f5521cdf54fa09def441b127ec837 The wall forms part of the original monastery site, defining its perimeter. 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.
	Bomb splinter damage: The two craters where the pond currently is on photo 1 is probably responsible for the shrapnel damage to west wall at the north end of the refectory building
	Charterhouse is a medieval monastic house connected by acres of green space to Coventry's bustling urban community. the history is rich under the building as well as above. Check out this 3D image showing the floors under the the area that is now the cafe. https://share.google/1yn4s0NFI187zk8f6
	The 'lost' chapel of St Annes is where the Carthusian monks from Beauvale Priory in Nottinghamshire in 1382 stayed while setting up Coventry Charterhouse. This chapel is the first part of the origin story of Coventry Charterhouse, .Unfortunately no one has been able to find any remains yet.
	Mistletoe is rooted in ancient cultures, with the Druids using it for fertility and protection, and Norse myths associating it with the death and revival of the god Baldur. These myths evolved into the modern tradition of kissing under mistletoe, which became popular in England during the Victorian era.
	Five steel sluice gates were installed during the war to dam the River Sherbourne creating a water supply for firefighting. The steel gates replaced previous temporary wooden dams, which had to be removed to avoid winter flooding. The steel gates were adjustable according to seasonal conditions.
	The viaduct was designed by Robert Stephenson in 1837 as part of the world's first major inter-city railway. Opened in 1838, the bridge carries the Birmingham Loop Line across the river and into Coventry.
	Allotments This area was all allotments but has now naturally rewilded. Growing food was a necessity due to ongoing rationing after the war which meant the high demand for allotments
	Loop line If you are feeling brave to the righthand side you can see an unofficial trail up to the old loop line. Use the rubber line to guide you to the top.
	Victorian Railway Tunnel: Beneath the viaduct's embankment, largely hidden from view, lies what local folk have long known as the Folly Lane tunnels. These decorative portals date from c.1838. The tunnels were said to have provided shelter in the blitz during World War 2. This one gets smaller and lower as you travel through it so watch your heads.

