

Axminster Town Heritage Walk

Come out of the station and turn left onto Widepost Lane. Follow this road until you get to Musbury Road, turn left and follow this road then take a left into Church Street.

On Church Street, you'll see your first plaque which is at the Old Courthouse. This was the first purpose built police station in Devon and was used as the county court for many years.

Turn left and head down West Street and you will find the Western Academy. Return towards Trinity Square and turn down Castle Street.

Here you'll find the Wesleyan Methodist Chapel and further along the town clink which was in use until 1864.

Go back up Castle Steps and through a narrow archway known as Symes Lane. The Regent Hall in Market Square once housed the market and the Guild Hall. Turn right, then left onto Chard Street.

Edwin Dawkins and Sons on your left was originally the largest department store in East Devon. On your right is the George Hotel. This coaching Inn provided refreshment and a change of horses for at least 16 coaches a day on the Dorchester to Exeter run.



Turn up Chard Street and you will find Oak House then continue up Chard Road to the Axminster Hospital which was opened in 1912. Turn around and head back, to your left across the road you will see the United Reformed Church which was built in 1698.

Follow the road back towards the town, turn the corner and cross Lyme Street and into South Street. Continue along South Street then turn right into Silver Street, keeping the Axminster Inn on your left.

Turn down beside the church towards Church Street and you will find yourself at Archway Bookshop. Probably built in the 13th century, it originally had an opening for the passage of carts.

The trail ends here. Retrace your steps to get back to the station.

