

Kett's Heights Family Trail



Welcome to Kett's Heights

This area of land you are about to explore has been used for many activities over the years. As you go round you will see lots of evidence for 4 main activities and you will be asked at the end of the trail if you have spotted them.



Starting at the entrance gates

How many steps are there to the top of the slope?

What are used to keep the banks from falling on the path?

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At the top of the steps on the left there are remains of concrete buildings.

What do you think they might have been used for? - write down your very first thought.

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These are the remains of a stable block which was used as a piggery during the Second World War. Food was rationed so local people formed pig clubs, feeding their pigs on scraps and left overs. When the pigs were ready to eat half the pig was sold to the government to help with rationing and the other half shared among neighbours.

Continue up the path and bear right at the interpretation panel. Look among the plants on your right.

What can you find?

What do you think this was used for?

On your left there is an area of open land. Look carefully at the trees.

Can you name them

and can you think what this area might have been used for?



Continue along the lower path until you get to a set of steps on your left.

Looking out over Norwich, what large structure can you see immediately to your left?

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The Gas Works was built in 1830 and there used to be 5 of these gas holders, 3 on the areas where the new houses are now. Coal was brought by river to Bishop Bridge down below and burnt in kilns to produce gas. The kilns were lined with ordinary bricks but because the temperatures were so high in the kiln it changed them and they became known as clinker bricks. They have different colours and different shapes from traditional bricks; look at the wall behind you and you will see an example of this. Many houses in Thorpe Hamlet are also built of clinker bricks.

Draw a usual brick wall

Draw part of the clinker wall.

Hot air balloons were used for fun and recreation in 1830 and but, instead of Propane and Helium as used today, they used gas from the gas works. In 1840 famous balloonists came to Bishops Bridge to fly their balloons. Mr Hampton made an ascent with a monkey who was parachuted onto Mousehold Heath.

Can you draw a monkey wearing a parachute? What might he be thinking?

Continue walking along the path

On your left you have?

What might these have been used for 100 years ago remembering the trees were very small or not there at all

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What does it remind you?

On your right you have?

On the right there is a very steep slope and the local rock is chalk.

Do you know what can be found mixed in with chalk? Answer Flint

Look around at the walls as you pass to see if you can find flint as well as clinker bricks.



Walk to the end of the path and take the steps to your left to the upper green.

As you walk up the steps the large house to the right with a tower was built by John Berney Ladbroke, a member of the Norwich School of artists, in 1857. It used to have a spire on the tower as well. Turn left onto the grassy area.



As you come to the upper green what is the main structure that you see?

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What is it made of?

What does it remind you of or could be part of?

The large flint wall is the last remaining part of a chapel built in 11th century by Bishop Losinga of Norwich Cathedral. He built it for monks to come from the Cathedral to have a quiet place to reflect and to pray.

1549 is an important date. On the open space around the chapel Robert Kett set up his camp. Robert Kett led a rebellion against the government to protest against the enclosure of common land, which meant that poor people couldn't grow their own food or graze their cattle. The rebellion moved from Wymondham to Norwich and there was a great battle with government troops.

Why do you think he chose this place to base his camp?

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Robert Kett was defeated at the battle of Dussindale, captured, tried for treason and hanged at Norwich castle on 8th December 1549.

Walk round the corner to the Beacon and the view over Norwich.

The Beacon was erected in 1988 on the 400th anniversary of the attempted invasion by the Spanish Armada.

What Norwich landmarks can you see from here ?

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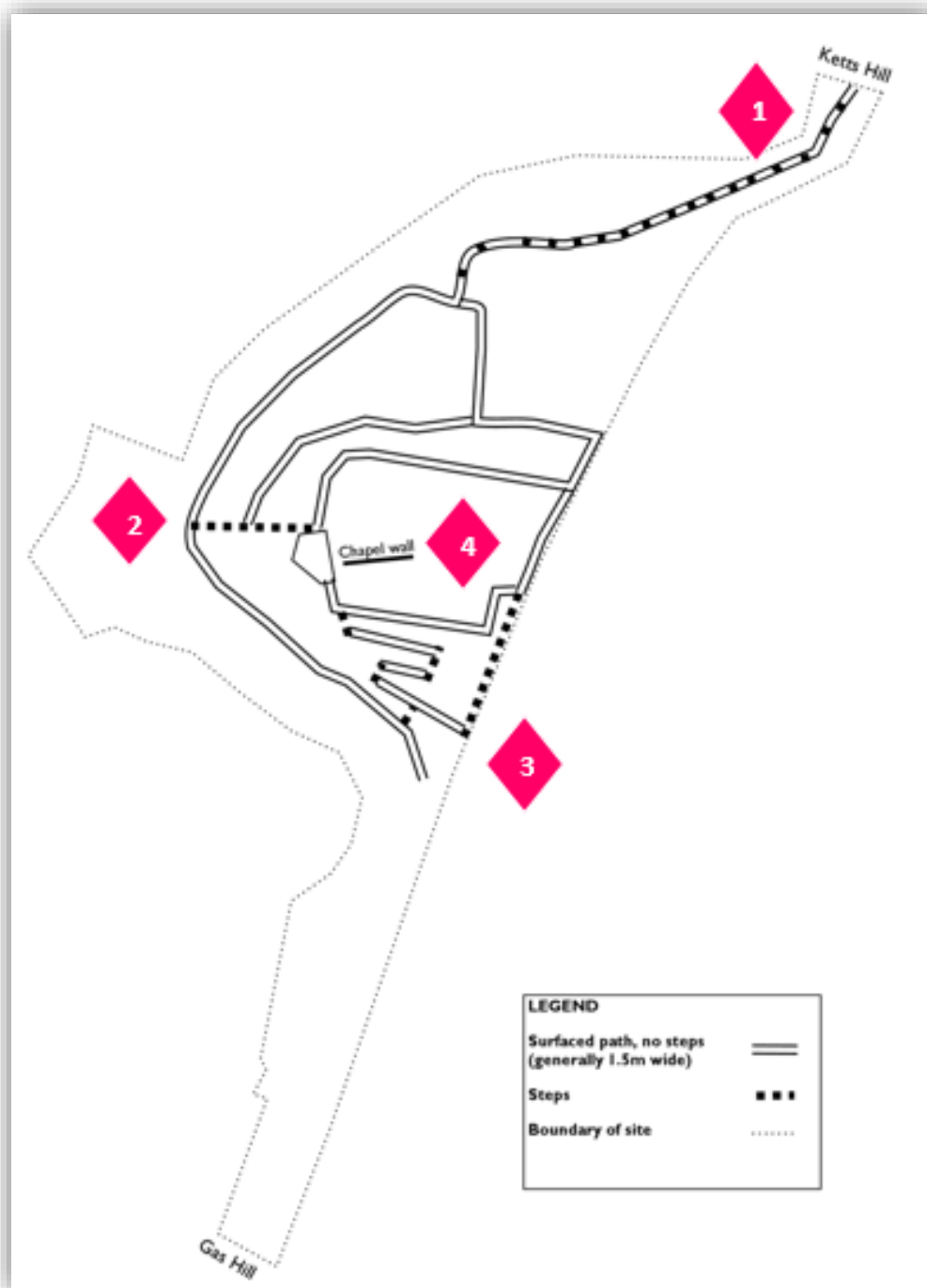
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How many churches can you see ?

Can you think of the four main activities that have been on Ketts Heights ?

- 1. 2.
- 3. 4.

Which area did you like best? Please do a drawing or take a photograph.



The Friends of Kett's Heights was set up in November 2015 to support the regeneration of Kett's Heights. The Friends want to restore the site to its former glory so that it is:

- A welcoming space for the local community and visitors to Norwich
- An attractive space with a wide diversity of plants and wildlife
- An event space with activities to suit a wide audience
- An educational space where its long and diverse history can be investigated and interpreted

You can join the Friends for £5 per household per year

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