

# Friends of Kett's Heights industrial heritage trail

Norwich's Gas Works was established opposite Bishop Bridge in 1830 so that coal, which was burned to generate gas, could be easily delivered by river. The Gas Company owned Kett's Heights and created paths, steps and gardens for the benefit of their workers. This trail takes you round the site to discover the evidence of this history.

## Fun fact

Ballooning was very popular in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century. Balloons ascending from Norwich were filled with gas from the Gas Works.



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St Michael's Chapel was built in the late 11<sup>th</sup> century. As you can see, the centuries have not been kind and in the 19<sup>th</sup> century the Gas Works manager built greenhouses against the ruined wall, heated with gas from the Works, so as to grow tender fruit, such as grapes and peaches.

The viewpoint looks out over the River Wensum. In the 19<sup>th</sup> century, coal to create coal gas was delivered to Bishop Bridge by wherry.

You can find many different makes of bricks used on Kett's Heights. Some have been made into a handy bench in the Herb Garden.



These charred and curved bricks were recycled from the gas retorts that were used to burn the coal to generate coal gas.



Gas workers kept pigs here during the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War. Pigs were fed with household scraps and, when they were killed, the Pig Club members were allowed to keep half while the other half was used to supplement the government's food rationing scheme.

The lower and upper greens were used by gas workers as allotments during the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> World Wars.

Entrance  
Kett's Hill

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