

City Quiz Series

A Visit to Derby Industrial Museum at the Silk Mill 1 – A City Trail

On the way to the museum...

1. Start at Derby Bus Station. What number bus stop does the 109 bus to Ashbourne leave from?
2. Walk past the courthouse towards the council house. Across the road there is a pub called the 'N _____ A _____'.
3. You will pass a newsagent. Look for a blue plaque on the wall. Read what it says and write down the title.
4. What was the shot tower used for?
5. Walk past a small car park. Is it open for public use?
6. Find the sign for Corporation Street on the wall of the Council House. Corporation Street is a 'B' road. What number 'B' road is it?
7. What is shown on the notice boards outside the Council House?
8. What are the opening hours of the Council House on:
 - a. Mondays?
 - b. Saturdays and Sundays?
9. What is the full postal address of the Council House?
10. Write three things that you can do at the Council House.
11. How many flagpoles are there in front of the Council House?
12. How many pillars are there at the front entrance of the Council House?
13. What is the date carved above the front entrance of the Council House and what does it mean?
14. How many balconies are there over the front entrance?
15. Cross over the road by the zebra crossing and turn right. What street are you on?
16. What's the name of the river?
17. What's the name of the bridge over the river?
18. When was this bridge officially opened after being rebuilt?
19. Walk down the steps to the riverside. You can see the familiar and distinctive shape of the Silk Mill in the distance. Draw a picture of it.
20. Describe what you can see, hear, smell and touch. How do you feel being away from the busy-ness of the city and beside the river, but also very close to the city? Discuss your answers and make some notes. Next, follow the path to the Silk Mill...

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Answers:

1. Bus stop number 12.
2. 'Noahs Ark'.
3. "Shot Tower".
4. For making lead shot for rifles used in hunting game.
5. It is for private use during the day and open to the public in the evenings.
6. It's the B6000.
7. Meetings, city council job vacancies, and public notices, e.g. for planning permission.
8. a) 8.30 am – 5 pm, b) It is closed all weekend.
9. The Council House, Corporation Street, Derby, DE1 2FS.
10. Answers will vary, e.g. make a claim for housing benefit, register to vote, pay rent, contact the city council, ask for information, etc.
11. 3.
12. 4.
13. MCMXLI ('1941' in Roman numerals – the date when the main entrance was completed. The Council House took 16 years to build, from 1938 – 1954.)
14. 1.
15. Derwent Street.
16. River Derwent.
17. Exeter Bridge.
18. On 13th March 1931.
19. Answers will vary.
20. Answers will vary.

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