

## Your Journey Starts Here

The Haughton Green Heritage Trail is a fascinating exploration of Haughton Green's cultural, industrial and natural heritage. The two mile trail is level and barrier free for the most part - and suited to walkers of all ages and abilities.



- **Board 1.** Start your journey at The Oasis, Mancunian Road M34 7NP
- From The Oasis, turn right and continue to the roundabout at the junction of Mancunian Road and Two Trees Lane (approximately 50 meters). On the wall at the entrance to the former Two Trees School building and previously Moorfield Farm, you will find **Board 2.**
- Continue down Two Trees Lane to **Board 3** at The Chapel House Inn, which dates back to at least the mid 19th century.

- Carry on for 30 meters to Haughton Green Methodist Church. **Board 4** is located at the entrance.
- **Board 5.** Continue along Two Trees Lane until you arrive at a small roundabout. On your left is a Convenience Store, previously a public house - The Clarke's Arms (named after local landowner, Captain George Clarke) - and later, The Top House.
- Cross over onto Haughton Green Road and continue to the bus stop for **Board 6**, where you can step back in time to read about the characters of Manor Farm and village life.
- Continue to the Post Office (formerly The General Store) at the corner of Haughton Green Road and Gibraltar Lane for **Board 7**.
- Further along Haughton Green Road (approximately 100 meters) is the Village Green. Take a seat on the bench at the corner of the Green and take in the wealth of folklore and civic history at **Board 8**.
- Following the road along the Village Green, take another seat at the opposite end of the Green for **Board 9** and a taste of past village life – the old Public Houses.
- Cross back to the other side of the road to the start of Meadow Lane. **Board 10**, the history of the Grade 11 listed St. Mary the Virgin, is located at the corner of Rivermead Road and Meadow Lane.
- Proceed down Meadow Lane. **Board 11**, to your right at the community building car park, reveals a rich tapestry of Victorian architecture, workers' cottages and the influence of religion and education in the Village.
- **Board 12.** At the end of Meadow Lane is the entrance to Haughton Dale Nature Reserve. At 87 acres, it is the largest local nature reserve in Tameside. Wander through this delightful haven that is popular for walkers, cyclists and horse riding.
- **Board 13.** Retrace your steps back up Meadow Lane where it meets Mancunian Road and Haughton Green Road. Turn left down Mancunian Road and cross the road to St. John Fisher RC Church. On 31st May 1982, Pope

John Paul 11 blessed the Foundation Stone inside the building during his visit to Manchester.

- Continue along Mancunian Road and cross over to **Board 14** at the gardens of Southey Court. Southey, Fitzgerald and Castleton apartments - former Manchester City Council flats and redeveloped by Irwell Valley Housing Association - sit on the site of the old King Pit Farm and buildings.
- **Board 15.** Past the bus stop on Mancunian Road, you arrive at the entrance to Hardy Wood, Haughton Green's rich natural heritage of flora and fauna that has survived a 200-year history of coal mining and quarrying.
- **Board 16.** Continue along Mancunian Road to the Irwell Valley Bandstand at the corner with Lancaster Road M34 7HX. Erected in 2014, the impressive Victorian replica and surrounding grounds provide a picturesque backdrop for a host of town and community events.

**You have now completed your tour of The Haughton Green Heritage Trail.**

**We hope you enjoyed it.**