

Abingdon-on-Thames Purple Walk Solutions and Further Information

The historical information below is from many different sources and cannot be guaranteed by the setters of the quiz

- P1 The "Market Charter" sculpture by David McKnight on the building to the left of the Abbey Shopping Centre. It represents the granting of market rights to the abbey by Edward the Confessor in first quarter of 11th Century.
- P2 The Keystone of the Left Hand arch of Old County Hall with a sculptured head and symbolic headdress – remoulded 1853
- P3 Doorway in what is now an Estate Agent in an old Georgian building in High Street.
- P4 Roofline of Pulpit House, the former Abingdon Congregational Church in the Square built in 1862, now an Ask restaurant.
- P5 Original Fanlight of former doorway to a late 18th Century town house in the Square, now Barclay's Bank.
- P6 Balconied window on former Morland & Son Solicitors building, now Bella Napoli restaurant in Bath Street.
- P7 Mural in the Underpass beneath Stratton Way, designed and painted by Margaret Jones, which covers many characters and events in Abingdon's history over 3000 years starting on the right at town end follow round to far end and then return following other side.
- P8 Chimney of Stratton Lodge Cottage, one of two lodges flanking original entrance to Park Road, the other now demolished.
- P9 Old building strengthening Ties on 'Warehouse' building in Stratton Way, possibly part of the old Tannery which stood on this site
- P10 Oriel window of early Georgian Clock House built 1728 by Benjamin Tomkins of Morland Brewing Family, probably as an office and Morland Manager's home, at the corner of Stratton Way and Ock Street.
- P11 Roofline of Baptist Church in Ock Street founded in 1649 by John Pendarves
- P12 Upper storeys of Morlands Brewery former offices next to the Brewery Tap Public House in Ock Street.
- P13 Old town house now Sami's Take Away shop in Ock Street.
- P14 Roofline and tank cupola in the former old Brew House on the site of the Eagle Brewery bought in 1861 by the Morland Brewery
- P15 The 'Barrel' sculpture created by Walter Jack as Art work for new Brewery housing development.
- P16 The Maltings roofline in the former Morland Brewery, now converted into apartments.
- P17 Steps to the former joiners shop and paint store in the old Morland Brewery site formerly the Eagle Brewery site.
- P18 Examples of paving slabs with comments, quotes and notes on activities from the site's past. The examples show "beer and books" and "Abingdon & Borough", are the first encountered when walking along the passageway between Winsmore Lane and Neave Mews.
- P19, 20 The Abingdon 'A' sculpture and the 'Vicarage Floor' paving plaque are also by Sculptors Philip Bews and Diane Gorvin. The space between the 'A' represents the flowing river and is lit by a blue light at night.
- P21 Old style of brick decoration on the corner of the modern housing development by Neave Mews
- P22 Interesting mathematical tile pattern on building wall now Flats A-E, 21 St Edmund's Lane.
- P23 Modern archway to Neave Mews from West Saint Helen Street. The Mews is called after Airey Neave the MP for Abingdon from 1953-1979 when he was killed by the IRA as he was driving out of the Houses of Parliament.
- P24 Barn loft or Goods Doorway at 1st Floor level of old building with entrance for horse and cart to back yard. This has had many uses over the years, probably a boaters' yard and in more recent times Roy Davies' Builders Yard.
- P25 The 'Free Library' in High Street, the name is proclaimed in bright red brickwork on the Abingdon Free Library, built in 1895.
- P26 A modern Archway through modern Office buildings of a sympathetic old style into an old courtyard in Lombard Street.
- P27 Plaque commemorating the Road widening in 1874 by the Corporation. The Mayor at the time was John Kent.
- P28 The Coaching entrance to 16th Century Kings Head and Bell old Coaching Inn (now with an 18th century style front) where Charles I is said to have held a war council in 1642.
- P29 Interesting modern windows on edge of the Market Place behind the County Hall.