

Battle Heritage Trails Project Parents Guidance notes

Battle Town Council
The Almonry, High Street, Battle TN33 0EA
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Dear Parents

We need your help.

According to the Lonely Planet guidebook Battle is one of the 50 “undiscovered and overlooked” destinations in Europe! With your help we hope to change this.

Battle Heritage Trails is an inclusive heritage project supported by the Heritage Lottery fund, aimed at devising a local heritage list that will provide the missing link between our most prominent heritage site, Battle Abbey and our wider visitor audience.

The Heritage Trails project is based around a knowledge exchange programme whereby our team will share their knowledge and experience with your children in order to encourage the children to seek out knowledge and experience from others, for example neighbours, friends and family. The aim of the project is to uncover and preserve our community history and heritage and stimulate the children to ask questions and think critically about what they hear and read.

The information we gather will be utilized to create a number of urban and rural heritage trails featuring appropriate and relevant artworks; as part of an interactive activity book and map and in a range of educational and event based activities over the coming years.

What we are asking your children to do: gather information for us on pre defined subject areas. For example, we will ask them to visit areas in Battle with you or a responsible family member and record what they can see, hear and feel and draw pictures or take photographs. Under supervision, we will also ask them to speak to neighbours, friends and family about their memories and experiences of Battle.

We have visited your child’s school and introduced the project. They have been shown a short film (<https://vimeo.com/193575606>) and had the opportunity to ask questions. They have been given the attached research pack to complete, which includes completion guidance notes

Thank you

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Benefits of taking part:

For the school and your child: Knowledge exchange activities between school and home and home and school have proven to support children's attainment and their dispositions to learn.

For you and your child: A sense of pride and recognition in being actively involved in a community project with potential to feature and be named in the printed and the digital literature produced.

For the community; help save and preserve our community history for future generations. Help with economic regeneration by improving the tourist offering.

Deadline for return of research packs: 10th September

Where should research packs be delivered back to: It would be ideal for the packs to be returned to the school in the first instance and we will then arrange for them to be collected. You can however return packs directly to the Almonry if you prefer.

FAQ's

How many hours should I spend on this activity with my child?

It is envisaged this activity can be completed over the summer holidays and can take as much or as little time as you have available.

Who do I contact if I have any questions or queries?

Email: heritagetrails@battletowncouncil.org.uk

How will I know if my child's artwork or contribution will feature in the activity book or on the trail app?

You will be notified in advance and your child will receive a free copy of the book. Further copies will be available to purchase at a discounted rate.

Health & Safety:

The safety and security of your child is of our paramount concern at all times and no unnecessary risks should be taken in order to participate in this activity.

It is important your child is accompanied when visiting neighbours, friends and family to ask questions, in order to ensure the reason for the questions are explained fully and permission gained in advance.

It is important not to approach strangers in the street.

Encourage your child to be aware of their surroundings at all times when out and about. Report any concerns re pavement, verge and road conditions to Carol Harris, Town Clerk at the Almonry.

Inclusivity is importance to us. If you have any concerns about your child's ability to participate in this activity for any reason whatsoever please contact us on the email provided.