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Coventry City Centre Trail

Coventry Cathedral

In November 1940, the old Cathedral of St Michael was devastated by fire, leaving only the outside walls and the tower standing. St Michael's was founded in the 12th century by the Earl of Chester. Its architectural form is the result of a great rebuilding in Perpendicular style (Gothic) between 1373 and the middle of the 14th century. The new cathedral of St Michael is one of the few post-war listed buildings in the country. The cathedral contains some of the country's most important contemporary works of art, including Graham Sutherland's tapestry above the altar.

Location: Bayley Lane, Coventry, CV1 5FB

Website: www.coventrycathedral.org.uk

Telephone: 024 7652 1200

St Mary's Guildhall

One of the grandest medieval guildhalls in the country. It was first built between 1340-42 for the merchant guild of St Mary. The principal room is the magnificent Great Hall at first floor level with a late 14th century timber roof and the tapestry dating from 1500. Below the Great Hall is the largest known vaulted undercroft in the city.

Location: Bayley Lane, Coventry, CV1 5RN

Website: www.stmarysguildhall.co.uk

Telephone: 024 7683 3328

Holy Trinity Church

Coventry's only complete medieval parish church. It was established in the 12th century as the chapel of the Prior's part of Coventry. The original Norman building was destroyed by fire in 1257. The church houses many rare artefacts, perhaps the most exceptional being the famous medieval wall painting of the Last Judgement.

Location: 5a Priory Row, Coventry, CV1 5EX

Website: www.holytrinitycoventry.org.uk

Telephone: 024 7622 0418

Herbert Art Gallery & Museum

Named after Sir Alfred Herbert, a Coventry industrialist and philanthropist whose benefactions enabled the original building to be opened in 1960. Building began in 1939, with an interruption during the Second World War, and The Herbert opened in 1960. The museum houses local works

of art, history and archaeology collections. There are a wide range of talks, events and workshops for adults and families, encouraging creativity, exploration and fun.

Location: Jordan Well, Coventry CV1 5QP

Website: www.theherbert.org

Telephone: 024 7623 7521

Cheylesmore Manor

Cheylesmore Manor possibly replaced Coventry Castle as the Earl of Chester's administrative centre when the castle began to decay after the mid-12th century. The manor house is first mentioned in 1250 and it lay facing Cheylesmore Park. In 1329 the manor and park passed to Queen Isabella, wife of Edward II, and then onto her grandson, Edward the Black Prince. All that remains of the manor above the ground today is the gatehouse, restored in 1965, and it is now used as the Register Office. It dates back to the 16th century but has remains of side wings of the 14th and 15th centuries.

Location: Manor House Drive, Coventry, CV1 2ND

Telephone: 024 7683 3141

Priory Visitor Centre and Undercroft

For hundreds of years the ruins of Coventry's first cathedral lay hidden beneath the city centre. Coventry's Millennium project gave archaeologists the opportunity to excavate this important site. Over several years the remains of many of the medieval buildings were uncovered. Some of the ruins have been reburied for their protection, but gardens have been designed over them to reflect the archaeology below. The garden built over the site of the cloister includes the Visitor Centre, which not only houses some of the incredible finds from the excavations but also tells the story of this amazing part of Coventry's history.

Location: Priory Row, Coventry, CV1 5EX

Telephone: 024 7655 2242

Lady Herbert's Garden

The garden was created between 1930-39 as a memorial to the second wife of Sir Alfred Herbert. Its spine is formed by the most complete remains of the town wall, running from Cook Street Gate to Swanswell Gate.

Location: Coventry, CV1 1RA

Draper's Hall

The headquarters of the Draper's Company, which has its origins in a medieval guild, was used for meetings, entertainment and ceremony. The present building is at least the third site, the first was built approx. 1637, and the present hall was erected in 1831-32 in Greek revival style.

Location: Bayley Lane, Coventry, CV1 5RN

Ford's Hospital

These alms-houses founded in 1509 have been called one of the most perfect examples of timber-framed architecture in the country. The central doorway leads to an enclosed and secluded courtyard where the rich variety of carving can be viewed. The building was faithfully restored after a direct hit during a wartime air raid which killed a number of residents.

Location: Greyfriars Lane, Coventry, CV1 2GY

Telephone: 024 7622 3838

Lady Godiva Statue

Godiva's ride naked on horseback through Coventry is legendary. This bronze statue was commissioned to form the centrepiece of Broadgate. The statue was made by Sir William Reid Dick and it was unveiled in 1949.

Location: Broadgate, Coventry, CV1 1LL

Coventry Transport Museum

Right in the heart of Coventry city centre is the largest collection of British road transport in the world. There are many varied exhibitions, such as the 'Spirit of Speed', which gives you the opportunity to feel what it is like travelling at 763 miles per hour. Full of exciting and informative exhibitions for children and adults alike, the Coventry Transport Museum is a great free day out for all of the family.

Location: Millennium Place, Hales Street, Coventry, CV1 1JD

Website: www.transport-museum.com

Telephone: 024 7623 4270

The Council House

The Council House was designed by Edward Garret and H W Simister. The Tudor style harmonised with St Mary's Guildhall which is situated at the rear of the building. The most prominent features of the exterior are the corner clock tower and the main entrance, richly decorated with heraldic devices and status of Godiva, Leofric and Justice.

Location: Earl Street, Coventry, CV1 5RR

Website: www.coventry.gov.uk

Telephone: 024 7683 3333

Fargo Village

Brings a piece of the Camden and Brick Lane independent shopping vibe to Coventry. Fargo is your one-stop village for independent shopping, unique food, amazing coffee and incredible art, all in amongst artist's studios, creative workspaces and unique markets to boot. Fargo Village hosts many weekly events, including live music and original exercise classes, as well as larger events like its Vegan Fair; Chocolate Festival; and CovPride throughout the year.

Location: Far Gosford St, Coventry CV1 5ED

Website: www.fargovillage.co.uk

Telephone: 024 7625 2434