

New Town Centre Heritage Trail

Stratford Historic Buildings Trust has recently produced a new Town Centre Heritage Trail leaflet, made possible by money raised by National Lottery players.

The main objective of the trail is to encourage both visitors and locals alike to discover more about the history of the town and especially its many historic buildings.

The 2 mile circular route includes familiar 'Shakespearian' venues like the Royal Shakespeare Theatre and the Birthplace, but also takes in a number of less well-known streets like Old Town, Sheep Street, Ely Street and Rother Street.

Whilst the trail recognises the importance of Shakespeare and Shakespeare tourism, it aims to show that Stratford is also a fascinating historic town in its own right.

The new leaflet also complements existing heritage initiatives like SHBT's own Riverside Heritage Trail and also the Stratford Society's Historic Spine Trail.

The trail has been written by Chris Rice, a freelance curator, historic buildings expert and heritage project manager on behalf of Stratford Historic Buildings Trust.

Roger Davis, SBHT trustee, said 'We are delighted to be able to launch this new heritage trail thanks to the support of the Heritage Lottery Fund. We hope it will enable visitors and locals alike to discover some of the hidden histories of the town.'