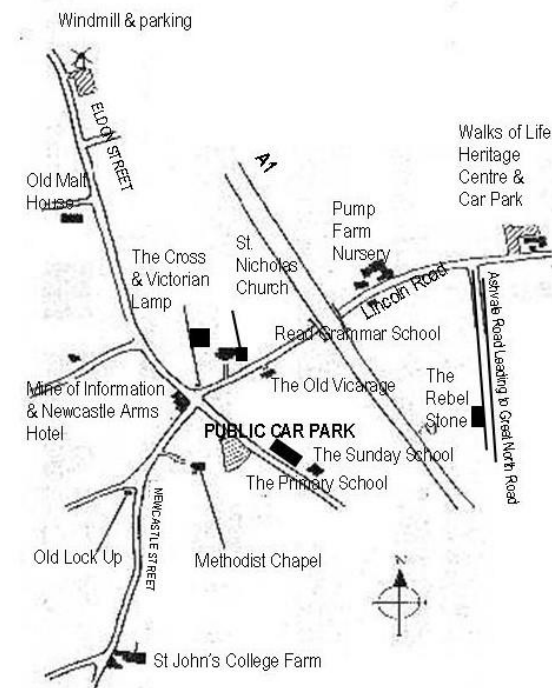


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Photomarathon Tuxford is a photography adventure for all ages. A month event, it encourages participants to explore the town with curiosity, creativity and spontaneity – camera in hand.

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TUXFORD MARKET PLACE

In the past the market square was used for the sale of livestock on market days, until a covered cattle market was built on the site of the old fire station. The KSR Accountants office building was part of the covered butter market built in 1852 and paid for by the Duke of Newcastle.

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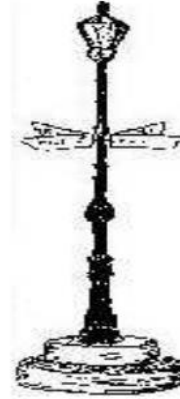


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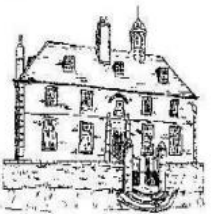
2 VICTORIAN LAMP

This was unveiled on the 31st December 1897 by the Duchess of Newcastle to commemorate Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. It was repaired and refurbished in 1997 and looks just as good as it did one hundred years ago, with its gilt and white signs.

There is a stone cross in the market square to commemorate where John Wesley preached during his visits to Tuxford. The original cross was in the centre of the road where the square used to be, opposite the Newcastle Arms



Checkpoint 3:



3. THE READ GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Opposite the church stands a gracious elegant building dated 1669. It was formerly known as the Read Grammar School. Charles Read of Darlton bequeathed in his will funds to build and maintain a school for boys. He left instructions that the school was to be administered by six local trustees to ensure that his rules were carried out. The School Rules can still be seen hanging in the building today. Although it ceased to be a school in 1915, the Read's Foundation still funds education in the village today. The building is used for the local library.



Checkpoint 4:

4. NEWCASTLE ARMS HOTEL

This is the last in a series of hostelries that stood on this spot and catered for the once busy traffic that passed along the Great North Road, or stopped at one of the towns four trains stations. The first possibly was the Crown Inn where on 11th July 1503 Margaret Tudor stayed, this was subsequently destroyed in 1587 by a storm. In 1645 Charles I took refreshment at the White Hart. In 1701 it was destroyed by fire in the Great Fire, was rebuilt and renamed the Red Lion in 1828 it changed its name to the Newcastle Arms Hotel. Due to the economic downturn the hotel has been closed and boarded up for some time, which is disappointing as it has become something of a landmark.



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Checkpoint 5:

ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH

Standing tall and proud in the centre of the village is the beautiful church of St. Nicholas. Undoubtedly it is the oldest building in the parish. Although there is no mention of our church in the Domesday Book, there was no doubt a place of worship on the site at the time. It is thought that the herringbone stonework at the west end of the south aisle is from Saxon times, and do take a look at the font. The first know Rector of Tuxford was William in 1179. As the church cannot be dated accurately this date was used to celebrate the Octocentenary in 1979.



Checkpoint 6:

6. THE METHODIST CHURCH

Built in 1841 it was not originally used by the Methodists, who worshipped in a chapel on Blue Bell Yard (next to the art gallery on Eldon Street). The Wesleyans moved into the chapel in the late 1800's and formed a part of the Retford Methodist circuit, and at one time had a resident minister.



Checkpoint 7:



7. OLD LOCK-UP

This is one of only two such buildings remaining in Nottinghamshire. Built in 1823, as the plaque testifies, it has two separate cells. Each had its own earth closet and was ventilated via two circular holes. It has iron bars on the front and back walls and a heavy metal door, to prevent it being burned down! There was once a pinfold that stood adjacent and a village pond nearby.

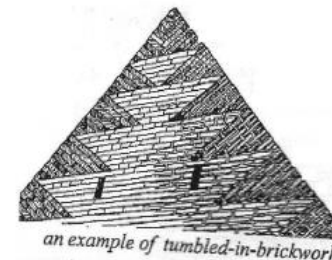


Checkpoint 8:

8. ST JOHN'S COLLEGE FARM

Looking into the farm yard, there are a wonderful set of traditional agricultural buildings on the left. On the gable end wall of the tallest barn there is a good example of a local method of building called 'tumbled-in-brickwork' where the wall meets the roof.

The farmhouse is quite grand, due undoubtedly to the original owners who were a Cambridge College. It is a Grade II listed building.



an example of tumbled-in-brickwork

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9 TUXFORD WINDMILL

OLD MALT HOUSE

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Map of the area around the Public Car Park in Eldon, Newcastle. The map shows the A1 road running diagonally. Key locations include:

- Public Car Park** (Central location)
- Streets:** Eldon Street, Newcastle Street, Lincoln Road, Ashvale Road (Leading to Great North Road).
- Landmarks and Buildings:**
 - Old Malt House
 - The Cross & Victorian Lamp
 - St. Nicholas Church
 - Pump Farm Nursery
 - Read Grammar School
 - The Old Vicarage
 - The Rebel Stone
 - The Sunday School
 - The Primary School
 - Methodist Chapel
 - St John's College Farm
 - Old Lock Up
 - Mine of Information & Newcastle Arms Hotel
 - Walks of Life Heritage Centre & Car Park
- Other Features:** A north arrow is located in the bottom right corner.

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