

Bordesley Abbey: Find the Stones

Around the abbey site are hidden some stones with marks on. Can you find all the ones pictured on this sheet?

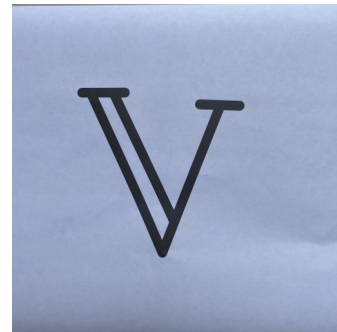
Read the information to find out a bit more about Bordesley Abbey and look for clues to answer the questions.

If you like, when you have finished email your answers to info@forgemill.org.uk so we can see how you got on. Good Luck!



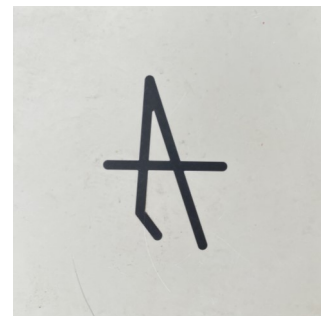
You are standing in the main part of the church that was part of the Abbey. Originally the walls were all painted, there are a few traces left. **What colour do you think it was painted?**

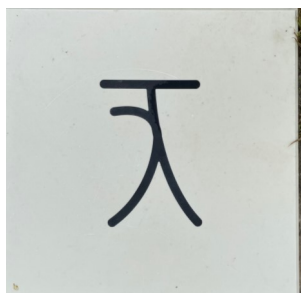
Can you see two graves in the ground in front of you? You had to pay lots of money to be buried in the church. Just nearby there is a stone coffin on the altar. **What sort of person do you think would have been buried in this?**



Just in front of you are what remains of the night stairs. These are what the monks used to come to services in the middle of the night.

How many steps can you count ?



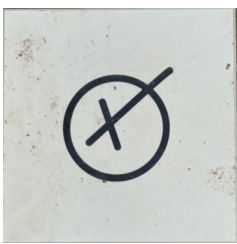


In front of you is a mosaic of broken tiles. These tiles would have covered the church floor and looked beautiful. There are many different designs.

Write down 2 designs that you can see.

Just near this stone is a doorway into a small chapel. There was a row of small chapels next to each other, just here near the main church. Look for how many doorways/rooms you can see in front of you.

How many chapels were there?



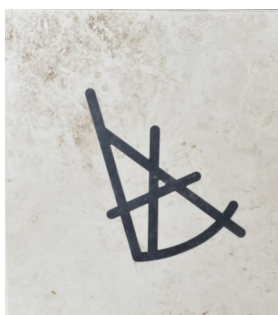
This room used to be the Chapter House where books were read every day.

Can you find the large stones on the floor with the ridges on them.?

What do you think used to be here that would have been useful for storing the books?

This was the corner of the cloisters. Walk straight ahead of you to the two stone seats under the tree, this would have been the cloister walk.

When you get to the stone seats, can you see any carvings on them? Can you describe one?



All the marks you have found on the stones are copies of mason's marks found on the abbey ruins. The stonemasons who built the abbey left their individual marks on their work, like a signature.

Can you design your own mason's mark?