

EXPLORER CHALLENGE

Egglestone Abbey – Family Edition

Calling all Explorers! Egglestone Abbey is full of amazing history and hidden stories, but we've accidentally lost the secret passcode to our Explorer Certificate! Follow the clues, explore the abbey, solve each challenge and collect the first letter or number from every answer. Once you've recovered the passcode, scan the QR code to unlock your Explorer Certificate. Good luck, Explorer!

1 The Abbey

Begin your quest at the main information board.

Egglestone Abbey was founded around 1195 and became home to a community of religious canons. Can you uncover the name of the order that once lived here?

DID YOU KNOW?

This small abbey was so poor that in 1496 it was excused from paying tax because of its "notorious poverty".



Answer: _____

2 The Cloister

Seek out the Cloister information board.

This peaceful square once stood at the heart of abbey life, surrounded by elegant stone arches. What local stone was used to make its slender columns?

DID YOU KNOW?

Egglestone Marble was actually a dark local limestone that could be polished until it shone.



Answer: _____

3 The Reredorter

Can you discover the abbey's medieval toilets? They were far cleverer than you might expect. Running water flowed beneath them and carried the waste away. Which beck supplied the water?

DID YOU KNOW?

Running water flushed the waste through a specially built stone drain rather like a medieval flushing toilet!



Answer: _____

4 The Church

Make your way into the ruins of the abbey church. The church was altered and enlarged as the monastery became more established. How many rebuilding phases are shown on the main information board?

DID YOU KNOW?

The church once had vaulted side chapels, but these parts of the building have completely disappeared.



Answer: _____

5 The Tomb

Step inside the church ruins and seek out the great stone chest tomb.

It is believed to remember an important local man whose family once held lands nearby. Whom is the tomb thought to commemorate?

DID YOU KNOW?

This medieval tomb spent nearly 140 years as a garden ornament at Rokeby before returning here in 1929.



Answer: Sir Ralph _____

6 The House

Find the remains of the Post-Monastic House. Long after the abbey closed, parts of these ancient buildings were turned into homes. How many families did Reverend Hodgson remember living here?

DID YOU KNOW?

One room once had an oak ceiling painted blue and decorated with clouds.



Answer: _____

7 The Cloister Garden

Stand in the centre of the old cloister garden. Imagine covered walkways, slender columns and pointed arches surrounding you on every side. What shape was the cloister courtyard?

DID YOU KNOW?

The cloister was a covered walkway where the canons could move between the abbey's main buildings.



Answer: _____

8 Congratulations Explorer!

You've solved all seven clues... but we've lost the secret passcode to our Explorer Certificate. Take the FIRST LETTER or NUMBER from each answer to reveal the secret passcode.

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Unlock Your Explorer Certificate

Scan the QR code and enter your secret passcode.



Scan Me

★ Bonus Explorer Challenge

How many carved stone faces can you discover around Egglestone Abbey?

Some are high above your head, others are hidden much lower down. There isn't one correct answer, so keep exploring and see how many your family can spot.