

EXPLORER CHALLENGE

Barnard Castle – Family Edition

Calling all Explorers! Barnard Castle is full of amazing places and hidden stories, but we've accidentally lost the secret passcode to our Explorer Certificate! Follow the clues, explore the town, 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 Witham

Seek out The Witham and find the blue plaque.

This building was raised by public subscription as a memorial to Henry Witham.

Can you discover the name of the hall where he once lived?

Answer: _____ Hall

DID YOU KNOW?

The Witham building is older than The Bowes Museum.



2 Market Cross

Seek out the octagonal Market Cross standing proudly in the heart of Barnard Castle.

Look carefully and discover the year in which it was built.

Tip: Stand back to spot the date.

Answer: _____

DID YOU KNOW?

The weather vane still carries bullet marks from long ago!



3 The Bank

Venture halfway down The Bank and seek an old looking house.

Look closely at the front of the building.

How many carved stone characters can you count?

Answer: _____

DID YOU KNOW?

Blagraves is believed to be the oldest surviving domestic building in Barnard Castle.



4 Barnard Castle

Journey to the ancient entrance of Barnard Castle. Find the entrance and look carefully at the ruins around you. How many great round towers can you see?

Answer: _____

DID YOU KNOW?

Frank Shield, known as the Hermit of Barnard Castle, once lived in the round tower.



5 County Bridge

Journey down to historic County Bridge, where the road crosses the River Tees.

Find a safe place from which to study the bridge.

How many open arches can you count?

Answer: _____

DID YOU KNOW?

County Bridge once marked the boundary between County Durham and Yorkshire.



6 Scar Top

Make your way to Scar Top and seek out the miniature golf course tucked beside the castle.

Inspect the course and its Teesdale landmarks.

How many holes does it have?

Answer: _____

DID YOU KNOW?

The course includes carved stone landmarks inspired by places across Teesdale.



7 The Bowes Museum

Venture to The Bowes Museum and stand before its grand main entrance.

Look carefully at the front of the building.

How many fixed flagpoles can you count outside?

Answer: _____

DID YOU KNOW?

The Bowes Museum is home to the famous Silver Swan, one of the world's finest 18th-century automata.



8 Congratulations Explorer!

You've solved all seven clues... but we've lost the secret passcode to our Explorer Certificate.

Use the FIRST LETTER or NUMBER from each of your previous answers to reveal the hidden passcode.

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Unlock Your Explorer Certificate

Scan the QR code and enter your secret passcode.





Barnard Castle Explorer Map

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Use this map to help you find each challenge location.

