


# Town to Sea Trail



## Family Activity Pack

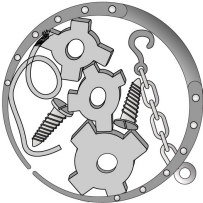
Discover the Hythe and its history

**Q1. "With joy ye shall draw water" when? — — —**

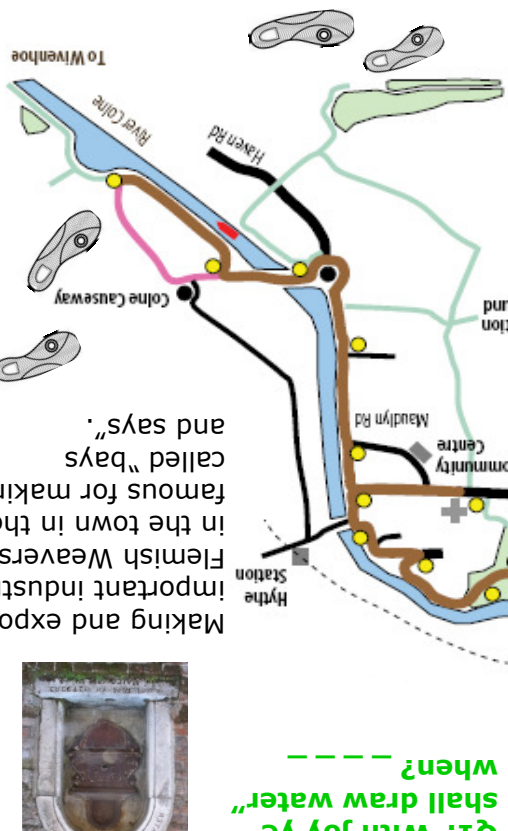


**Q2. Can you think of an area in Colchester associated with the cloth industry?**

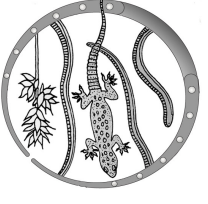
Making and exporting cloth was an important industry in Colchester. Flemish Weavers "the Dutch" settled in the town in the 1500s. They were famous for making a woollen cloth called "bays" and says".



Paxman's of Colchester became famous for making diesel engines, used in patrol boats, submarines and high speed trains.



**Q3. What type of animal is a lizard?**



**Q4. Tick the boxes if you spot?**

Many different animals and plants live in different habitats on the Moors. They include the Bee Wolf Wasp, common lizards, slow worms, kingfishers, water voles and even otters.


**Reeds Seagulls Buttercup Butterfly**

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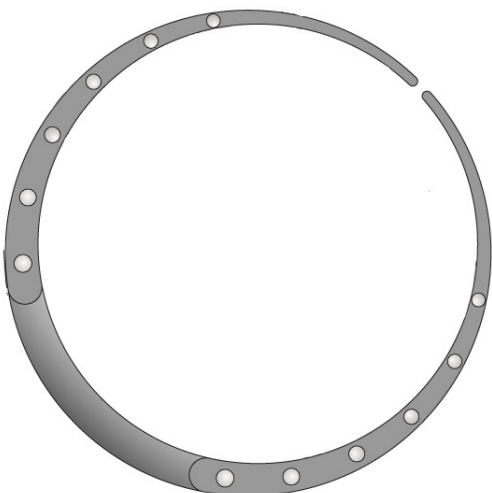
**Follow the riverside trail from town to sea and take a closer look at the 14 artworks that mark the way.**

**Can you find the answers to this family fun trail?**

William Gilbert was born in Colchester in 1544. He was a famous scientist because of his work on magnetism and electricity. He also served as Physician to Queen Elizabeth I.



Design your own 15 marker here:



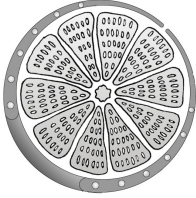
Where would you place your artwork on the trail?

Can you write a verse of the poem to go with it?



The mud flats along the River Colne welcome many migrating birds such as terns in the autumn.

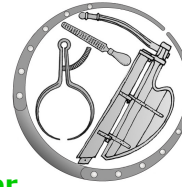
**Q5. Look for a sign— how many miles to Harwich?** — —



**Q7. As you walk along what other modes of transport can you find evidence of ?** — — — — —

The Hythe was a busy trading centre with cargoes from all over the world arriving on the quayside—everything from lemons to coal.

**Q6. Where can you find this plaque?** — — — — —

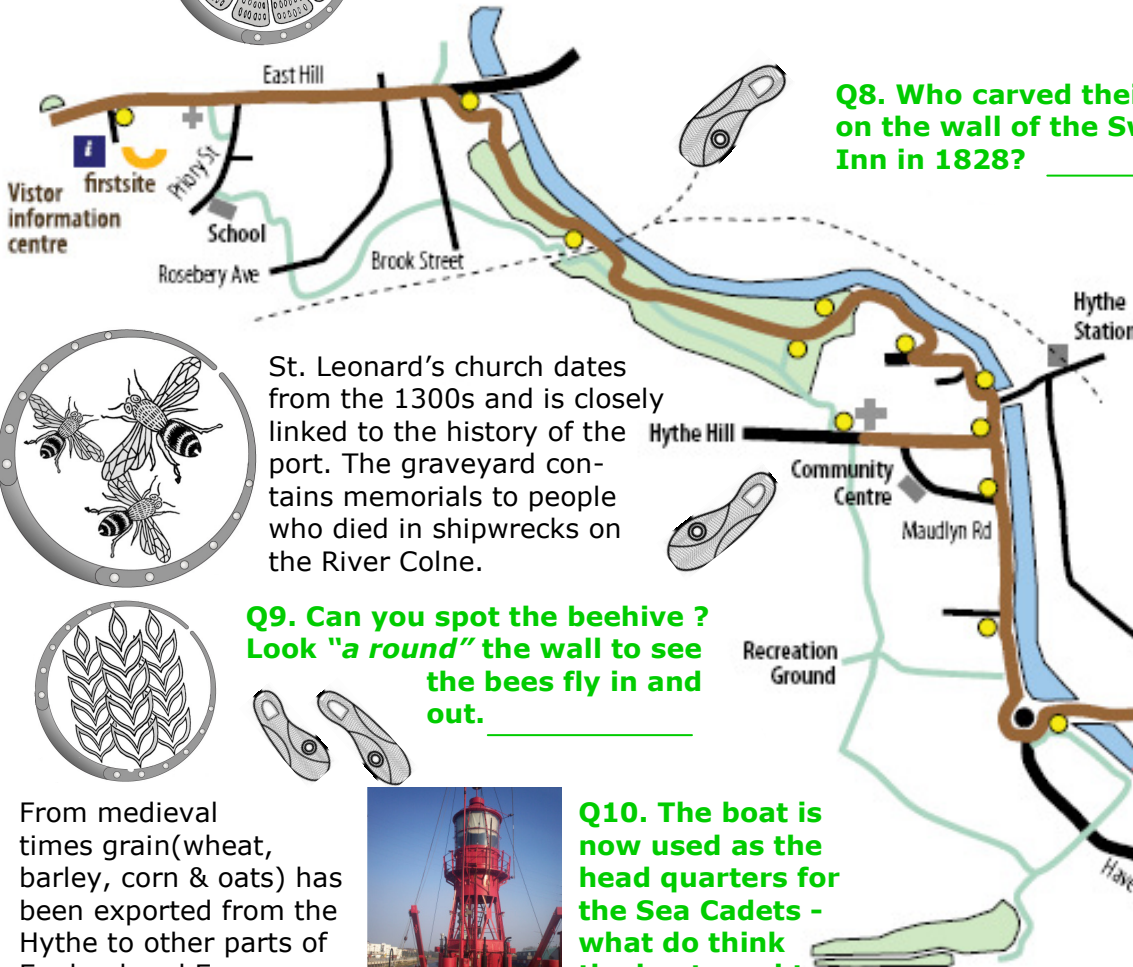


Boat building has been an important industry on the River Colne since medieval times- every type of vessel from cargo ships to royal yachts have been built here.



The Raven is the main figure in the Portreeve's seal. The portreeve or portwarden supervised trading and tax collection at the port.

**Q8. Who carved their name on the wall of the Swann Inn in 1828?** — — — — —



St. Leonard's church dates from the 1300s and is closely linked to the history of the port. The graveyard contains memorials to people who died in shipwrecks on the River Colne.

**Q9. Can you spot the beehive ? Look "a round" the wall to see the bees fly in and out.** — — — — —

During the late 1800s many of the boats arriving at The Hythe were Thames barges – flat-bottomed boats used to carry goods along rivers or canals.

From medieval times grain(wheat, barley, corn & oats) has been exported from the Hythe to other parts of England and Europe.

**Q11. As you walk over the bridge count the balls along the rail - how many are there?** — —

**Q10. The boat is now used as the head quarters for the Sea Cadets - what do think the boat used to be used for?** — — — — —



Fishing was very important – there was a large fleet of "Colchester Smacks" and a fish market was held in The Hythe.

**Q13. What are the flags in the artwork used for at sea?** — — — — —

Colchester has been famous for oysters "Colchester Natives" for thousands of years. The opening of the oyster season is marked by a traditional ceremony – the Mayor marks the first dredging with a toast of gin and gingerbread.

**Q14. Can you find the artists' names who made the artworks? (clue: look for the plaque)** — — — — —

**Q12. Did you spot 5 of these before you got to the bridge? What do you think they were used for?** — — — — —



Q1.1862 Q2.The Dutch Quarter Q3.Tick as appropriate Q4.Reptile Q5.22 Q6.On the bridge Q7.Railway, boats, cycling Q8.W Corde Q9. The old clock face on the tower Q10.As a lightship Q11. 20 Q12.Moorings posts Q13.International maritime signal flags were used to signal to or from ships Q14.Andrew Rowe, Heather Parnell; David Mackie; Becky Adams.