



## 1 Lôn Gefn

Sefwch yn y maes parcio gydag Eglwys fawreddog y Santes Fair y tu i chi ac ewch i gyfeiriad i llwybr wrth ymwl y Eagles Inn.

Arferai Lôn Gefn fod yn rhan o'r farchnad ganoloesol ac mae'n cynnwys adeiladau hynaf Dinbych nad ydnt yn gysylltiedig â'r castell neu muriau'r dref. Mae'n debyg bod tafarn y Llew Aur wedi'i chodi ddechrau'r 16eg ganrif fel dwy siop ar wahân. Fe sylw hyd y ar gefn 33 Stryd Fawr, sy'n fw�n adnabyddus fel Siop Clwyd. Diolch i dendrochronoleg, neu ddyddio yn ôl cycloedd coed, rydym yn gwylod bod yr adeilad ffraint bren bach a chan hwn yn dyddio o 1533, gan ei wneud yn un o siopau hynaf Cymru.



## 1 Back Row

Stand in the car park with imposing St Mary's Church at your back and head for the passageway beside the Eagles Inn.

Back Row was once part of the medieval marketplace and contains the oldest buildings in Denbigh not connected with the castle or town walls. The Golden Lion pub was probably built in the early 16th century as two separate shops. You'll also notice the back of 33 High Street, better known as Siop Clwyd. Thanks to dendrochronology, or tree-ring dating, we know this crooked little timber-framed building dates from 1533, making it one of the oldest shops in Wales.

## 2 Llyfrgell Dinbych

Trowch i'r dde i mewn i Sgwâr y Goron a cherddwch heibio'r gofeg ryfel gan Charles Leonard Hartwell i gyfeiriad y llyfrgell.

Mae'r cerflun y tu allan i'r llyfrgell ac oriel gefn o'r ffwrir Fictoriaid dadeiuol H M Stanley, a ydwyd yn Ninbych ym 1841. Y tu mewn mae cast plast ychydig yn arswydd o'i law, a estynnodd unwaith wrth ddeweud y geriau enwog: "Dr Livingstone, I presume?" Ar gael yma hefyd mae wif am ddim a'm, am flaedol bychan, eich goraid eich hun i furiau'r dref (gweler rhif 5). Adeiladwyd y llyfrgell fel Neuadd y Sir ym 1572 gan Iarl Caerfyr - mwy amanddo ef yn nes ymlaen. Roedd y cofnresi yn agored yn y dyddiau hynny i wneud lle o Neuadd y Farchnad.



## 2 Denbigh Library

Turn right into Crown Square and walk past the war memorial by Charles Leonard Hartwell towards the library.

The statue outside the library and art gallery is of controversial Victorian explorer H M Stanley, born in Denbigh in 1841. Inside is a slightly spooky plaster cast of his hand, once famously outstretched with the words: "Dr Livingstone, I presume?" You'll also find free wifi and, for a small deposit, your very own key to the town walls (see number 5). The library was built as a Shire Hall in 1572 by the Earl of Leicester – more of him later. The colonnades were open in those days to accommodate a Market Hall.

## 3 Lôn Brombil

Edrychwch am yr arwydd i'r castell wrth ymwl tafarn yr Old Vaults.

Mae llawer o siopau annibynol hynod a thafandai a chaffis bwyoq Dinbych wedi'u cylstru rhwng y Stryd Fawr a chylchfan Lenten Pool, a oedd ar un adeg yn bwyl pysgod canolesol. Felly, mae pob croeso i chi newid cyfeiriad yn y fan hon cyn dychwyl i Lôn Brombil. Roedd hon ar un adeg yn llwybr tawel yn cysylltu'r dref a'r castell, a deffynhydwyd yn bennaf gan bobl leol – ond erbyn hyn mae'r gyfrinach wedi'i thorï. Mae wedi cael ei thrawsnewid gan ddin llai na phum artist gyda chymorth cerddi, cerfluniau, grisiau flenestr addurniol, goleuadau uwchben a hyd yn oed gorchuddion cyfeistodau newydd, y cyfan yn seiliedig ar drefadaeth unigryw Dinbych neu hanesion o'r Mabinogion.



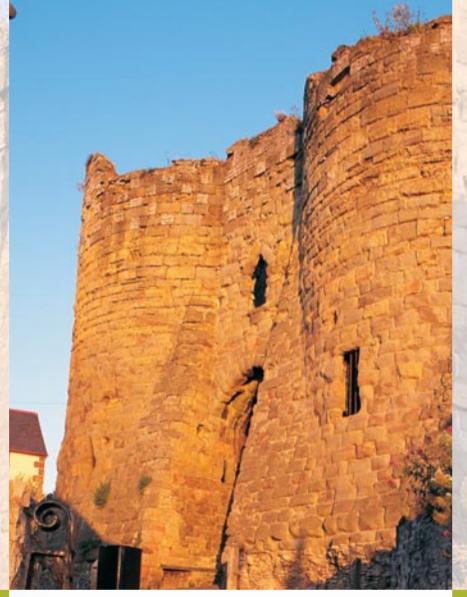
## 3 Broomhill Lane

Look out for the signpost to the castle beside the Old Vaults pub.

Many of Denbigh's quirky independent shops and lively pubs and cafés are clustered between High Street and the Lenten Pool roundabout, once a medieval fish pond. So feel free to make a detour at this point before returning to Broomhill Lane. This was once a quiet passageway linking town and castle, used mainly by local people – but now the secret's out. It's been transformed by no fewer than five artists with the help of poems, sculptures, decorative window grilles, overhead lights and even new utility covers, all based on Denbigh's unique heritage or stories from the Mabinogion.

## 4 Porth Burgess

Rydych rwan yn cyraedd tref gaerog ganoloesol Edward I. Adeiladwyd yr enfawr Porth Burgess a'i dyrâu dwbl rhwng 1282 a 1294 gan ei farwn Henry de Lacy, Iarl Lincoln. Yn wreiddiol roedd yn 60 troedfedd o uchder ac yn llawn amddiffynfeydd gan gynnwys ffos, pont, porthwys a thyllau llofruddio, ac mae'n debyg iddo gael ei ddyluniad gan hoff bensaer milwrol Edward, sef James o St George. Gwelodd ddogion o gyffro yn ystod gwartheg enwog Dinbych yn ystod y Rhyfyl Cartref – gallwch weld y creithiau a achoswyd gan ynnau mawr a daninyd gan y lluoedd seneddol. Daw golygyddys ysbennydd dros y dref i'r amlyg wrth i chi fynd o dan y giât a mynd am dro ar hyd Leicester Terrace.



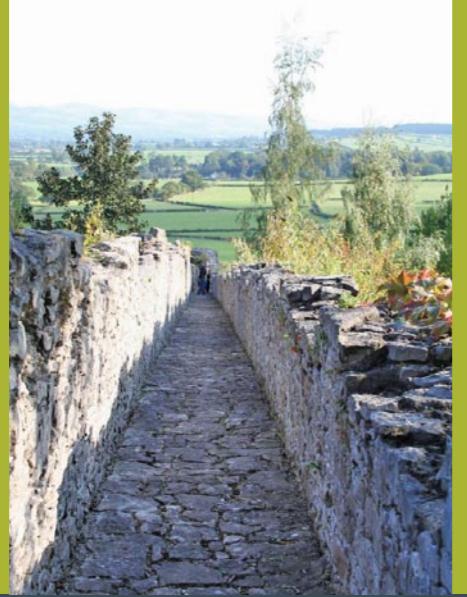
## 4 Burgess Gate

You're now entering the medieval walled town of Edward I. The immense twin-towered Burgess Gate was built between 1282 and 1294 by his baron Henry de Lacy, Earl of Lincoln. Originally 60 feet high and bristling with defences including a ditch, bridge, portcullis and murder-holes, it was most likely the design of Edward's favourite military architect, James of St George. It saw plenty of action during the famous siege of Denbigh during the Civil War – you can still see the scars caused by cannon fire from the parliamentary forces. Spectacular views over the town emerge as you pass under the gate and stroll along Leicester Terrace.

## 5 Muriau'r Dref

Cewch fynediad at y muriau ar hyd y ramp gyferbyn â Leicester Terrace.

Oes gennych chi eich gorïd? Os nad oes, holwch yn y castell. Wnewch chi ddîm diriaru – er hynny, gwyliwch am arwynebau anwastad a chwmpau heb i diogelu. Dyna o'r muriau trêf canoloesol mwyaf cyllawn ym Mhrydian. Cawsant eu hadoliadu i ddilgoi bwriadol Saesneg newydd ar ben hen gadarn Cymerig Dafydd ap Gruffydd, ac mae'r muriau a'r tyrau calchfaen hyn yn cynig gofylfeidd trawiadol ar draws Dyffryn Clwyd. Heb sôn am gipolwg byrfodol i mewn i rai o erddi cudd Dinbych a theithiau cerdded yn y coetir. Chwiliwch am dŵr gwyn Eglwys Sant Marcella yn y peltar.



## 5 Town Walls

Access the walls via the ramp opposite Leicester Terrace.

Do you have your key? If not, ask at the castle. You won't regret it – although do watch out for uneven surfaces and unprotected drops. This is one of most complete medieval town walls in Britain. Built to guard a new English borough on top of the old Welsh stronghold of Dafydd ap Gruffydd, these limestone walls and towers provide stunning views over the Vale of Clwyd. Not to mention a tantalising glimpse into some of Denbigh's secret gardens and woodland walks. Look out for the white tower of St Marcella's Church in the distance.

# Llwybr y dref | Town trail

**Pellter** 1.25 milltir / 2 km gan gynnwys Stryd y Dyffryn

**Pa mor anodd yw'r llwybr?** Rhai rhannau cymedrol i fyny allt, arwyneb anwastad ar furiau'r dref

**Amser yn cerdded** 75 munud

**Man cychwyn** Maes parcio Factory Place LL16 3TS

**Cludiant cyhoeddus** Traveline Cymru 0800 464 0000, Ymholiadau Rheilffyrdd Cenedlaethol 03457 484950

**Distance** 1.25 miles / 2 km including Vale Street

**Difficulty** Some moderate uphill sections, uneven surface on town walls

**Walking time** 75 minutes

**Start point** Factory Place car park LL16 3TS

**Public transport** Traveline Cymru 0800 464 0000, National Rail Enquiries 03457 484950

## 6 Eglwys Leicester

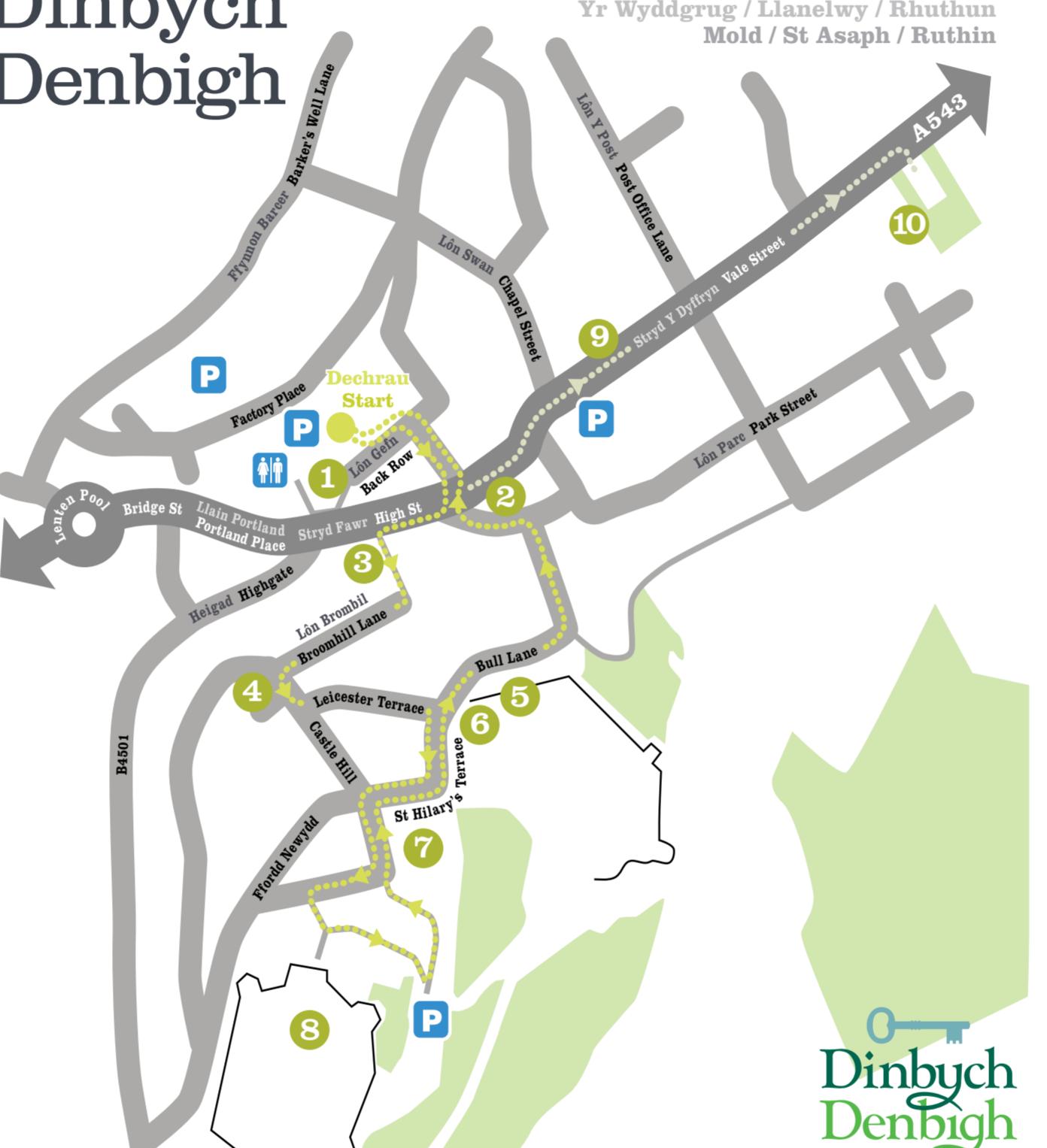
Efallai eich bod eisoes wedi gweld afdal di-do Eglwys Leicester o furiau'r dref. Os naddo, edrychwch amano ar y chwif wrth i chi gerdded i fyny Bull Lane. Dyma'r cyfan sy'n weddol i uchelgais fawreddog un dyn. Dechreuodd Robert Dudley, Iarl Caerfyr a ffirynn Elisabeth I, wrth ar y eglwys 10 bwa ym 1578. Mae'n debyg mai'r bwriad oedd creu eglwys gadeiriol Brotestanniaid newydd, gydag arddull Gotig ar y tu allan a chlasurol ar y tu mewn, hon fyddai wedi bod yn eglwys fwyaf oes Elisabeth. Ond ni chafodd ei chwblhau. Bron mor gyflym ag y gallai'r amhoblogaidd Dudley godi'r cerrig, roedd pob leol yn eu tunnu i lawr. Nid oedd mwy o arian ar ôl a gadawodd ei glynllun mawrreddig i drudareg yr elfennau ym 1584.



## 6 Leicester's Church

You may already have seen the roofless ruin of Leicester's Church from the town walls. If not, look out for it on the left as you walk up Bull Lane. This is all that remains of one man's vaulting ambition. Robert Dudley, Earl of Leicester and favourite of Elizabeth I, began this 10-bay arched church in 1578. Probably intended as a new Protestant cathedral, Gothic on the outside and a classical interior, it would have been the largest church of the Elizabethan age. But it was never finished. Almost as fast as the unpopular Dudley could raise the stones, local people pulled them down. He ran out of money and abandoned his grand scheme in 1584.

## Dinbych Denbigh



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## Tra eich bod yn cerdded....

Cyfrwch y naw blodyn Blodeuwedd yn y cerflun hwn a ysbyrddolwyd gan chwedlau gwerin y Mabinogi. Ond a wnaethoch chi sylwi ar y tylluan bach gerllaw y trawsnewidiol iddo?



## While you're walking....

Count the nine flowers of Blodeuwedd in this sculpture inspired by the folk tales of the Mabinogion. But did you spot the little owl nearby into which Blodeuwedd was transformed?

## 7 Capel St Hilari

Mae'r tŵr ynysig hwn yn dal yn drawiadol ddigon. Ond ar un adeg roedd gan St Hilary, a adeiladwyd yn tua 1300 fel capel garswin i dref gaerog Edward I, gorff eglwys, cangell, ystlys ogledol a thŵr gorlewinol hefyd. Erbyn y cyfnod Fictoriaid, roedd yn dyrwio'n wael ac roedd eglwyswyr yn wynebu dewis anodd: talu am waith atgyweirio costus neu adeliadu eglwys arall mewn man mwy cyfleoedd. Doedd dim amheuaeth. Agorwyd Eglwys y Santes Fair yda'i ffenestri liwl Celf a Chreffty hydref ym 1875 – a chafodd popeth heb law am dŵr herfeidiol St Hilary eu dymchwel o'r diwedd ym 1923.



## 7 St Hilary's Chapel

The isolated tower is still impressive enough. But St Hilary's, built about 1300 as a garrison chapel to Edward I's fortified town, once had a nave, chancel, north aisle and west tower too. By the Victorian era, it was badly decaying and churchgoers faced a stark choice: fork out for expensive repairs or build another church is a more convenient spot. No contest. St Mary's Church with its lovely Arts and Crafts stained glass windows was opened in 1875 – and all but the defiant tower of St Hilary's was finally demolished in 1923.

## 8 Castell Dinbych

Camwch i mewn i borth y tri thŵr mawrreddog Castell Dinbych ac rydych yn sicr o deimlo ymchwydd o gyffro. Byddwch hefyd yn clywed twrr codi'r porthwys a throedol trwm milwyr yn gorynneidio, diolch i' ceidwad Cadw. Bydd eu canolfan ymwelyr eco gyfeillgar yn dweud y cyfan wrthych am y gaer Edwardaidd glasurol hon, a adeiladwyd fel han o "gylch haearn" o gestyl Saesneg ddiwedd y 13eg ganrif i ddarostwng y Cymry. Nid oedd yn lwyddiant ar y dechrau. Cipiodd Madog ap Llywelyn y castell a adeiladwyd yn rhannol ym 1294 ac, pan wnaethant ei gipio yn ôl yn y pen draw, gwaeth y Saeson y weltau hyd yn oed yn fwy trwchus ac yn uwch.



## 8 Denbigh Castle

Step into the immense triple-towered gatehouse of Denbigh Castle and you're sure to feel a surge of excitement. You'll also hear the clatter of a rising portcullis and the heavy tread of marching soldiers, thanks to custodians Cadw. Their eco-friendly visitor centre will tell you all about this classic Edwardian fortress, built as part of an "iron ring" of late 13th century English castles to subdue the Welsh. It didn't succeed at first. Madog ap Llywelyn captured the partly-built castle in 1294 and, when they eventually got it back, the English made the walls even thicker and higher.

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## 9 Stryd y Dyffryn

Dychwelwch eich goriad i'r llyfrgell ac os dymunwch, ychwanegwch y dargyfeiriad hwn.

Hyd yn oed yn Ninbych, gyda'i chyfoeth a adeiladau rhestryd, mae Stryd y Dyffryn yn ryfeddol pensaerniol. Wrth i'r dref ffynnyd, codwyd cyfres o dai bonedd yma i greu ardal breswyl benodol. Mae'r cynharaf, Y Gelli neu Grove House, yn dyddio o 1574 – gan ei wneud yn un o'r tai brics cyntaf yng Nghymru. Mae'r gwenddol, Fel y Tysty, neu Plas Grove, yn dyddio'n bennaf o'r 18 ganrif neu ddechrau'r 19 ganrif. Chwiliwch am Dŷ Thomas Gee ar y chwif, sef cartref y pregethwr Anghyddfuriol chwedolion a chyhoeddwr. Mae Argraffdy Gwasg Gee, a oedd yn dal i redeg tan 2001, i'w weld o hyd ar Lôn Swan.



## 9 Vale Street

Even in Denbigh, with its wealth of listed buildings, Vale Street is an architectural marvel. As the town prospered, a series of gentry houses was built here to create a distinct residential quarter. The earliest, Grove House or Y Gelli, dates from 1574 – making it one of the first brick houses in Wales. The rest, such as Mostyn House or Grove Place, are mostly 18th or early 19th century. Look out on the left for Tŷ Thomas Gee, home of the legendary Nonconformist preacher and publisher, His Gwasg Gee printworks, which ran until 2001, can still be seen on Chapel Street.

## 10 Gardd Goffa Dr Evan Pierce

Roedd y Crwner, YH Henadur a Maer Dinbych, Dr Evan Pierce, yn arwr yn epidemig colera 1832. Ond nid oedd gwylltidoedd yn o'i gryferau. Pan gynhygiodd pob diolcholgar y dref adeiladu cofeb iddo, rhoddodd y tir iddynt – yn union gyferbyn â'i ddrws ffyrnt ym Mihlas Salusbury sydd wedi'i ddyddwch bellach. Fel y gallai edrych bob bore ar ei gerflun i'r tu allan a chloes i'r gwaith. Mae Argraffdy Gwasg Gee, a oedd yn dal i redeg tan 2001, i'w weld o hyd ar Lôn Swan.



Coroner, JP Alderman and Mayor of Denbigh, Dr Evan Pierce, was a hero of the cholera epidemic of 1832. But modesty wasn't one of his strong points. When the grateful townsfolk offered to build him a memorial, he donated the land himself – right opposite his front door in now-demolished Salusbury Place. So every morning he could look out at his own statue atop its 72-foot high Tuscan column. Thanks to a restoration in 2007, this peaceful and secret spot with its fountains and conifers is the leading historic garden in Denbighshire.

Retrace your steps up Vale Street to return to your car.