



The map overleaf shows the suggested route and the numbers indicate points of interest:

1. The Bainbridge Fountain, erected in memory of Robert Bainbridge the London Lead Company's Superintendent.
2. The Methodist Chapel, today's home of the Pathway centre.
3. Hill Terrace, a sign of the village's Victorian prosperity.
4. The Co-op, held by some to be the first co-op in England.
5. The Primitive Methodist Chapel is a listed building.
6. The Arch at Masterman Place, at exactly 5 metres square, was the gated entrance to Newtown.
7. Newtown, the London Lead Company built this model village for its workers.
8. River Terrace, home of the ordinary "sober" workers.
9. The River Path, a cobbled walk used by miners on their way to work. Part of the Teesdale Way.
10. The County Bridge, so called as the River Tees was the boundary between the Ancient Counties of North Yorkshire and County Durham.
11. The Company School, now an adventure centre.
12. Middleton House, the London Lead Mining Company Superintendants' house from 1815 until 1905.
13. Seed Hill (sundial and stocks) and St Mary's Church with its "detached" Belfry.
14. Market Place with its hotels and the former Mechanics Institute, now the home of the village bookshop and the Fitzhugh Library

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The Village Walk

Middleton in Teesdale is the main centre for Upper Teesdale and grew up largely as a result of the lead mining industry. The Quaker-owned London Lead Company established its headquarters for northern England here in 1815 and erected many buildings, including its offices at Middleton House, workers homes, a school and a chapel. Piped water was available at convenient points and you can still see the tap housings in walls. Each house had, and still has, its own vegetable garden with the company's most deserving employees having the largest houses in the area of New Town, a model housing estate.

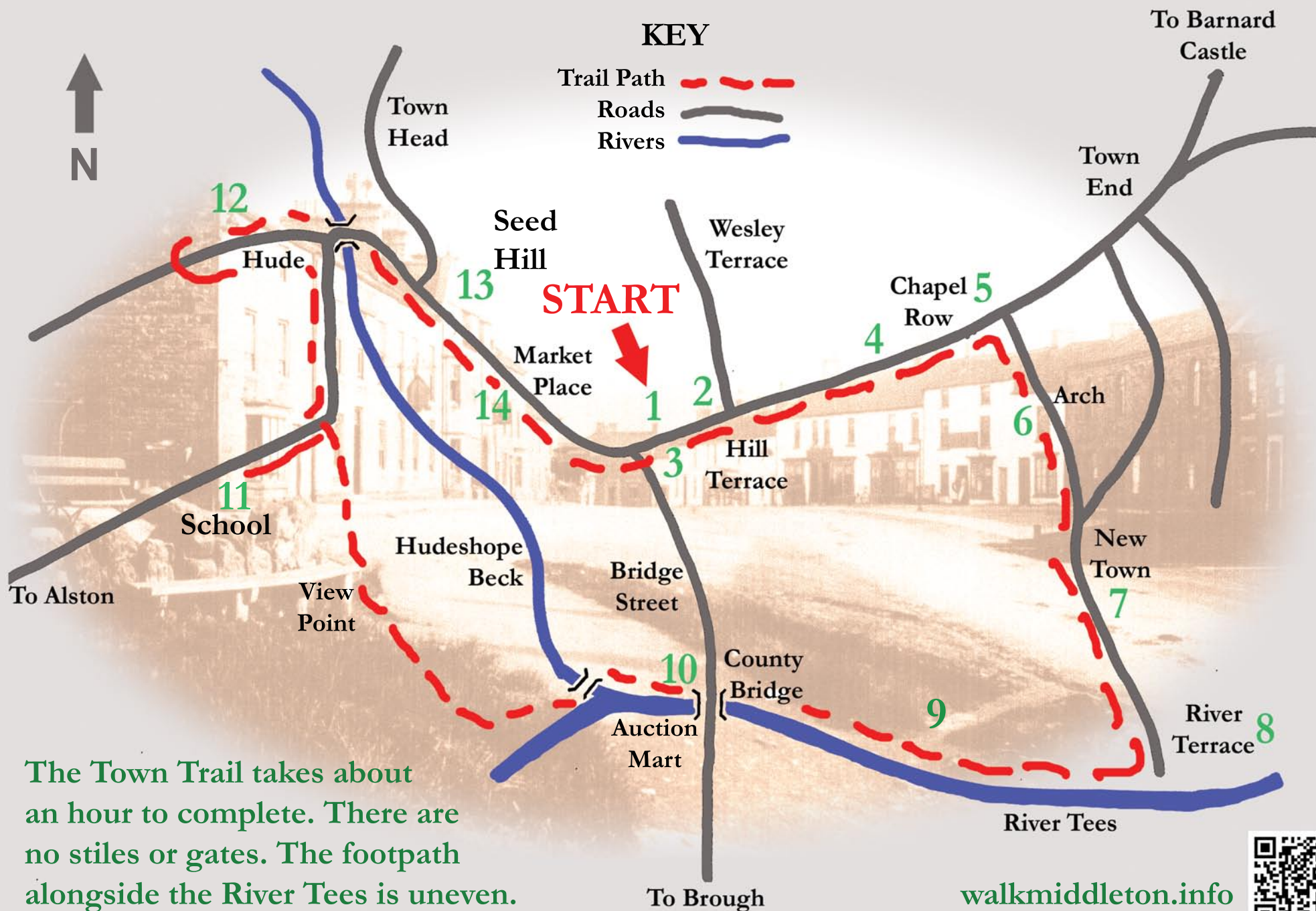
The handsome, cast iron fountain in the centre of the village was built in 1875 following a collection by employees of the London Lead Company for the retirement of the company's superintendent, Robert Bainbridge. An interesting feature of St. Mary's Church is its detached belfry, little altered since it was built in 1557. A large part of Middleton has been designated a Conservation Area in order to protect its character and a number of buildings have been sympathetically restored using traditional slates, stone and sash windows.

This hour long walk tells some of the history of the village, its main buildings and views. Apart from the short length along the river side the entire walk is on level ground, accessible by all. To read more about the village walk visit our website walkmiddleton.info



A Walk Through Time





The Town Trail takes about an hour to complete. There are no stiles or gates. The footpath alongside the River Tees is uneven.

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