

Kerry Walking Treasure Hunt

This is a walking treasure hunt that takes you round the pretty village of Kerry, highlighting lots of historical points of interest, as well as a number of quirky things to spot along the way.

It is designed in a way that ensures that you should not need to enter onto anyone's private land or property in order to complete the hunt. Nonetheless, we'd still like to ask that you please respect property owner's privacy at all times.

And, of course, in these troubled times with Covid-19 Coronavirus prevalent, it is vitally important to adhere strictly to Government Guidelines regarding social distancing, and undertaking this treasure hunt in household 'bubble' groups only.

As you walk round there will be a number of occasions where these notes give you links to parts of the Kerry Community web site, where you will find descriptions of what you are seeing, notes about the history of the various sites, and also historical photos and facts.

If you have a Smartphone, then you can take advantage of the QR code links that direct you to the right section of the website to see those descriptions. There are a number of free QR code reading apps available for both Android and iOS phones.

There will of course also be a range of questions to answer that I hope will add to the fun of it all.

As you walk around the route you should see the following images – there are 4 in total to spot as the treasure hunt proceeds. The photos are below, and you will see them in the order they are presented, as you walk round the route. Write down where these images are located.

Photo 1



Photo 2



Photo 3



Photo 4



Photo1 location: _____

Photo 2 location: _____

Photo 3 location: _____

Photo 4 location: _____

There are also 5 house names that you might see along the way – you need to tell me the house number corresponding to each of these. These names are :

Fairfields: _____

Belle Vue: _____

The Mitre: _____

Oakfields: _____

Rhogo: _____

Enough of the preamble. Lets get going!

We will start the treasure hunt in the car park closest to the Village Hall in the middle of Kerry. Wander round the car park and adjacent buildings – before you leave this area, there are a few immediate questions to answer:

Q1: Name the three villages that are served by Kerry Community Council

A: _____

Q2: Tell me the next number in the sequence: 5, 10, 15, 18

A: _____

Q3: How many years ago was the Kerry Playgroup inaugurated

A: _____

If you want to find out more information about what you have seen so far, use your smart phone to scan the QR code below, which will take you to the Kerry Community Council web site Home Page. (This gives you the answer to Question 1). From here, you can start browsing the sections for local history, and clubs and societies, where you can find details about the Community Centre, the clubs and societies that use the Community Centre, and details of Kerry Bowling Club



Alternatively type the url: <http://www.kerrycommunitycouncil.gov.uk/Kerry-CC/Default.aspx> into your browser

OK – having answered these its time to start walking. Exit the car park by the main entrance onto Common Road.

Turn right and walk up Common Road, passing The Gardens on the right hand side of the road, until you get to Fairfields. Turn left into Fairfields, and past the first set of houses and garages continuing straight on. You will come out onto a playing field where you turn left and walk past some houses to a cut-through that goes down the side of St Michael’s School and onto the main street.

*** You should have spotted the first house name/number clue by now ***

For information about St Michael's School, and the history of schools in Kerry, use your phone to scan the QR code below, or follow the link: http://www.kerrycommunitycouncil.gov.uk/Kerry-CC/St_Michaels_School_35629.aspx



When you come out onto the main road through Kerry, walk right, and proceed to the edge of the village. Opposite you is a large building with two red doors, with some fascinating architecture and history. This is the Reading Rooms. Built in 1856 by John Naylor, owner of Brynllwarch Hall, and opened to the public for use by the Kerry Reading and Recreation Society, to provide access to newspapers and magazines, both national and local.

For more information see the section on the Reading Room in the Local History part of the website, or use the QR code below:



*** By now you should have spotted the 2nd house name and seen the first photo clue. ***

Once you have reached the end of the village, turn around and walk back along the main road, in the direction of Newtown. There are clues on both sides of the road as we go along, so keep your eyes peeled, and be prepared to (carefully) cross back and forth over the road to get the answers.

Between walking from the school to the churchyard, answer the following questions:

Q4: What 'nationality' of wine is the Kerry Lamb licensed to sell?

A: _____

Q5: What business was established in 1762?

A: _____

Q6: Who is remembered between William Evans and J Cecil Morris?

A: _____

*** As you walked this stretch, you should have seen another of the house name clues ***.

This house name used to be a pub – indeed within the confines of Kerry Square alone, there have been 4 pubs in total over the years, of which the Herbert Arms is the sole survivor. Three more pubs away from the Square include The Kerry Lamb (previously known as the New Inn). If you

want to know more about the pubs and traders of Kerry through the ages, take a look at the Local History section of the website, or scan the QR code below:



Now lets go to church! If the church is open, feel free to go in (obviously respecting any service being held at the time) and look around. The church is packed with history, a lot of which is documented on the website here

http://www.kerrycommunitycouncil.gov.uk/Kerry-CC/st_michaels_church-35629.aspx

or via the QR code below



The next two questions, plus a picture clue, regarding the church are based around the outside of the building and the surrounding graves. You do not need to leave the path around the church to answer the questions:

Q7: At the entrance to the church, where can you find the date 1718?

A: _____

Q8: In the churchyard what is the name of the flower that tracks the sun?

A: _____

*** Don't forget to find the 2nd picture clue! ***

Once finished around the churchyard, return back to the main street and turn right to carry on your way through the village, looking for clues on both sides of the road (remember to take care of traffic when crossing the road).

Note: This next question may not be possible until the Information Board is renewed – soon!

Q9: According to the History of Kerry Information Board, what do Rhiw-Dan-Tin Farm, Cwm Quarry and Cefn Craig Wood have in common?

A: _____

Q10: What colour is Boot Cottage?

A: _____

Q11: What kind of choice does the Village Shop and Post Office offer?

A: _____

Q12: What is sitting on a mushroom between Bay Cottage and Penarran View?

A: _____

Q13: How many diamond shaped rhomboids can you see on the front side of Dolforgan Lodge?

A: _____

All of these clues above are between the Church and Park Avenue, and are on both sides of the main street.

*** You should have also seen picture clue 3 on this stretch ***

When you get to Park Avenue, turn right into the Dolforgan Park estate, and walk along the Park Avenue street until you pass Rowan Court. Shortly after this you will find a path that leads to the Kerry Football Club and children's play facilities.

*** You should have seen the 4th house name clue by now ***

Walk along the left hand side of the football pitch, and answer the following clues:

Q14: What is the maximum age for children to use the play facilities?

A: _____

Q15: There is one tree lining the path that is different from the rest. One obvious thing is that it has a metal barrier around it. What's the other difference?

A: _____ (This question may be a little trickier in Winter!)

At the end of the path, you get to a bridge that overlooks the parkland and buildings of Dolforgan Hall. This is one of the main historical residences of Kerry and home to the Pugh and Long families, who played a major role in the history and development of Kerry, and upon whose original land the Dolforgan Park and Dolforgan View estates are built. For more information about Dolforgan Hall, the estate, Dolforgan Bridge and the owning families, see http://www.kerrycommunitycouncil.gov.uk/Kerry-CC/dolforgan_hall-35629.aspx or scan the QR code below



Q16: Where can you find fixing posts identical to those used for Dolforgan Bridge?

A: _____

Return back to Park Avenue by skirting the football pitch, going past the new stand and changing facilities.

Q17: What brothers sit between the two dugouts for Home & Away?

A: _____

If you want to know more about Kerry Football Club (I'm sure they are always looking for new players!), see the website at

http://www.kerrycommunitycouncil.gov.uk/Kerry-CC/kerry_football_club-34520.aspx

Or scan the QR code below:



Retrace your route back along Park Avenue, back to Kerry main street, and turn right. Walk on to the buildings at the end of the Village, which used to be the location of the old Kerry Saw Mill.

*** Here there's a picture clue to solve as well as the following question ***.

Q18: The time might be stuck at 5.47. But what is the year stuck at?

A: _____

Return back towards the centre of the village crossing the road to the right hand side when you get to the original entrance to Dolforgan View (not the new housing entrance). Turn right here, and walk up the road.

Q19: What creatures flank the Dragon?

A: _____

Continue on Dolforgan View, up to the T-junction, where you turn left. Carry on walking along Dolforgan View to the junction at the end

*** Look out for the final house name along here ***

Q20: What colour is the gnomes jacket?

A: _____

Turn left to walk past Herbert Court. Continue on through to the end of the cul-de-sac by some modern houses, where you should see a cut through adjacent to Herbert Arms Farm. This leads directly back to the Kerry Car Park and the end of the Hunt.

Q21: What's the maximum gross weight that PSSU 368005 can take?

A: _____

***Congratulations.
You have completed the Treasure Hunt.***

We hope you enjoyed it. The answer sheet can be found on the Kerry Community Council website, at http://www.kerrycommunitycouncil.gov.uk/Kerry-CC/treasure_hunt_answer_sheet-34573.aspx



The Council would welcome any feedback you have about whether it worked for you, and any improvements you feel we should make to it. Please contact the author, Neil Hayward, on 01686 670829 or neilhayward1@outlook.com with your views.

(As with any treasure hunt, over time, clues may become outdated if circumstances change – so please let us know if this happens).

Also, and especially important, if you are an owner of any property that is featured in this Treasure Hunt, and you have any issues of intrusion or wish your property to be excluded from the Hunt, please let us know.

In time, it is our intention to add an extension route over public footpaths and roads around Kerry, Pentre and Sawmills. This is in development for future issues of this Treasure Hunt. Watch this space.