

CHEPSTOW is steeped in history and here you will find quaint cobbled streets, buildings that date back 1000 years, alleyways, and hidden gems. There is something to interest everyone.

It has the oldest surviving stone castle in Britain, commenced by William FitzOsbern one year after the Norman invasion of 1066.

In the Middle Ages, imported wine was off-loaded on Chepstow's quayside and by the 18th century it was a major centre for the export of timber and bark from the Wye Valley and Forest of Dean. During World War I, it played a vital role in shipbuilding for the navy.

For sporting enthusiasts, **Chepstow Racecourse** hosts jump and flat races, including the Coral Welsh Grand National; **St. Pierre Marriott Hotel & Country Club** has one of the finest and most picturesque golf courses in the country.

As well as shopping, history and sports, Chepstow is an accredited Walkers are Welcome town, with routes to suit all ages and capabilities - the Wales **Coast Path**, **Offa's Dyke Path**, the **Wye Valley Walk** and the **Gloucestershire Way**. Just a few miles outside Chepstow, at Tidenham, is **The Wye Valley Greenway** shared use, accessible path.

Chepstow makes a great centre for exploration. The Wye Valley is an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and which is known across the world for Tintern Abbey and Monnow Bridge in Monmouth. To the west of Chepstow are medieval Caldicot Castle and the Roman towns of Venta Silurum at Caerwent and Isca at Caerleon. To the east of Chepstow is the magical Royal Forest of Dean with its ancient iron workings, a king's hunting lodge, wild boar, and herds of deer. For further information www.visitmonmouthshire.com/chepstow

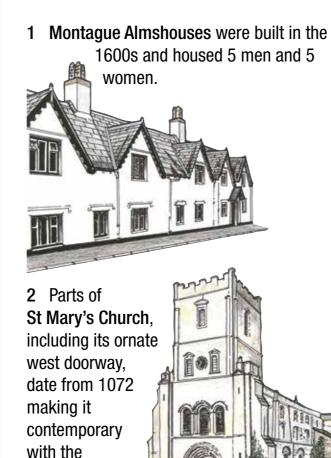
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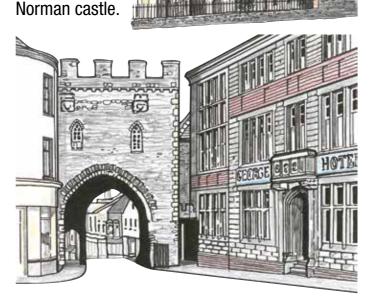
## **CHEPSTOW HAS 3 TOWN TRAILS**

All start/finish at the Tourist Information Centre (TIC) in the Castle Car Park but you can pick them up at any point in the town centre. They vary in length and are shown on the map overleaf as the Red Trail (Town Centre), Blue Trail (Riverside), and Green Trail (Castle and Dell).

## SOME PLACES OF INTEREST THAT YOU CAN DISCOVER ALONG YOUR WALKS

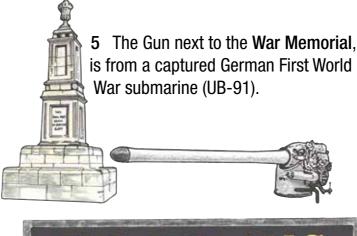
Their locations will be found on the map overleaf.





**3** The 13th century **Town Gate** had a portcullis and guardroom, and was also used as a tollgate.

4 'The Boatman' in Bank Street is a slightly larger than life bronze sculpture, made by sculptor Andre Wallace in 2004.





6 The Five Alls Inn, built c.1849, has an unusual sign representing five characters: I fight/pray/ govern/defend and pay for all.



7 **Powis Almshouses** were provided in 1721 for 6 men and 6 women. An arched doorway, below the almshouses, leads to a former wine cellar.



8 The **Old Wye Bridge** was built in 1816; it spans the second highest tidal range in the world, which can exceed 14 metres in a single day. 9 Chepstow's beautiful **Riverside** Gardens has an ornate bandstand.

10 The man-made 'Gloucester Hole' is reputed to have been used as a tea warehouse.



**12 The Castle Dell** was opened to the public in 1886 when the Duke of Beaufort leased it to the town for one shilling a year.





