

8. IN AND AROUND ANGLESEY STREET

The Beehive Stores

Opened in about 1870 at the junction of West Hill and Cannock Road, The Beehive Corner Stores sold a wide range of groceries and provisions. Local people can recall the chute inside the shop, into which customers placed a list of the items they wanted to purchase, along with their payment. At the touch of a button these were sent whizzing down the chute and into the office at the corner of the shop; any change was sent back the same way.



The Beehive Stores, c1900. Many local people remember the distinctive 'beehive' that was fixed to the wall above the doorway, but no-one knows what happened to it when the shop was demolished.
Image courtesy of the Museum of Cannock Chase



Pointons sweet shop in the early 1950s. Mr Sucky Pointon stands in his shop doorway. His nickname comes from sucks, a local word for sweets.
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Pointons sweet shop

Pointons sweet business grew from humble beginnings as a stall on Hednesford market. In 1890 they opened a shop, and until the 1950s they made their own sweets. At its height, the business was making about 7 cwt of sweets a week (over 1/3 of a ton!).

Although the shop was demolished in the late 1960s or early 1970s, the firm still exists. It now sells confectionary wholesale.

Much of the information on this board has been provided courtesy of Anthony Hunt.



The reverse of this postcard is postmarked 26 February 1939, and was sent by Renee and Barbara to Mrs Bailey, their grandmother, in St Leonard's on Sea. The Beehive Stores is on the right of this image.
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CANNOCK CHASE HERITAGE TRAIL

Cannock Chase Heritage Trail is a 10-mile route linking the towns of Cannock, Hednesford and Rugeley. It passes through, or close to sites of historic or environmental interest, with interpretation boards along the way that tell the story of each location. Intended to support a healthy lifestyle, the trail is a facility for walkers and cyclists, offering walks and off-road cycle routes. The trail was initially funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund and several project partners in 2008.

The trail consists of mixed surfaces of tarmac, gravel and concrete. Gradients in some of the rural sections of the trail can be difficult for manual wheelchairs and buggies.

These include:

- A short section between Hednesford Park (along the former railway line) and Rugeley Road (A460).
- A short section near the concrete standing area adjacent to Brindley Heath Road.
- A short section between Cannock Chase Visitor Centre and Cannock Chase Forest Centre.

The trail passes close to wildlife sites of international importance. Cycle wheels, horse hooves, and feet, can severely damage these sites, and out of control dogs disturb wildlife. Please help us to protect wildlife by remaining on designated routes and by keeping dogs under close control.

Remember to follow the
Cannock Chase Code.



Scan the QR code
to download a map of the
Cannock Chase Heritage Trail



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Cannock Chase Heritage Trail Challenge
with the
Cannock Chase Can App!

Cannock Chase Can is an exciting health and wellbeing programme to help you make healthier lifestyle choices. It hosts a variety of wellness challenges which can be undertaken as an individual, group or family. Here's how you can get involved...

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Scan the QR codes on each interpretation board to bring to life elements of the Trail. Content has been created by local schoolchildren alongside professional artists and The Birmingham Repertory Theatre.



Collect all the QR codes for each themed trail to complete the challenge and gain points and rewards for your efforts.