

# HISTORY WALK

Salford Sports Village,  
325 Littleton Road, M7 2NQ

## WALK DISTANCE: 4.2 MILES



### MAP KEY:

- Start/Finish
- Bus Stop
- Riverbank Park
- Car Park
- Sports Village
- Original Agecrofts Rowing Club
- Kersal Cell
- Landslide
- Walk Route

**GRAB A BITE TO EAT OR A HOT DRINK AFTER YOUR WALK AT LOCAL CAFÉS SUCH AS THE TREEHOUSE AND SCRANTASTIC**

**CAN YOU GUESS WHAT CRASHED INTO THE BANKS OF THE RIVER IRWELL IN 1944?**

**DO YOU KNOW WHY THE NORTH EAST OF THE WETLANDS IS KNOWN TO THE LOCALS AS THE 'LANDSLIDE' OR THE 'LANNY'?**

**DID YOU KNOW THAT KERSAL CELL MONASTERY WAS FORMED IN 1145? KERSAL CELL WAS THEN DEMOLISHED AND LATER REPLACED WITH THE TUDOR HOUSE THAT STANDS THERE TODAY.**

**CAN YOU GUESS WHY THE ORIGINAL CELL WAS TORN DOWN?**

**THE ROWING CLUB FORMED IN 1861, MAKING IT ONE OF THE OLDEST OPEN MEMBERSHIP ROWING CLUBS IN THE WORLD.**

**THE AGECROFT REGATTA IS INFAMOUSLY CAPTURED IN A PAINTING BY L.S. LOWRY.**

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## ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS

### DO YOU KNOW WHAT CRASHED INTO THE BANKS OF THE RIVER IRWELL IN 1944?

In **1944**, a Lancaster bomber crashed into the river bank of the River Irwell, while trying to land on the nearby playing fields.

The Lancaster bomber PB304 of squadron 106, which was loaded with bombs, killed all **7**

crew members on board and **2** individuals on the ground.

Today, a memorial of those who passed is situated in Agecroft cemetery, that you can visit on our longer walking route.



### CAN YOU GUESS WHY THE ORIGINAL CELL WAS TORN DOWN?

**1535** saw the destruction of the monasteries by King Henry VIII, where Kersal Cell was overthrown and taken by the crown.

It is thought that the Tudor house that stands today, is built on the site of the original cell. Kersal Cell, which is a grade II listed building, is the second oldest building in Salford and dates back to **1563**.

Since, the Tudor building has been used as a boarding school, country club and a school.

Today the building has been separated into 3 residential homes. However, there are still folklores of the cell, some say that it is haunted and that there are still underground passages from the cell to Manchester Cathedral.

## GETTING THERE BY BUS



There are bus stops on the Cromwell Road A576, with services **10, 52, 92, and 93**

In addition there are bus stops on Littleton Road with services **92, 93, 95**



### DO YOU KNOW WHY THE NORTH EAST OF THE WETLANDS IS KNOWN TO THE LOCALS AS THE 'LANDSLIDE'?

In **1882**, there was a massive landslide on Bury New Road and Great Clowes Street. Continuous slips took place over the late 1880s and early 1920s.

As a result, many drainage schemes were implemented and a river wall was built. Shortly after the wall was built, in **1927** there was a major landslide destroying part of Great Clowes Street.



### INFORMATION ABOUT INSPIRING COMMUNITIES TOGETHER

We are a charity working in Charlestown and Lower Kersal. We operate as a community anchor for the neighbourhood alongside delivery of services across Salford.

Please check out our website for details of our activities: [inspiringcommunitiestogether.co.uk/events](https://inspiringcommunitiestogether.co.uk/events) or call us on **0161 743 3625**