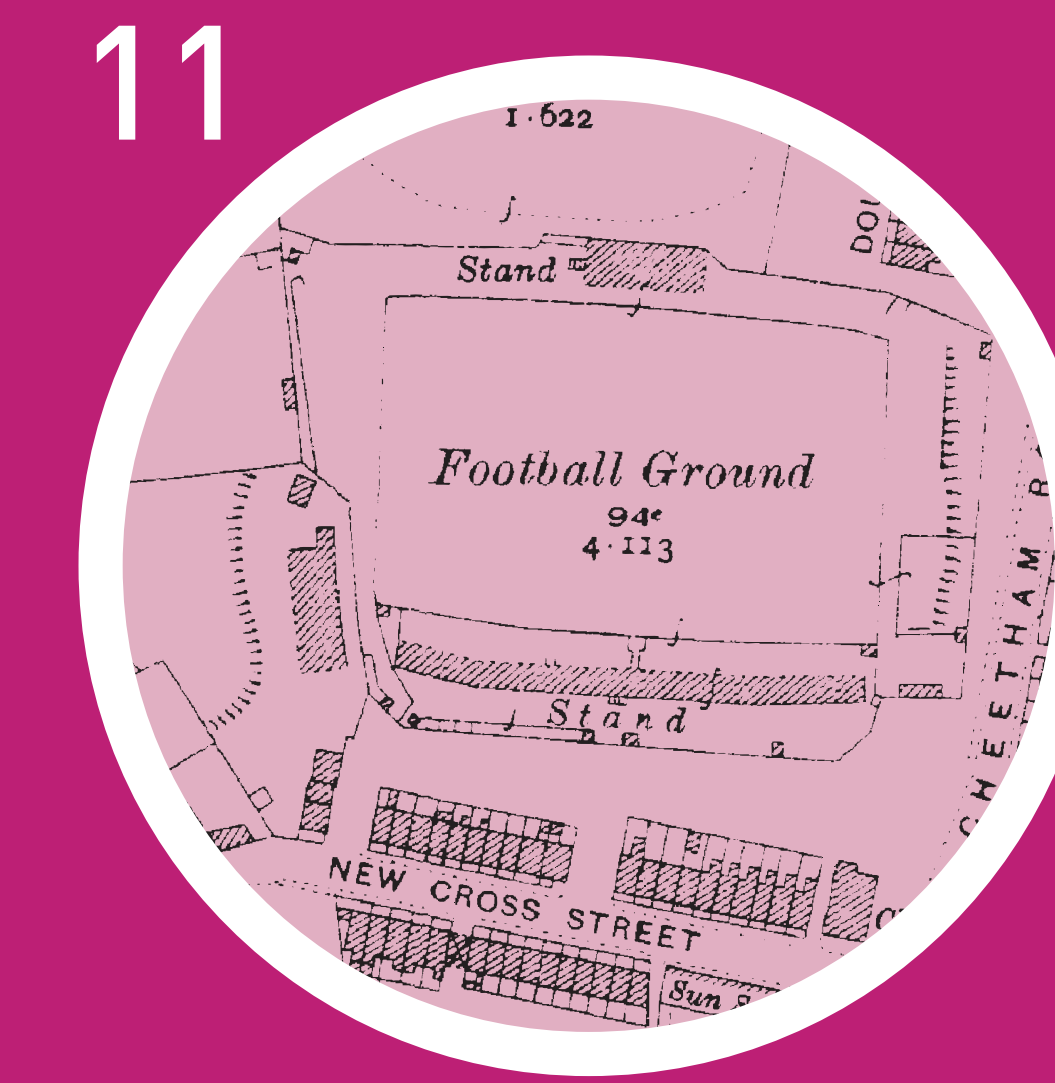
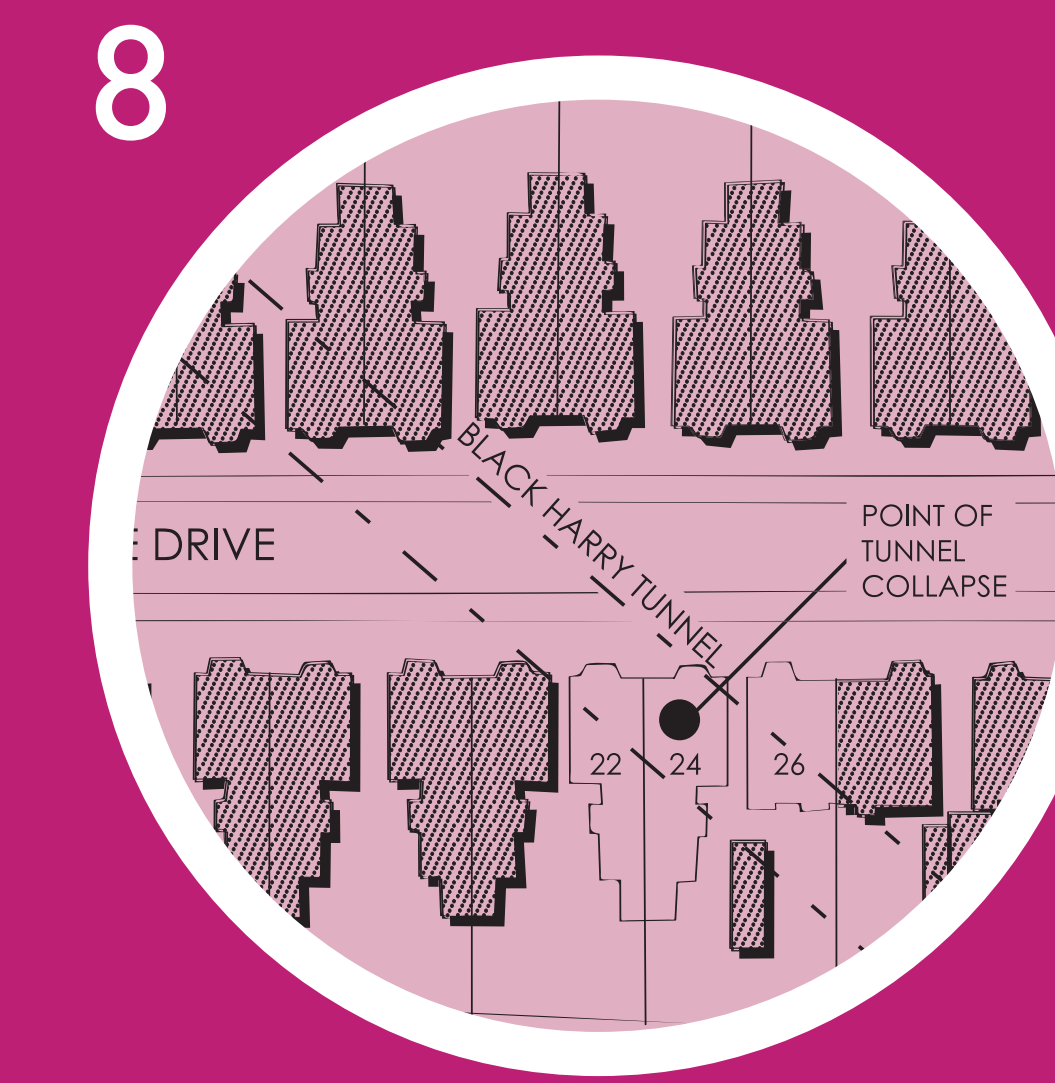
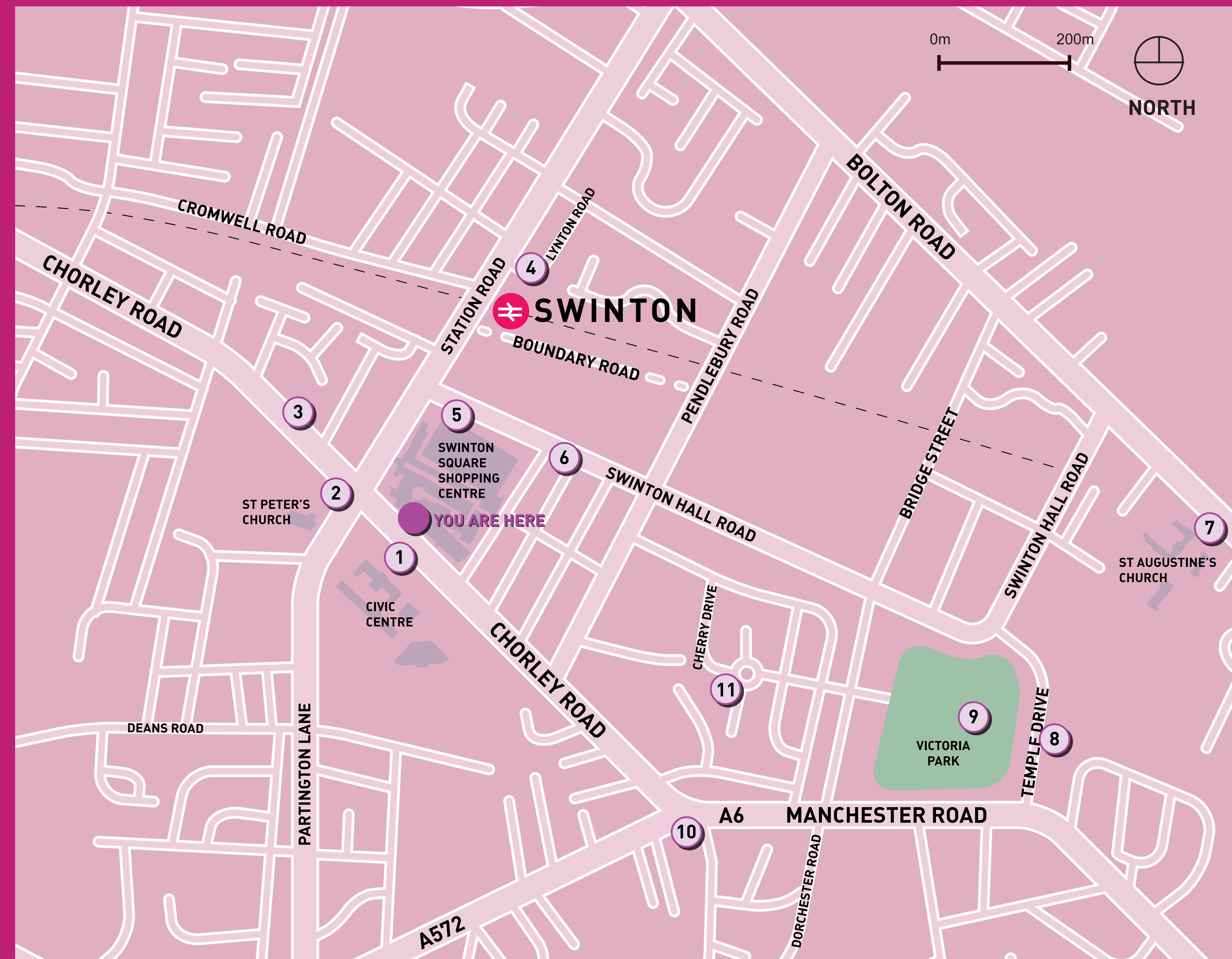
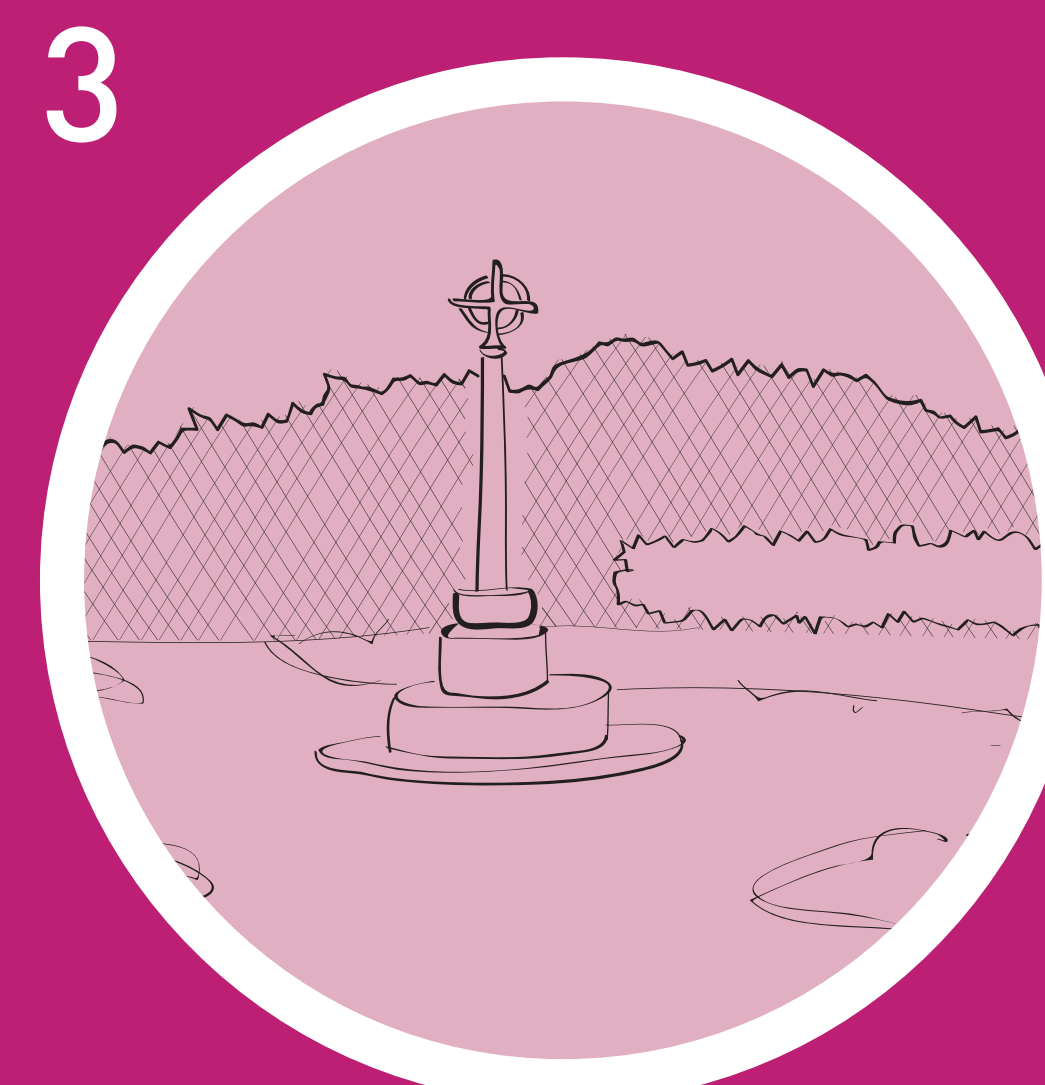


Swinton Town Centre Heritage Trail

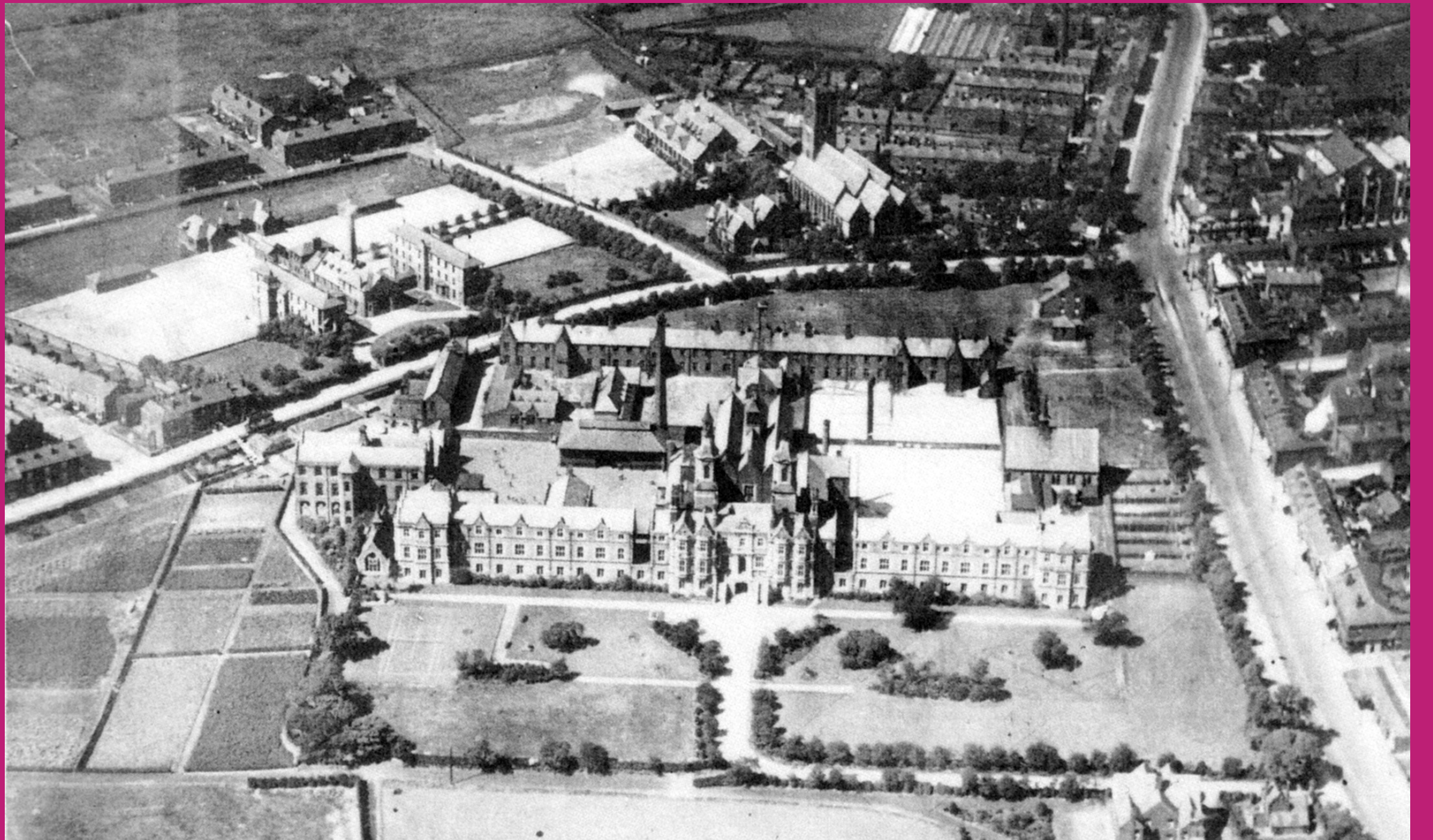
Remembering the history of Swinton and its people



Follow the heritage trail, looking out for plaques in the pavement:

1. Swinton Industrial School
2. St. Peter's Church
3. Swinton Public Gardens
4. Station Road Rugby Ground
5. Unitarian Church
6. Swinton Hall
7. St. Augustine's Church
8. Temple Drive
9. Victoria Park
10. White Lion Pub
11. Chorley Road Rugby Ground

A brief history of Swinton



The placename Swinton derives from Anglo-Saxon words meaning swine or pig enclosure. The Industrial Revolution changed the old rural landscape and brought cotton mills and coal mines to the area, together with a greatly expanding population. Previously locals had relied on farming and domestic handloom weaving to forge a living.

For centuries Swinton was part of the Parish of Eccles within the Township of Worsley, but it became an ecclesiastical parish in its own right in 1865 and the present St Peter's Church was consecrated in 1869. In 1894 Swinton amalgamated with Pendlebury to become an Urban District, and fully independent Borough status followed in 1934 with the new Town Hall opening four years later. Following local government reorganisation in 1974, Swinton and Pendlebury was incorporated into an expanded City of Salford.

The Bull's Head opened in 1695 and was once a major staging post on the route from Manchester to Lancaster. The A580 East Lancashire Road between Salford and Liverpool has its starting point in Swinton and was completed in 1934.

From 1843 until its demolition in the early 1930s the vast Swinton Industrial School for pauper children dominated the town centre, superseded in 1938 by the current town hall with clock tower.

The famous Swinton Lions Rugby League Club, six times champions of England, celebrated its 150th Anniversary in 2016.



1. Fountain Square, with fountains, circa 1970s.
2. Aerial view of Swinton Industrial School, circa 1920s.
3. Victoria Park with Swinton Hall, St.Mary's Catholic Church and Acme Mill, pre 1960 (all now demolished).
4. View from the Civic Centre clock tower towards Victoria Park, 1950s.



Unitarian Church and Burial Ground



The old Unitarian Church on Swinton Hall Road (formerly Jane Lane) was built in 1858. The associated burial ground was established in 1863.

The church closed and the building was demolished in 1985. Those buried there were reinterred at Swinton Cemetery during town centre redevelopment in 2013.

This heritage trail is a result of a development agreement and community campaigning to remember those buried at the Unitarian Church and to celebrate the lives of Swinton people past and present.