

High Harrogate Brown Plaques Tour.

I suggest you park on Granby Road or the Silverfields area, or perhaps somewhere behind Community House (East Parade). Note: there are parking limits: generally 2 hours.

You could also park at the bottom of Tewit Well Road, where parking is unlimited.

If you park in Granby Road, cross Knaresborough Road at the nearby crossing and walk across the grass to St John's well, where you'll find plaque 16. Continue down Wetherby Road to the edge of the grassland where you come to plaque 72, which commemorates Grand Duchess George of Russia. Here you need to carefully cross Wetherby Road to go along Slingsby Walk by the edge of the stray. Here you can admire the nice houses to your left before coming to the vicinity of Wedderburn house, where plaque 23 is on the right hand side gatepost.

Now walk across the Stray on a public footpath towards the Cedar Court Hotel, over what was the Harrogate Race course, and cross Knaresborough Road to the front of the hotel. Plaque 35 commemorating the Queen Hotel is on the main entrance to Cedar Court Hotel (opposite Oatlands Drive).

With your back to the hotel, look left and see the minor road Park Parade, which you walk for maybe 100m to come into North Park Road, where you turn left again and go about 300m to Queen Parade on your left. The plaque to Richard Ellis is on the stone post on the drive to the house.

Now walk a little way down Victoria Avenue, coming to no. 6, "The Club", which is of course the home of our annual Probus Carol Concerts. Plaque 53 is next to the door. As an alternative, more direct, approach, there is a public footpath running from the side of the hotel to Queen Parade, shown as o-o-o-PF-o-o on the map.

Walk back along North Park Road until you get back to The Stray. Turn left and walk north along Park Parade until you reach Christ Church Oval: Number 20 Park Parade is on the left. The Plaque is to the right of the door. Continue along the parade to Park Chase and find no. 1 Regent Parade, Library House. The Plaque is at the far left side of the building.

Here you can walk over to the oak tree on Skipton Road where there is a plaque commemorating Samson Fox. Go back to Park Parade and continue to Regent Parade crossing East Parade, and look for a plaque to William Powell Frith on the building to your left.

Now cross Skipton Road at the pedestrian crossing on Dragon Parade/ Skipton Road. Turning left, pass High Harrogate Working Men's Club. Gable House is the next building. Plaque 85 is on the iron railings to the right. Turn round and walk along Devonshire Place towards Claro Road: at Coach Road, Gascoigne House is on your right. The Plaque is to the right of the door.

Cross Claro Road and walk along Granby Park at the edge of the east Stray, crossing over the grass to The Granby. The Plaque commemorating the old Granby Hotel is on the first left entrance post.

You are now close to where you parked, but you can take an extra couple of sights by carefully crossing Skipton Road and walking towards Christ Church to see plaques at Mansfield House and Church Square.