



Tudor Trail Support Notes

Before you start

- Some of the rooms at Hall Place are small and cannot accommodate a whole class
- Classes need to be divided into smaller groups, each with adult support
- We expect the highest standard of behaviour. This is the responsibility of each accompanying adult
- Each group needs to start in a different place – Outside, The Tudor Discovery Gallery, the Great Hall and the Minstrels' Gallery
- Directions are given on the trail. Please use your map to help guide you

Outside

At the entrance to the historic house, turn left to the east side of the house. The topiary is on the opposite west side of the house.



East side



Barn and Granary



Topiary

Trail Answers

- Some of the building materials the Tudors used are - **stone, plaster, slate, glass, wood**
- You would not want mice in the Granary because they would eat all the grain = no bread
- **Owls** hunt mice and rats, but do not eat grain
- The Welsh Dragon is one of the topiary animals (yew bush). It comes from **Wales**

The entrance corridor and Tudor Discovery Gallery

Look out for the first information panel located in the entrance corridor for the answers. (Go through reception and turn left. The panel is at the end of the corridor before turning right through the glass door.)

Then see the objects in the Tudor Discovery Gallery, (located off the main corridor, on the ground floor on the left before the Great Hall entrance). Look for the glass museum display case.

Trail Answers

- These materials were **recycled** from religious buildings destroyed in the Dissolution of the Monasteries

The Great Hall

Make your way to the Great Hall in the historic house. Look for the freestanding information panel.

Trail Answers

- **Sir John Champneys** built Hall Place
- His two jobs were merchant and **Lord Mayor of London**
- Hall Place was built in – **1537-1540**

Things to look out for



Lion and dragon carvings on the entrance door inside the Great Hall.



Mystery animal carving below Minstrels' Gallery.

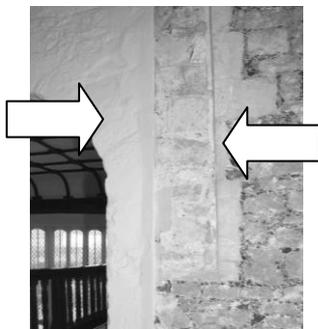
Trail Answers

- The Great Hall was important in Tudor times because of its **size**, the **huge windows** and **fireplace**, the decorative **style of the windows**, the expensive decorative **wooden panelling**, the **carved wooden decoration** of some of the beams, the fact that it has a **Minstrels' Gallery**, the **decoration on the ceiling** of the Great Hall
- Other things in the Great Hall that were not here in Tudor Times are – **electric light** fittings, the **piano**, the **radiators**, any **chairs** currently in the Great Hall, **electric plug sockets**, **fire extinguishers** and **light switches**.
- It looks like a large cat – **tiger or lion**

The Minstrels' Gallery

These questions start in the corridor at the top of the main stairs.

Things to look out for



The bricked up window in the bare wall over the ramp.



The two old doors to the Minstrels' Gallery.



Ceiling boss.

Trail Answers

- Minstrels were Tudor musicians. They would have used **musical instruments and music**
- Looking at the ceiling, the bosses are the large square wooden carved decorations