

Bournville Carillon

This carillon [3] ranks as one of the finest and largest in Great Britain, having forty-eight bells hung below a domed copper cupola above the tower of the junior and infant schools on Bournville Village Green. The carillon is owned and administered by the Bournville Village Trust. As a general rule, the carillon is played twice every Saturday at 12.00 noon and 3.00 pm for approximately one hour.

Bookings for tours to visit the carillon and see it being played are taken in the visitor centre. There is also a CCTV link to the carillon as it is being played. It also hosts one of the few carillon schools in the world.

Right in the centre of Bournville Village Green is The Rest House. This historic building is home to the carillon shop and visitor centre.

The Rest House was erected to commemorate the Silver Wedding George and Elizabeth Cadbury and given, as inscribed on the stone tablet, "by the worldwide employees of Cadbury Bros. Ltd.,"

Bournville Village Trust was established in 1900 by George Cadbury to manage the buildings and the estate which he had begun to develop five years earlier.

See also the leaflet 'The Bournville Green'

Cadbury World

This is a world class visitor attraction giving the history of the discovery and development of chocolate and the work of the Cadbury family from a shop in Bull Street Birmingham to become the company it now is.

Cadbury World is well worth a visit; however two of the free attractions are the **largest chocolate shop in the world** [8] and the **Bournville Experience Museum** [9] as well as a cafe. The museum is situated to the left of the main entrance [9] down a ramp. It also shows various historical films.

('The Bournville Story' DVD may be borrowed from the FIRs office)

The main attraction, **Cadbury World**, is a timed entry visit taking a minimum of 90 minutes (for bookings and payment contact www.cadburyworld.co.uk Tel. 0845 450 3599)

Booking is advisable as the tours during popular times are usually oversubscribed.

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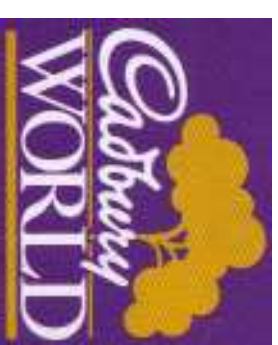
You will have noticed on your walk the importance that George Cadbury showed to ensuring that Bournville had good facilities for the staff and residents. There is plenty of open space for casual walking, games and organised sports also educational and recreational opportunities. Houses are of good size with gardens front and back.

These are the important amenity values that BVT (Bournville Village Trust) endeavour to maintain.

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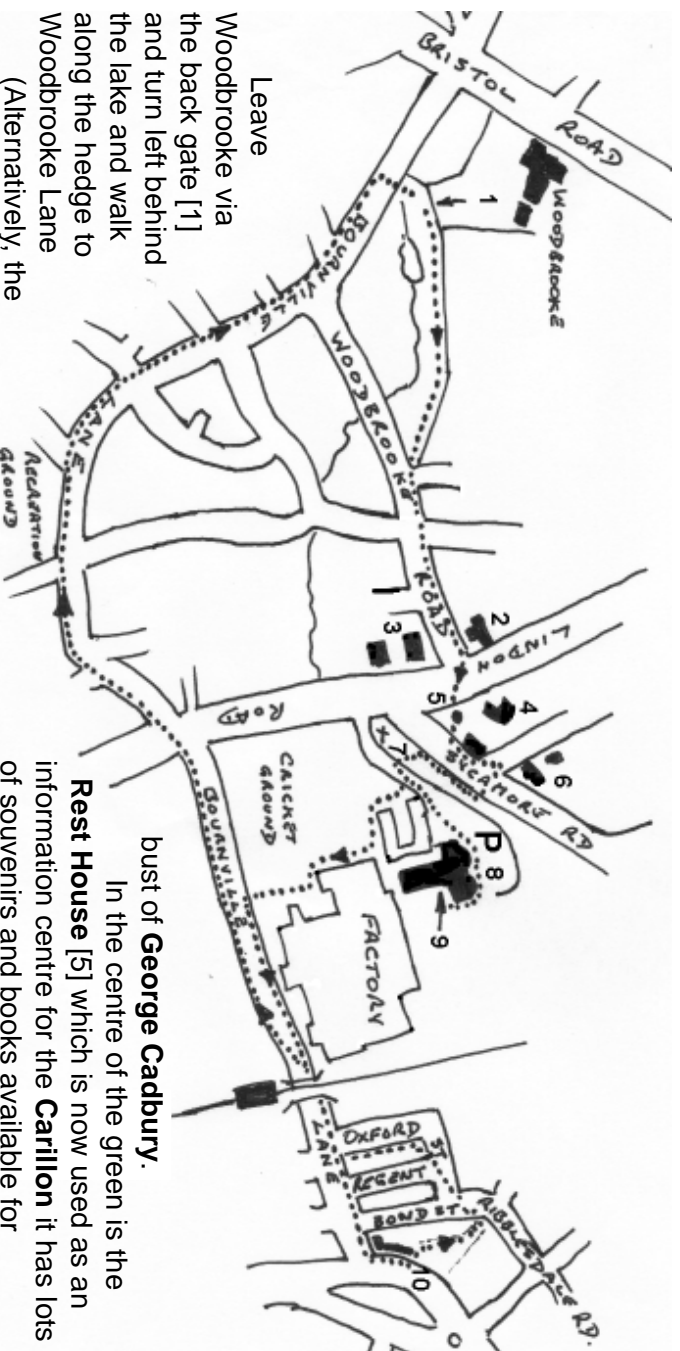
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Bournville village the Carillon, Cadbury World and the Bournville Experience



*An afternoon walk,
(or several walks),
for those staying in
Woodbrooke*

We are sure that many people not staying there will also find it of interest!



Leave Woodbrooke via the back gate [1] and turn left behind the lake and walk along the hedge to Woodbrooke Lane

(Alternatively, the longer route, leave by the front gate and turn left, and then first left into Bournville Lane and then join Woodbrooke Lane)

Go left to the end of Bournville Lane. Look at the Bournville Village style houses along the road. If you wish, as an alternative, follow the path through the park beside the stream.

On the left is the **Bournville College of Arts** [2], now part of Birmingham City University, (BCU).

On the right are the primary and junior schools [3] and on the top of the primary school you can see the **Carillon** [see separate paragraph].

Right across the road (Linden Lane) is **Bournville Green**. On the left of the green is **Bournville Meeting House** [4]. On the Meeting House wall that faces the green is a

bust of **George Cadbury**.

In the centre of the green is the **Rest House** [5] which is now used as an information centre for the **Carillon** it has lots of souvenirs and books available for purchase as well as details of guided tours which are available most Saturdays.

Along Sycamore Road right opposite the green is a row of shops. To the left along the road is the **Day Continuation College** now also part of BCU. Beyond that is **Selly Manor** [6] a rebuilt and restored medieval building, saved by George Cadbury from demolition. This may be open to visitors (entry charge).

Back along Sycamore Road beyond the row of shops is St. Francis of Assisi Church (CofE). In the middle of the row of shops is a short footpath [7] and turn left towards the Cadbury Factory and **Cadbury World** [8] (see separate paragraph). Here you can visit the largest chocolate shop in the world.

There is also a cafe. On the far side of the building is the **Bournville Experience Museum** [9]. This free museum has an

excellent display of information about the founding of Bournville, including scale models of sections of the original village.

At this point you can either return to Woodbrooke or follow the signs to the Bournville rail station. The next part of this part of the walk runs between the Cadbury factory and the cricket field. Turn left along Bournville Lane. Here you are passing the front of the factory and its offices with other factory related buildings on the right. When you reach the rail station you will notice that it is painted in the Cadbury corporate colours!

Pass through the bridge under the railway and you come to a different world. The shops on the left have stone plaques saying **Bournville Market**. The houses are traditional Victorian artisan terraced houses. Continue straight ahead and on the left you will pass the '**Free Library**', the swimming baths (closed with scaffolding) and then to the old **Stirchley Meeting House** [10] round the corner to the left (sold in 2007). It was here that Bournville Friends met before the Bournville Meeting house was built in 1905. Pass down the passage on the right of the building to the small park. On the left you will see the remains of the bowling green.

Take the path out of the far corner of the park, turn left, and then walk down one of the grandly named **Oxford, Bond or Regent Streets**. At the end of these turn right and go back under the bridge.

Continue along Bournville Lane and at the end of the cricket ground straight over and return to Woodbrooke.