

KIMBOLTON WORLD WAR 1 WALK

1. WAR MEMORIAL

Unveiled in 1920, this commemorates 29 men and women from Kimbolton or with family links here, who died in World War 1.

2. COURT HOUSE

Home of the local doctor, whose son, Charles Hallett, is said to have been Kimbolton's first World War 1 volunteer and was killed in France.

3. KIMBOLTON DENTAL STUDIO

Used as a recruiting office during World War 1. Several of the men who enlisted here are commemorated on the War Memorial.

4. MONTAGU HOUSE

The home and business premises of the Carter family, two of whose members died in World War 1 and are commemorated on a window in the Church.

5. LANDINS (NOW PURLWISE)

Simmons Wesley Landin, commemorated on the Moravian memorial tablet, worked in the family grocery business before enlisting at Kimbolton.

6. KIMBOLTON HOUSE

Owned by the Welstead family, one of whom was killed in World War 1. Members of the Lovat Scouts were billeted here and elsewhere in 1914-5, on their way from Scotland to the Dardanelles.

7. CASTLE GREEN

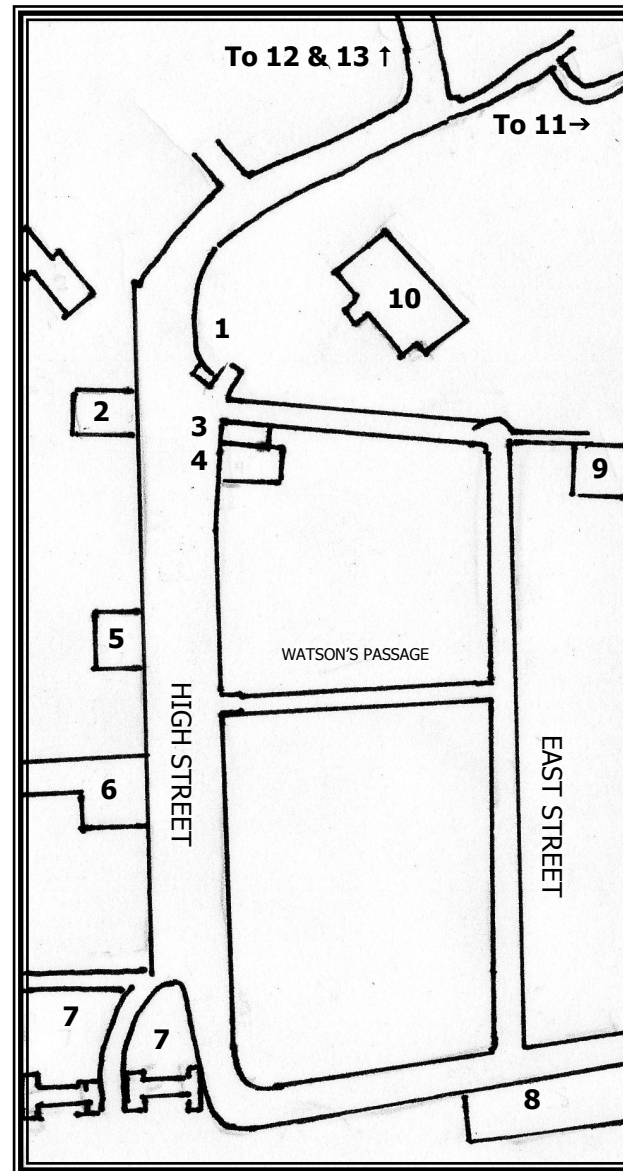
The Lovat Scouts band played here every day.

8. FORMER CASTLE STABLES

From March 1918 onwards, the stables at Kimbolton Castle provided accommodation for an agricultural camp for 81 German prisoners-of-war.

9. FORMER MORAVIAN CHURCH

Six men & women from Kimbolton's Moravian Church died in World War 1. The Moravian memorial tablet is now in the north aisle of St. Andrew's Church.



10. ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

World War 1 links include a framed Roll of Honour, the memorial tablet from the Moravian Church, the Carter window and a plaque near the south door in memory of Harry Welstead, killed in action in the Dardanelles, aged 54.

11. KIMBOLTON CEMETERY

Commonwealth War Grave headstones commemorate Andrew Campbell and Ronald Matheson of the Lovat Scouts, who died at Kimbolton. John Girvan of the Seaforth Highlanders, who died at the Red Cross Hospital, and Kathleen Hollis, a nurse at the 3rd New Zealand General Hospital, were also buried here, as was Josef Eder, a German prisoner-of-war at the Castle stables.

12. MANDEVILLE HALL

Kimbolton's Village Hall was opened in 1914, just before the outbreak of World War 1, and almost at once became a Red Cross Hospital, providing nursing care for wounded men.

13. KIMBOLTON PREPARATORY SCHOOL

At the time of World War 1, this was Kimbolton Grammar School, now Kimbolton School. Eleven members of the School community are known to have died in World War 1, including Richard Boyall, junior master, and William Abraham(s), gardener, both commemorated on the Kimbolton War Memorial; Percival Nix of Somersham, a surgeon on HMS Bulwark; Marcel Richard, killed in action with the French Army near Verdun; and Philip Stubbs of Raunds, former football captain, killed on the Somme, aged 18. Gerald Gosset Bibby of the Royal Flying Corps, also commemorated on the War Memorial, was the son of a former Headmaster of Kimbolton Grammar School.

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