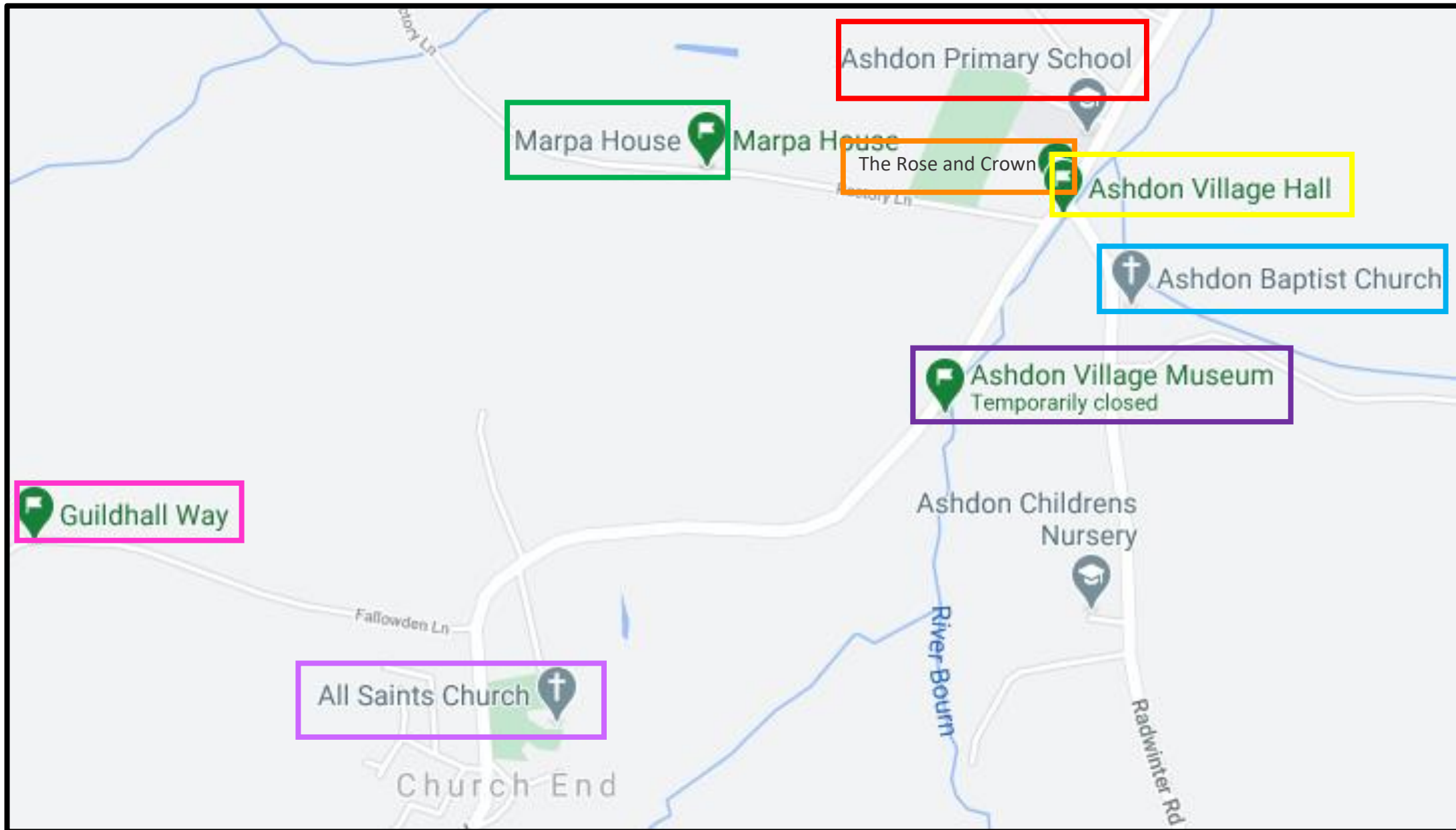


Take this round Ashdon and have fun discovering the village's old buildings!



1. Ashdon Village Primary School

The school building was built in 1878, not long after school was first made compulsory for children under 10.

CHALLENGE: How many triangle shapes can you see on the building? Draw on the last sheet what some of them look like, remember to look carefully.

2. The Rose and Crown

Built shortly before the English Civil War where the King was fighting Parliament – people in Ashdon mostly supported Parliament. It is thought to have been used by soldiers during the war!

CHALLENGE: How old do you think this building is? (Answer at the end!)

3. Ashdon Village Hall

The Village Hall was originally an Inn called The White Horse. When it closed in 1902 the building became The Conservative Club. In 1989 the building was converted into the Village Hall and in 1997 a large extension was added.

CHALLENGE: What type of roof does part of the village hall have? (Answers at the end!)

4. Marpa House

The was built in 1890 and was a Church of England home for boys. The original building was encased with brickwork. It became Marpa house in 1973 when the home for boys closed.

CHALLENGE: What do you think of the house? Would you like to live in a house this big? What would you do with all the rooms? Why not draw those things?

5. Ashdon Baptist Church

Ashdon Baptist Church was built in 1833 on the site of a thatched barn which the congregation had been using for Worship since 1809. It was extended in the 1860s and 70s.

CHALLENGE: Do you think this building looks like a church? Why or Why not?

6. Ashdon Village Museum

Ashdon Museum purchased this building in 1999 from the Labour Party whose Hall it had been since it was built in 1927. There had originally been a bakery and two thatched cottages here.

CHALLENGE: This is the museum of Ashdon - what do you think is in the museum? Why is it kept there?

7. All Saints Church

There has been a church on this site since early medieval times, but the building we see today was built between 1370 and 1420, that is nearly 650 years ago!!

CHALLENGE: Which part of the church do you think looks older? Why? Can you spot different parts of the church? (Answers at the end!) Why not draw your favourite part of the church?

8. The Guildhall

The Guildhall is first mentioned in records in 1518. From 1775 the building was used as a Workhouse for the poor of the parish, but in 1836 it was converted into housing and in 1951, it was restored to its original condition.

CHALLENGE: Name 5 similarities and or differences between this house and your house.

Why not draw some of the things you see on your walk here?

You could draw parts of buildings, the whole building or some of the plants and animals you see!

ANSWERS:

2. The Rose and Crown was built in the 1630s!

3. It has a thatched roof which made from straw!

7. The tower is the oldest part – the stone is roughly cut and grey with small arched windows.