

BATH STORY WALK ROUTE

A Word In Your Ear / Clare Reddaway

For 2020 online map

Start: Walcot Memorial Chapel Walcot Gate, off Walcot Street, BA1 5BG

End: Botanical Gardens, Royal Victoria Park, BA1 2LZ

The walk starts outside Walcot Memorial Chapel, Walcot Gate. We begin with a story.

Story:

The site of the first story is outside Walcot Chapel:

Walcot 1975, written by Misha Carder, read by Daisy Douglas

Walk:

Come out of Walcot Chapel grounds and walk up Walcot Gate to Walcot Street. Turn right, and cross the road to reach a flight of steps to the right of St Swithin's Church, leading up to the Paragon. Cross via the pedestrian crossing and walk up the flight of steps directly ahead. Go under a bridge and continue up to a set of gates. Take the gate on the left and enter Hedgemoor Park. Walk ahead, onto the lawn.

Story:

The site of the second story is under the large chestnut tree in the left corner of the lawn.

Until The Last Leaves Fall, written and read by Mark Hynes

Walk:

To leave the park, take the path to the right of the playground, bear right and exit via the large gates onto Lansdown Road. Turn left down the hill and cross the road via the pedestrian crossing. Walk ahead into Brunswick Place. Turn right after the church (Christchurch) into a parking area and walk up some steps towards the Museum of Bath at Work.

Story:

The site of the third story is outside the Museum of Bath at Work:

Game, Set and Match, written and read by Clare Reddaway

Walk:

Leaving the Museum on your right, exit the courtyard via the archway and walk down the hill (Morford Street) to re-join Julian Road. Turn right, cross the pedestrian crossing and walk along past the Co-Op and a set of garages to a triangular green with grass and trees.

Story:

The site of the fourth story is on the green on Julian Road opposite St Andrew's School:

The Bells of St Andrew's Church, written and read by Oliver Langdon

Walk:

Leave the green, crossing back onto Julian Road and continue, leaving the school on your right. Turn right into St James' Street and enter St James' Square. You will see an archway on your right.

Story:

The site of the fifth story is by the archway in the south-east corner of St James' Square: *St James' Square*, written and read by Doc Watson

Walk:

Continue along the right side of St James' Square, turning left at the corner to walk along the top of the square. Exit at the north-west corner, onto Park Street. Take the first left off Park Street (Park Place) and come out onto Cavendish Road. Cross the road and enter the Approach Golf Course through the wrought iron gate. Take the left hand path and stop by one of the large chestnut trees.

Story:

The site of the sixth story is by a chestnut tree on the Approach Golf Course: *Up In Flames*, written and read by Elaine Miles

Walk:

Continue along the path towards a wooden pavilion. Exit the golf course onto Weston Road. Cross via the pedestrian crossing and enter Royal Victoria Park. Take the path straight ahead. You will approach an area with picnic benches and a wrought iron fence. There are a number of large trees to the right and left of the path.

Story:

The site of the seventh story is under one of these trees: *Blackbird and Worm*, written by Petrus Ursem, read by Oliver Langdon

Walk:

Continue along the path leaving the fence on your right until you reach the gates of the Botanical Gardens. Turn into the Gardens and take the right hand fork. Follow the path through the gardens until you reach a lawn, with a small enclosed area which is gardened by the WI.

Story:

The site of the final story is under the trees by the WI garden: *We're All Foragers Now*, written and read by Clare Reddaway