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Tunstall Time Travel Whitfield Valley Nature Reserve

Join Josh, Yasmin and Grandpa Matt on a Story Quest around Whitfield Valley Nature Reserve!

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Dear Story Questers,

This storybook adventure is one of six, written especially for **YOU!**

Each story sees me (Josh), my best friend Yasmin and my Grandpa Matt explore a different area of Burslem or Tunstall, and we're inviting **YOU** to join us on our adventures.

As you read each story and follow in our footsteps, there are lots of activities for you to do – games to play, sights to spot, riddles to solve – but, best of all, you'll get to enjoy your very own Story Quest alongside us and, as Grandpa Matt always says...

*Adventuring outside can be full of surprise
Wonders await when you open your eyes!*

This Story Quest takes place around:

Ford Green Hall and Whitfield Valley Nature Reserve

Starting point: Ford Green Hall, Ford Green Road

Once you've enjoyed this adventure, there are loads more to get stuck into, plus you'll find some extra activities at the back of this book.

Have fun, Story Questers!



Josh
(age 10)



Yasmin
(age 11)



Grandpa Matt
(age never you mind!)

Duration: This adventure will take around **60 minutes**.

Activity level rating: An enjoy-at-your-own-pace ramble around a nature reserve.

Join us on our Story Quest!



- 1** Complete a short form from Ford Green Hall or at storyquest.org.uk to be eligible for a reward
- 2** Read on and come with us on an adventure around Ford Green Hall and Whitfield Valley Nature Reserve
- 3** Take this map back to Ford Green Hall and get a stamp above from a Story Quest ambassador, or answer a question based on the trail at storyquest.org.uk
- 4** Collect your special reward
- 5** Share photos of your Story Quest on social media using **#StoryQuest**

There are 5 more Story Quests to take part in around Burslem and Tunstall! Join us on all 6 to be entered into an extra special prize draw!

Pick up a leaflet to find out the other locations, or find everything you need to know at storyquest.org.uk



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Ask a Story Quest ambassador if you need any help!



Herb Garden

Chell Heath Road

Ford Green Hall



Start and finish here



Nature Centre

Ford Green Road



Millenium Copse

Meadow



Ford Green Brook
'Banky Brook'

Barks Drive





Ball Hayes Road



To Chatterly Whitfield

Pond

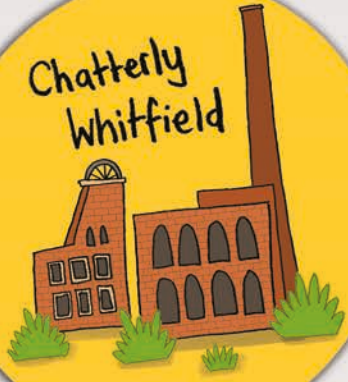
Green Bridge

Grey Bridge

Chatterly Whitfield



"I've got a special shelf at home just for my books, to keep them safe and neat. When Yasmin comes round we talk about which books we've enjoyed, and we like to lend each other our favourite ones – so long as Yasmin promises not to bend the pages!"



4. Tunstall Time Travel

“You have to read this cool comic strip, Josh,” said Yasmin, waving a book at him. “It’s about some friends who find a giant magic teacup that transports them back and forward in time!”



“I wish we could do that,” Josh replied. “Imagine all the amazing stuff we could explore.”

“I don’t have a time travelling teacup, but I *do* have a time travel idea,” said Grandpa Matt, with a wink. “Instead of sitting indoors imagining adventures, we should be out and about enjoying our own. As I always say:

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“What do you have in mind?” asked Yasmin.

“I’m going to take you back to my childhood, and back in time through some of Tunstall’s history too. There’s no time like the present to step back to the past!” he quipped.

OVER TO YOU!

It’s time to begin your very own time travel adventure, Story Questers!

**Your adventure begins on Ford Green Road,
at the gate to the left of Ford Green Hall.**

“Here’s your first back-in-time experience of the day,” announced Grandpa Matt. “This terrific timber-framed house was built for a dairy farmer in 1624. His family lived here for almost two hundred years.”

“Did you buy your milk from him?” asked Josh with a grin.

“Cheeky chuck!” laughed Matt. “I’m not *that* old, but our family does

have long links to this area. My dad, and his dad before him, used to work in Chatterley Whitfield Colliery, which is on the far edge of the reserve. I spent a lot of time here when I was a boy. In fact, this place probably had a lot to do with my decision to become an explorer. Now, let's get started. Come on Valiant, boy!"

On hearing his name, Valiant the puppy wagged his tail.

"I LOVE that you named him after the nickname for Port Vale," said Yasmin. "He should be the club mascot instead of Boomer the Dog!"

OVER TO YOU!

It's time to get into explorer mode, Story Questers!
Look around you, then answer these questions:

1) Okay, first question (or should that be *oak-y*?!).
What nutty object sits on the stone structure inside the gate?

A ■ ■ R ■

2) What is the tall brick building called?

D ■ V ■ C ■ ■ E

"Come and check out this garden," called Yasmin from around the back of the building. "I wonder if the old dairy farmer kept his cows near here."

"That would be a-*moo*-sing!" Josh joked.

"*Udderly* a-*moo*-sing!" added Grandpa Matt.



OVER TO YOU!

It's time for you to step back in time to the seventeenth century by exploring the historical herb garden.

1) Name three categories of herbs that were grown here:

M ■ G ■ ■ ■ ■
■ ■ D ■ C ■ ■ A L
■ O M ■ ■ ■ I C

2) Which herb was thought to keep witches away?

S ■ / J ■ ■ ■ S / W ■ ■ T

Once he'd recovered from laughing, Josh jogged up the steps to the raised path to get a better view of the whole building.

"This *is* a bit like time travel, Grandpa," said Josh. "Being here has helped me imagine what life was like hundreds of years ago."

"Like how they used to worry about witches!" Yasmin cackled in her best witchy voice.

"Come on you two," said Grandpa Matt. "We still have lots more to explore. Let's head to the Nature Centre."

OVER TO YOU!

Join Josh, Yasmin and Grandpa Matt as they jog along the raised path behind the house, then head across the car park to Whitfield Valley Nature Centre.

Next, read the information board and answer these questions:

How many football pitches would fit into the reserve?

A stream runs through this Nature Reserve. What is it usually known as?

B ■ ■ ■ ■ / ■ ■ O O ■

They stepped through the reserve's gate, walked along the tarmac path to the left, and a large lake laden with dozens of ducks and geese opened before them.

OVER TO YOU!

Take a walk on the wild side with Yasmin, Josh and Grandpa Matt, Story Questers! Instead of following the main path around the lake to the left, you're going to take the grassy trail to the right. Look for the red, white and blue post.

As you continue along this track and enjoy your Story Quest through the Nature Reserve, keep your eyes peeled for the sights listed below.

Tick them off when you spot them.

In the air

- Butterflies
- Bullfinch
- Kestrel

On land

- Cows
- Horses
- Dogs

Near water

- Ducks
- Geese
- Reeds

Josh, Yasmine and Grandpa Matt followed the tarmac path and turned right at the first junction to follow the lake. After a short walk, the trio turned right again onto a stony path, passing a red, white and blue post. They walked through an avenue of tall trees and came to a small wooden sleeper bridge.

Just then, Valiant ran ahead and disappeared up a grassy path turning left, passing in between a tree and a white and blue post. The path led into an enormous open meadow.

“Quick, let's follow him” exclaimed Josh, running off after the excited puppy!

Following Valliant's lead, Josh, Yasmine and Grandpa Matt explored the meadow, looking out for wild flowers and butterflies before passing a blue and white post into a second beautiful meadow.

“Was that football pitch there when were you were a boy?” asked Yasmin, pointing to her left through the trees.

“I don’t remember it,” Matt replied, “but I can see something on the horizon that was here a long time before I was a boy. I’ll give you a clue:

*I don't huff, but I puff and I reach to the sky.
I tower in the distance - what am I?"*

OVER TO YOU!

Can you solve Grandpa Matt's riddle, Story Questers?
Scan the horizon until you spot a towering brick structure.

C ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ Y

“Chatterley Whitfield Colliery is over that way,” said Grandpa Matt. “It dates back to the 1830s, but mining activity in this area goes back even further, to 1750.”

“Then let’s pretend a magic teacup has transported us back to when the very first mine opened and we’re rushing to get to work on time!” exclaimed Yasmin, before racing along the track with Valiant at her heels.

“Wait up!” called Josh. “We don’t do hours of football fitness training a week like you!”



OVER TO YOU!

Keep going at a brisk pace down the gently sloping track through the meadow. Towards the end of the meadow, take the grass path on the left, down towards a white and blue post. Once you reach the post take the path to its right.

Follow the path until you reach a white post (on your left) and a metal bridge (on your right). This should take around ten minutes.

Take a break by the bridge before continuing straight along the track onto a small path, until you reach a large pond. Walk to the far end of the pond and you’ll find a small, noisy, babbling brook. Turn right here, through a short path surrounded by long grass.

“We’re on the home straight now, kids!” said Grandpa Matt as they set off down the main path. “It should take us around twenty minutes to get back to Ford Green Hall. I don’t know about you, but I fancy a nice sit down and cup of tea in the café after all this time-travelling!”

“Wait a minute,” gasped Josh as his imagination went into overdrive! “What if your tea turns out to be served in a time-travelling cup like the one in Yasmin’s comic?”

“Well,” chuckled Grandpa Matt. “As explorers, it’s our duty to find out!”

With that, they continued along the path, with Matt looking forward to a rest at the Ford Green café and Josh and Yasmin hoping to find their very own time-travelling teacup.

We hope you enjoyed your Story Quest!

Here are some fun activities to try at home.

1. Create a time capsule

Find a shoe box (or similar) and fill it with objects that represent you and this year - for example, a newspaper, the wrapper of your favourite snack, photos of you and your family. Next, write today’s date on the box, along with this warning: **DO NOT OPEN UNTIL 2025!** Then either bury it your garden (with permission from a grown-up) or hide it under your bed until 2025.

2. Comic capers

Create a comic strip about your Tunstall time travelling adventure. Draw eight boxes on a piece of paper and fill each box with something you saw or did during your Story Quest.