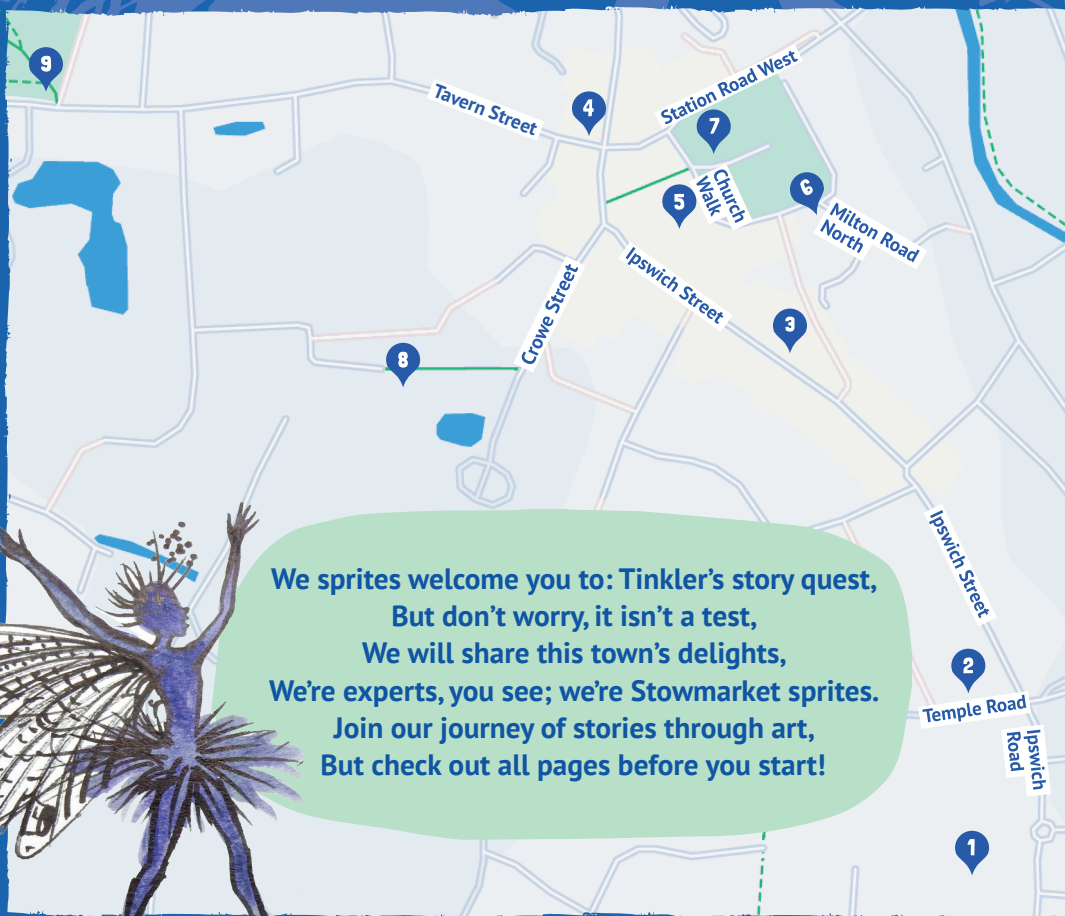


# Follow the Stowmarket sprites on Tinkler's story quest



We sprites welcome you to: Tinkler's story quest,  
But don't worry, it isn't a test,  
We will share this town's delights,  
We're experts, you see; we're Stowmarket sprites.  
Join our journey of stories through art,  
But check out all pages before you start!



TINKLER'S QUEST  
PLACE PEOPLE NATURE

The sprites you'll see are magical creatures. Sprites are also the smallest birds in the UK – goldcrests and firecrests.

Tinkler's story quest is based on a series of nine storytelling paintings inspired by places, people and nature and displayed in Stowmarket venues. Visit each place and search for a sprite to discover what they are up to. It does not have to be done in order - or even on the same day! Check opening times for each venue ahead of time.

Encourage your child to use the space in this booklet to draw or write about the things they can see in the art. Chat together about the paintings to support their observation and communication skills.

Come with me, take my hand, to share and see this Riverland.



## Things to see on your quest

Can you spot these objects in the paintings?

- Crown
- Robin
- Saxon mask
- Town sign
- TARDIS
- Dragonfly
- Wheatsheaf
- Donkey
- Book

What is the name on the black van?

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What do you think the van's company might have sold?

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What times are the clocks showing?

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Why do you think they are set at that time?

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Can you name five different animals or insects in these paintings?

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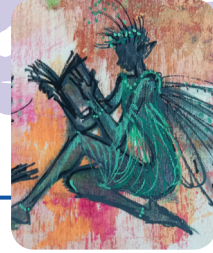
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# 1. Red Gables

At Red Gables we like to look after our minds,  
Share the spinney, garden and books – we like to be kind.  
Find us in one of the paintings on show,  
Give us a wave, that's how we say hello.

**What inspires you about the paintings at Red Gables? Write or draw your favourite parts of the artwork in the box here.**



# 2. The Regal

A world of stories opens up at The Regal each day,  
We swap tales over snacks from the café.  
In times gone by a vast green meadow,  
With circus and fairs a fun-filled show.

**What inspires you about the paintings at The Regal? Write or draw your favourite parts of the artwork in the box here.**



### 3. Fox Yard Studios

Foxes are curious, agile and shy,  
Creep into this yard like a fox to try.  
To imagine this place when Henry VIII was king,  
Back when it was known to all as a coaching inn.

**What inspires you about the paintings at Fox Yard Studios?  
Write or draw your favourite parts of the artwork in the box here.**



### 4. Bonitas

Find fresh fruit and vegetables at this store,  
Where organic and vegan is right at the core.  
If care for the planet is important to you,  
Say what these paintings inspire you to do.

**What inspires you about the paintings at Bonitas? Write  
or draw your favourite parts of the artwork in the box here.**



## 5. John Peel Centre

Have some fun with music and rhyme,  
We love dancing a lot of the time.  
While we wiggle and jiggle and maybe cartwheel,  
Describe how song and art makes you feel.

**What inspires you about the paintings at the John Peel Centre?  
Write or draw your favourite parts of the artwork in the box here.**



## 6. Stowmarket Library

Have you ever found magic inside of a book?  
Words can teach us to knit, draw or cook.  
Our knowledge can grow like a tree to the sky,  
Having fun in the library makes time fly.

**What inspires you about the paintings at the library? Write  
or draw your favourite parts of the artwork in the box here.**



## 7. Stowmarket Parish Church

This church dates back to 1363,  
Ages before the world knew you or me.  
Sprites are happy when each bell rings,  
Imagine that sound, describe the feelings it brings.

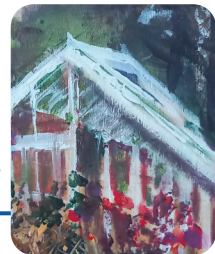
**What inspires you about the paintings at the church? Write or draw your favourite parts of the artwork in the box here.**



## 8. Food Museum

What's the food you most like to eat?  
Suffolk is known for cheese, bread and meat.  
Explore a walled garden where we grow food,  
See if the Abbot's Hall painting captures this mood.

**What inspires you about the paintings at the Food Museum? Write or draw your favourite parts of the artwork in the box here.**



# 9. Café on the Rec

The art is inside the café - take a look,  
You can tick this part of the quest in your book,  
We will bring our friends if you bring yours,  
Together we play and enjoy the outdoors.

**What inspires you about the paintings at the café? Write or draw your favourite parts of the artwork in the box here.**



**Tinkler's Quest invites everyone to protect and cherish the places, people and nature around them, and explore the history of Stowmarket.**

What are you going to protect and cherish? \_\_\_\_\_

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Where else would you like to explore? \_\_\_\_\_

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Write a poem or story based on the things you would like to protect and cherish, or the places you would like to explore. Or you can draw a picture!



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