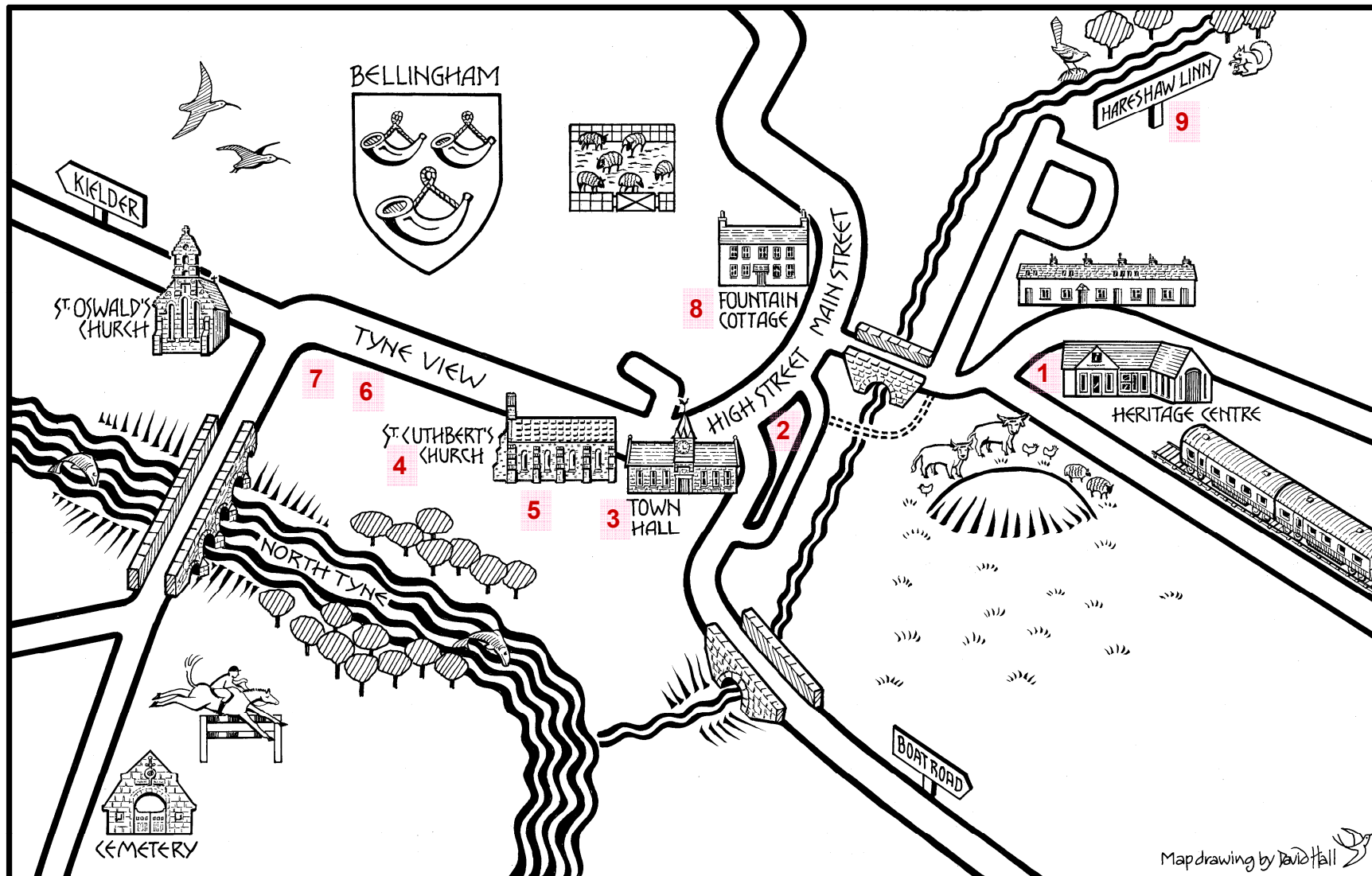


Children's trail around Bellingham

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The **Heritage Centre** is where there was an old railway station. It is now a great museum and shows what life was like in Bellingham a long time ago. There are interesting facts in it and it's a really fun way to learn history. There is a brilliant tea room in an actual railway carriage.



2



Manchester Square

In the centre of the square is a huge Boer War monument, in memory of those who died there. It used to be a fountain for people, horses and dogs on different levels. Around the memorial is a pub with picnic tables and a big cannon. You can easily take a walk to St Cuthbert's Well from the square.

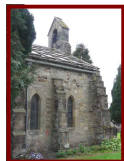
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The **Town Hall** is in the centre of Bellingham. It was built in 1862 and has a coat of arms above the door made of oak and a fancy clock. Local events such as bingos happen there, plus it has a library. There is a big antique gun outside which you aren't allowed to climb on.



4



St Cuthbert's Church

has a lot of history around it, like the story of the Lang Pack robber. It has a special ceiling that looks like the bottom of a boat. It was made out of stone after being burnt down four times. Cannon balls were found in the ceiling from when it was attacked. Very exciting!



5



St Cuthbert's Well

The well is just a walk away from the church. The water from the well never stops running and it's supposed to have healing powers! The rector uses this water for baptisms and christenings. Wear your wellies if you want to see it as it is quite often muddy round about!

6



The **Reed Charity School** is now called the Reed Hall and it

was built in 1730. Fifty very poor children used to go there but now anyone can use it. You can have a party there for birthdays and play in the garden. It is lovely and safe to play in.

7



The **Park** is beside the fire station and has a big swing, a really steep slide, a climbing net and a log to climb on. There are picnic tables in the field next to the park where you can take your dog too. It leads to the river walk. You can also see the old bridge from the park. Nearby is where lots of Irish people are buried who died of diseases.

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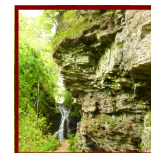


The Old Workhouse

was built in 1839. In 1874, fifty three very poor people lived there. There is an old mortuary next door where the dead bodies were stored but it is used as a shed now. It is now called Fountain Cottage and has a café and craft shop which is great to visit.



9



A walk up **Hareshaw Linn** is beautiful.

There's a waterfall at the very top and it takes about an hour to get to it. There are lots of picnic tables on the way up if you need a break. The views are lovely and you may be lucky to see deer. There are also bits left of old iron mines and a dam for water that went to the iron works.