

TEDDY'S SECRET ADVENTURES AT... ~ GOSELEY

TEDDY WALKS

Today Bertie is going on a walk with his Grandma. She tells him they are going to investigate what's on their doorstep. Bertie doesn't think that will be very interesting as Grandma's doorstep is always clean and has a doormat that says 'Welcome' on it.

1 Start walk at Goseley Community Centre, Hartshill Road

As they set off on their walk Grandma tells Bertie about the houses they can see 'These houses were built for the soldiers when they came home from the war in the 1940's. Your great grandma and grandad lived in one of the first houses to be finished so this is where I have lived since I was born. It's changed over the years around here so I thought I would tell you a bit about it.'

Turn right along Elmsdale Road

2 'The road over there' says Grandma 'is called Bell Lane. There used to be bell pits here which is where the men would dig down for clay and coal that was quite close to the surface. As they dug underground the clay or coal was put in a bucket and pulled out the mine shaft. The hole underground got bigger and bell-shaped but the mine shaft stayed the same size. They were very dangerous though and they closed after a while.'

At the roundabout go straight onto Vale Road, continue straight on up the hill on public footpath

3 'This road was one of the many on the estate built by the Italian prisoners of war and was our route to school. Some people used to call it Lover's Walk because you could walk round in a loop with your boyfriend or girlfriend. We would jump over this brook sometimes on our way to and from school. And here there used to be a railway bridge and every time the train came through it would stop and blow its whistle. The trains would go from Leicester to Blackpool and Skegness, that's how we used to go on our holidays.'

Bertie starts to shout 'toot toot' and moves his arms like a train.

CAN YOU BE A TRAIN?

WHERE ARE YOU TAKING YOUR PASSENGERS?

As Grandma and Bertie walk along the path Grandma points out where there used to be a crate making shop - 'I used to think they had a swimming pool in their garden until my dad



told me it was a pond that the men used to soften the wood to make the crates.'

The jitty comes out on Station Road/Finch Close turn right onto Finch Close then right onto Falcon Way

4 Bertie notices that all of the roads here are named after birds; he starts flapping his arms like wings and making bird noises.

**HOW MANY TYPES OF BIRDS DO YOU KNOW?
CAN YOU MAKE BIRD NOISES?**

'These houses are quite new' says Grandma 'I remember when there used to be a factory here. Every day from Monday to Friday the hooters would go off - one at 7am to call everybody to work, one at 12pm for lunch and one at 4pm for home time. I didn't need a watch when we were out playing because I knew that the 4pm hooter meant I had to go home.'

Falcon Way leads out onto Hartshorne Road, turn right to go down the hill

5 Bertie waves to the people on the bus as it passes.

THERE ARE LOTS OF CARS GOING UP AND DOWN THIS ROAD. STAND VERY STILL FOR 1 MINUTE AND COUNT HOW MANY COME PAST YOU.

Grandma tells Bertie to look up the hill towards the roundabout and garages. 'Hundreds of years ago there used to be wooden hut up there where the roundabout is. You had to



COLOUR GRANDMA AND BERTIE IN...



pay to use the road between Ashby and Burton. The man that collected the money would sit in the hut to shelter from the horrid weather. That's how Woodville got its name, it used to be called Wooden Box.'

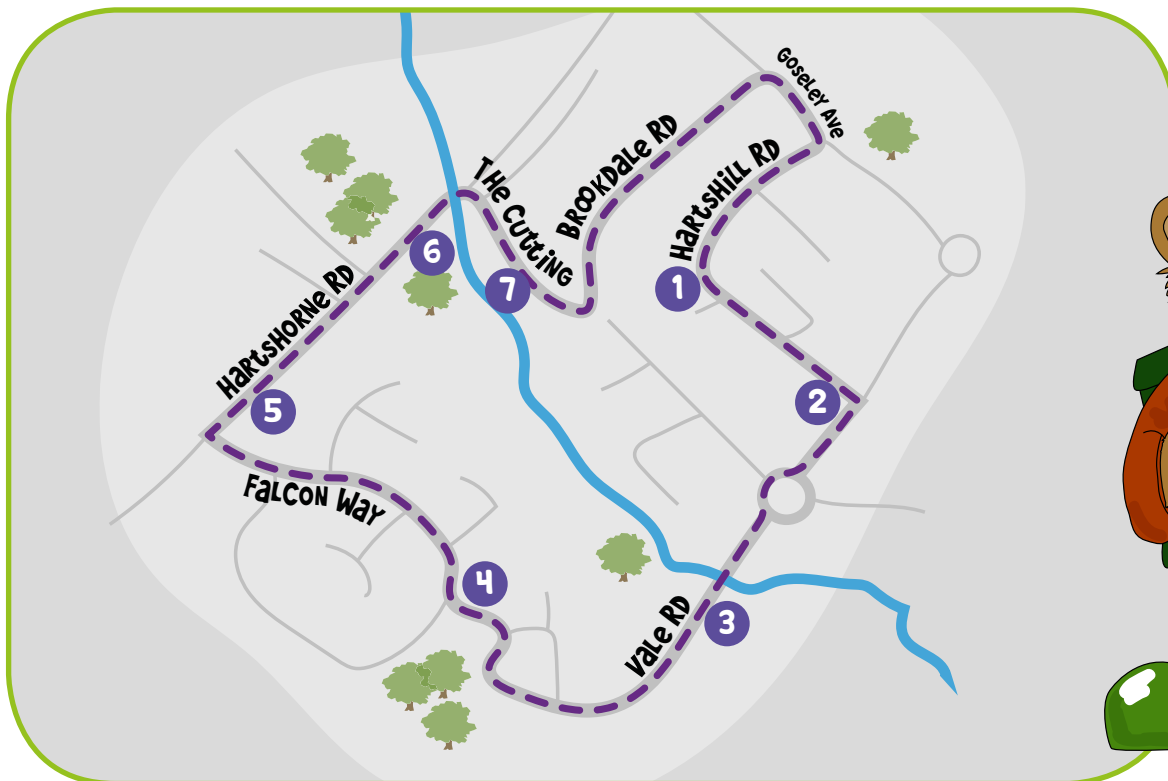
6 They walk down the hill and come to a bridge. Grandma shows Bertie a pipe that sticks out into the brook and tells him that they used to try and walk along the pipe without falling off into the brook. 'It was very dangerous though and my mum used to tell me off if she heard I'd been near it.'

Turn right into The Cutting

'Speaking of being in trouble... this house on the left used to be a police house. The local policeman who lived here knew everybody so you didn't dare be naughty in case he came round and told your mum and dad.'

Turn left onto Brookdale Road then right onto Goseley Avenue then right onto Hartshill Road to return to community centre

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