

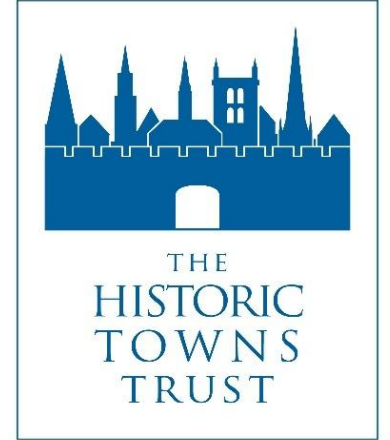
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Place Detectives

Through
Geography and
History

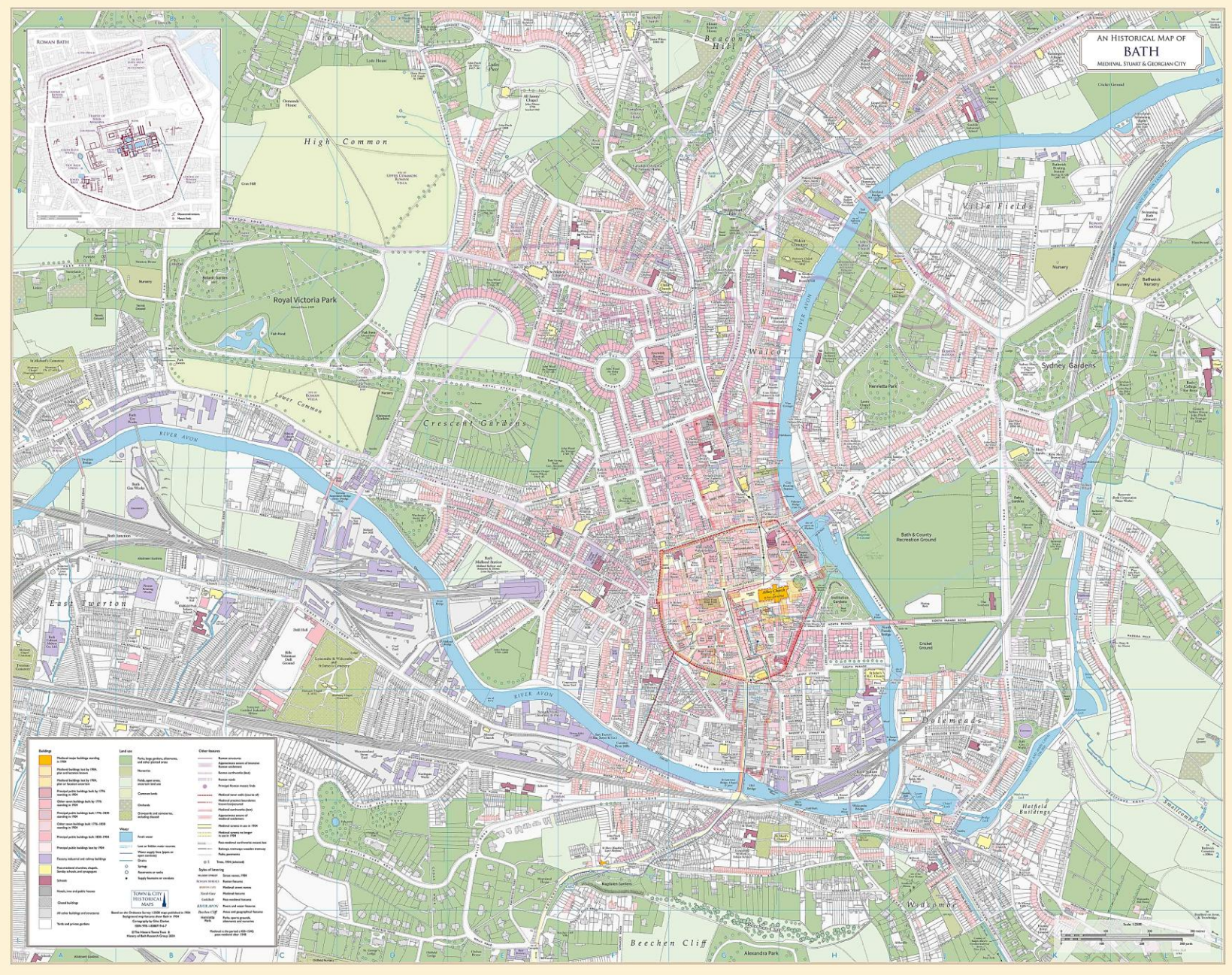


Introducing the Map:



The Historical Map of Bath

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The Historical Map of Bath, published in October 2024, illustrates the layered history of Bath, revealing the **Medieval, Stuart & Georgian** city from Roman times to the start of the 20th century.

















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What do we mean by ...

Roman	This was the period of Roman occupation in Britain.	AD 43 to AD 410
Medieval	This period was sometimes known as the Middle Ages and began with the Norman invasion in AD 1066.	AD 1066 to AD 1540
Stuart	The Stuart era began when James succeeded Elizabeth I.	1603 to 1714
Georgian	This was the period during the reigns of George I, II, III and IV, as well as that of William IV.	1714 to 1837

Exact years may vary from different sources. These dates were sourced from [Historic England](#) and [English Heritage](#).








Buildings

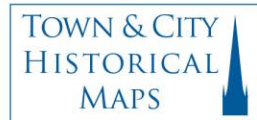
	Medieval major buildings standing in 1904
	Medieval buildings lost by 1904, plan and location known
	Medieval buildings lost by 1904, plan or location uncertain
	Principal public buildings built by 1776 standing in 1904
	Other town buildings built by 1776 standing in 1904
	Principal public buildings built 1776–1830 standing in 1904
	Other town buildings built 1776–1830 standing in 1904
	Principal public buildings built 1830–1904
	Principal public buildings lost by 1904
	Factory, industrial and railway buildings
	Post-medieval churches, chapels, Sunday schools, and synagogues
	Schools
	Hotels, inns and public houses
	Glazed buildings
	All other buildings and structures
	Yards and private gardens

Land use

	Parks, large gardens, allotments, and other planted areas
	Nurseries
	Fields, open areas, uncertain land use
	Common lands
	Orchards
	Graveyards and cemeteries, including disused

Water
















	Fresh water
	Lost or hidden water courses
	Water supply lines (pipes or open conduits)
	Drains
	Springs
	Reservoirs or tanks
	Supply fountains or conduits



Based on the Ordnance Survey 1:2500 maps published in 1904
Background map features show Bath in 1904
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Other features

	Roman structures
	Approximate extent of intensive Roman settlement
	Roman earthworks (lost)
	Roman roads
	Principal Roman mosaic finds
	Medieval town walls (course of)
	Medieval precinct boundaries known/conjectured
	Medieval earthworks (lost)
	Approximate extent of medieval settlement
	Medieval streets in use in 1904
	Medieval streets no longer in use in 1904
	Post-medieval earthworks: extant; lost
	Railways, tramways; wooden tramway
	Paths, pavements
	Trees, 1904 (selected)

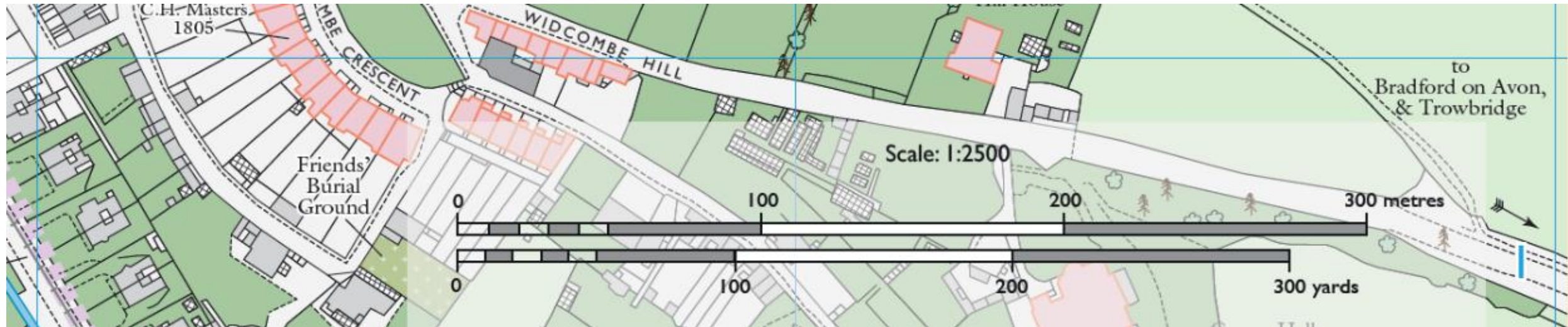
Styles of lettering

MILSOM STREET	Street names, 1904
ROMAN BURIALS	Roman features
BARTON LANE	Medieval street names
North Gate	Medieval features
Guildhall	Post-medieval features
RIVER AVON	Rivers and water features
Beechen Cliff	Areas and geographical features
Henrietta Park	Parks, sports grounds, allotments and nurseries

Medieval is the period c.450–1540;
post-medieval after 1540

The Map Key

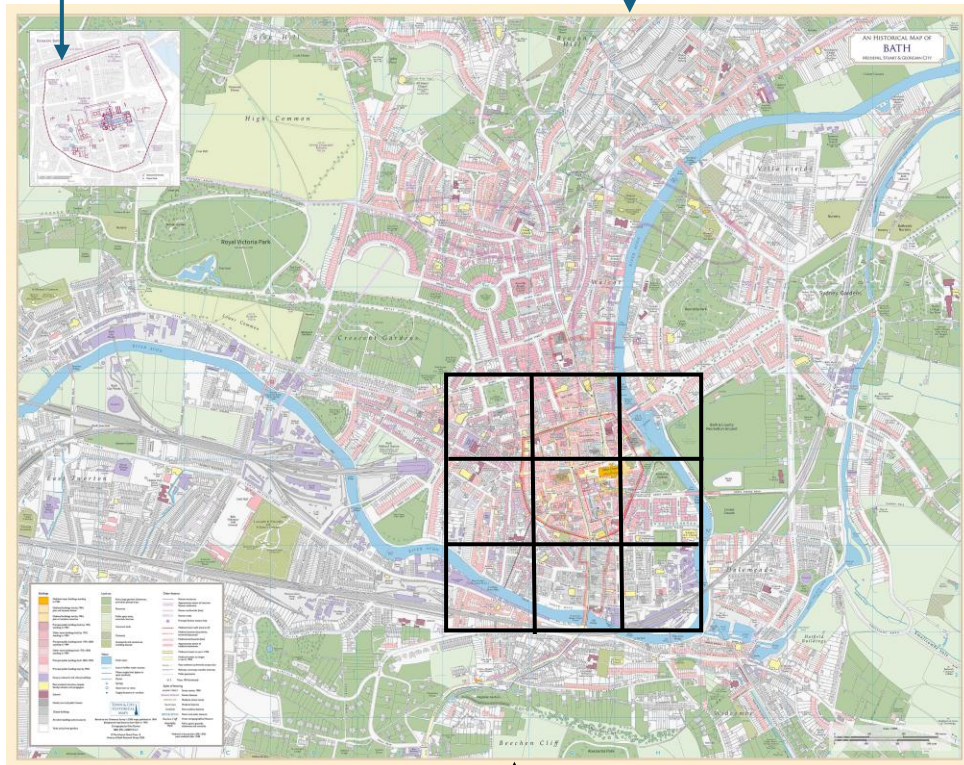
Map Scale 1:2500



250 Metres

Inset Map

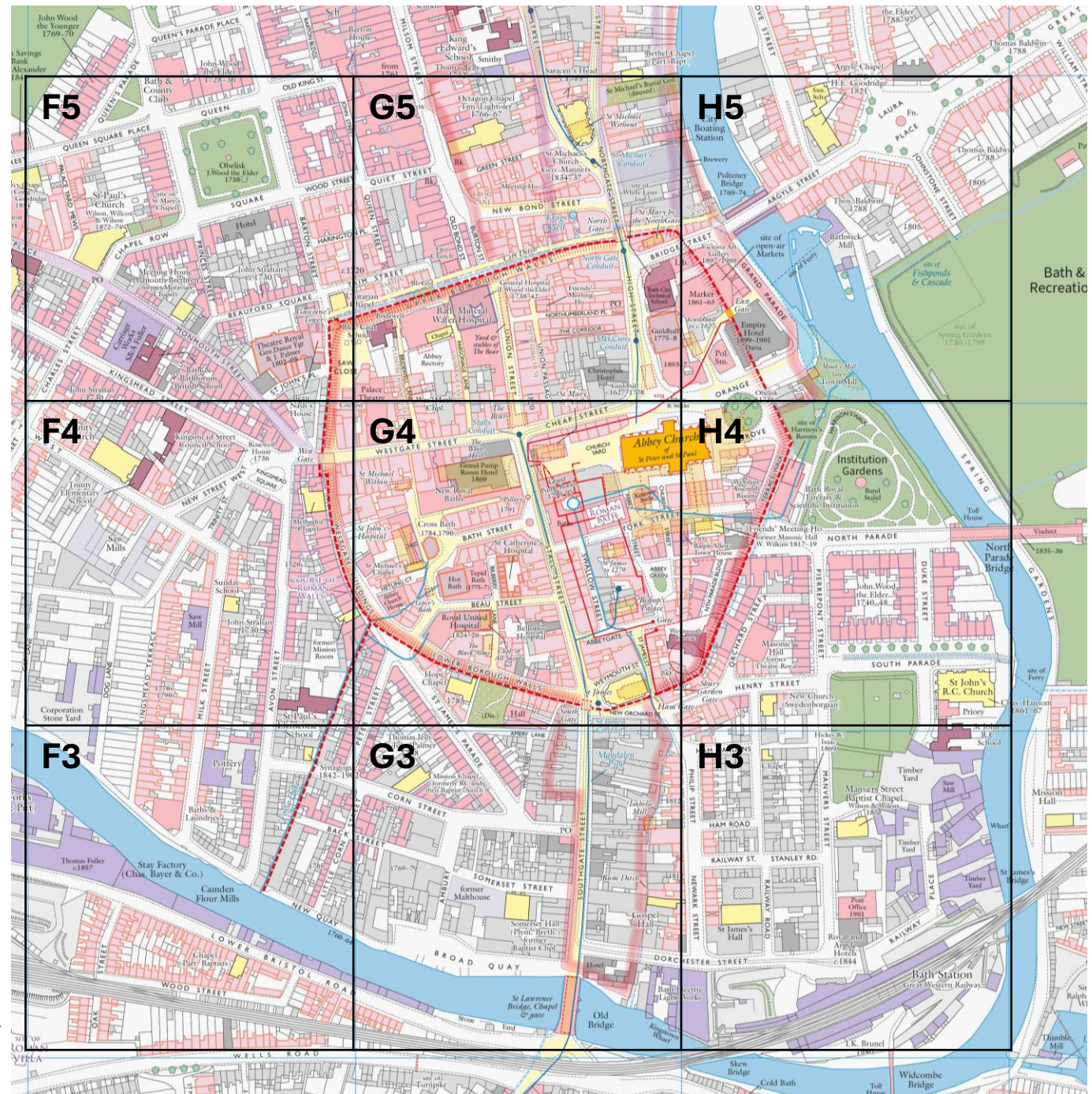
Map of Bath



Map Key

Scale Bar

Focus grid squares



Railway Station	Post Office	Canal	River
Medieval streets in use in 1904	Medieval town walls	Orchard	Roman Bath
Wharf	Natural spring	Water supply line	Church
Spring	Reservoir	Gardens	Park
Timber yard	Pottery	Bridge	Quay
Hotel	Chapel	Hospital	theatre
Burial ground	Roman structure	Drains	Factory

Map Detectives

**How many of these
can you find in your
grid square?**

Use the Key to help you.

See Activity Sheet 1.1

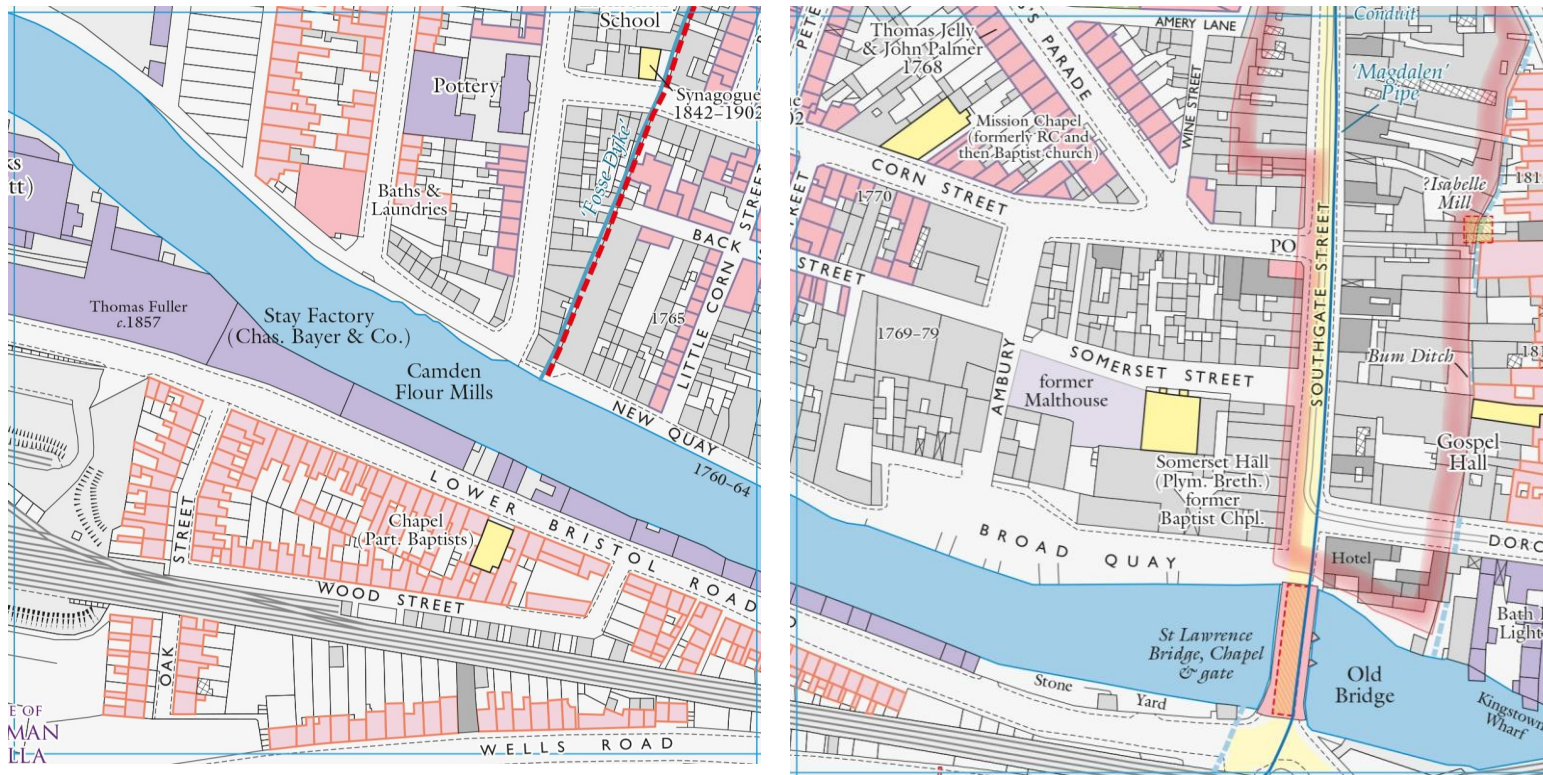
Map Detectives

- What else do you **notice** in your map square?
- Use the **Key** to help you.
- *What human and physical features can you spot?*
- *How many layers of history?*
- *What evidence of industry?*



Map Detectives

- Find someone with a map extract that links to yours.
- **Can you put the map back together?**



Map Detectives: using the paper map

Can you answer these questions about the map and think up some of your own?

- How many types of waterway can you find?
- How many bridges can you find over a river?
- Name three different examples of land use
- Give a named example of a major medieval building
- Find a name on the map that makes you smile
- Write a sentence about Bath in Roman times.

See Activity Sheet 1.2

