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### A1 The Moor

Recreation area

### A2 Luton's Original Synagogue 5 Moor Path

5 Moor Path - the original place of meeting for Luton's Jewish community before moving to the old Empire cinema in Bury Park Road.

### A3 Bury Park Congregational Church

An offshoot of the King Street church of the same denomination, Bury Park Congregational Church was erected in 1903, and has a seating capacity for 600 worshippers.



### A4 Gasworks Path

As the name suggests, this lane ran alongside the gasworks that used to occupy the site which is now the Sainsburys store.

### A5 Former Luton Gas Company transport depot, 1931

This gap in the houses in Francis St used to house the coaches and vans for the Luton Gas Company.

### A6 Former George Pryer builders and contractors

Photographed by TG Hobbs in 1907 for his book "Luton and Neighbourhood Illustrated." He sold the business in 1921.

### A7 Former Bury Park Synagogue

The Empire Cinema in Bury Park Road, Luton. It opened in 1921. The building was converted into a Jewish synagogue in the 1950s and is now used as an Islamic centre.

### A8 Former Bury Park Co-Op

In 1906 this general store at the junction of Leagrave and Dunstable roads was opened to serve the people in Bury Park. It belonged to the Luton Industrial Co-operative Society Ltd and was the third branch to be established in the town.



### A9 Luton Central Mosque

Muslims have been worshipping at Westbourne Road, Luton since the 1970's. As the Muslim population grew in Luton, number four and subsequently number six were also acquired.



### A10 Beech Hill Primary School

Beech Hill School was created in 1910 and divided into separate boys' and girls' schools in 1914.

### A11 Oakdale Methodist Church

Oakdale Methodist church was formed in 1964. The new church was renamed Oakdale in recognition of the fact that the church is on the corner with Oak Road and Dallow Road.

### A12 Ivy Road Former Bakers

The wheatsheaf motif on the front of the building shows its former use a century ago.

### A13 Kenilworth Road

Kenilworth Road has been the home ground of Luton Town Football Club since 1905. The 10,356 all-seater stadium is situated in the district of Bury Park. It is named after the road which runs along one end of it.

### A14 Victorian Glazed

Some of the Victorian terraced houses have ornate glazed tiles in the porches of the entrances.

### A15 Former Odeon Cinema

This picture house opened in 1938 and closed in 1983. It was converted into a bingo hall, which closed in 1999 and became a church.

### A16 Former Westside Centre, Gasworks

The gasworks opened in 1830 and were to remain here until the 1970s and were then replaced by the Westside Shopping Centre. This was demolished in 1991 and replaced by Sainsburys.





# Route B – Castle Street Region

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### B1 Mount Tabor Primitive Methodist Church

Built in 1897, the Mount Tabor Primitive Methodist Church closed in 1969 and was taken over by Pentecostals and today is used by Luton Christian Fellowship.

### B2 O'Sheas Pub

Grade II listed building.

### B3 Former Tanners

Site of former tanners

### B4 Former Brown and Greens Foundry

Former site of the Brown and Green Foundry. Frederick Brown, held a patent for "improvement in velocipedes called bicycles" in 1869.

### B5 Bethel Baptist Chapel

The Chapel was built in 1906 replacing the original building which had been in use as a chapel since 1874.



### B6 Site of Former Chapels

### B7 Red Lion Hotel

It is possible the Red Lion inn may have occupied this location since 1637.



### B8 Union Chapel

Built in 1836-44 in neo-classical style with Greek doric columns at the entrance.



### B9 Row of Houses

### B10 Former Bus Garage, Holly Lodge, Medieval Castle

Now a homeware store, this was Holly Lodge. Before that it was the site of a 12th century Medieval Castle. Built by Robert de Waudari in 1139 but demolished in 1154.

### B11 The Phoenix Pub

The Phoenix Brewery was established in 1816 in Park Street West. In 1897, the Phoenix pub was in their ownership.



### B12 Hibbert Cottages

Robert Hibbert, a slave owner, paid for 12 cottages for 24 "poor widows or other persons" These were later demolished and rebuilt as almshouses.



### B13 Site of Former St Paul's Church

47 Hibbert Street, former location of St Paul's Church.

### B14 Turvey Ghost Sign, 132 New Town Street

Faded "General Store" sign still visible on the wall above the door.

### B15 Surrey Street School

Surrey Street School opened in 1891 under the Elementary Education Act 1870. In Luton, education was made compulsory for boys and girls from the age of five to thirteen in 1874.

### B16 Sugar Loaf Pub

Records show the Sugar Loaf has been a public house since as early as 1881.



### B17 Chase Street Mission

The 1880 OS map shows a chapel on this site at a time when the area was still being developed. The area to the east Chase Street would still have been open countryside.

### B18 41 Baker Street Fire Insurance Plate

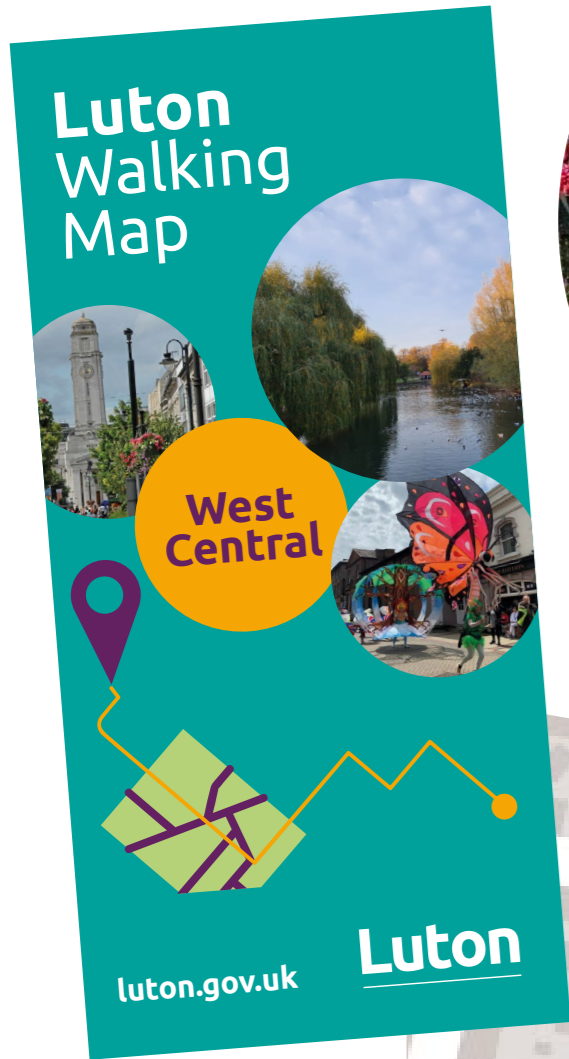
Fire insurance plates were placed high up on buildings indicating the building has fire insurance. Initially insurance companies organised their own fire service, they would know which buildings had insurance, and there for which ones to save. Fire insurance plates were used from around 1710.

### B19 Former Children's Hospital

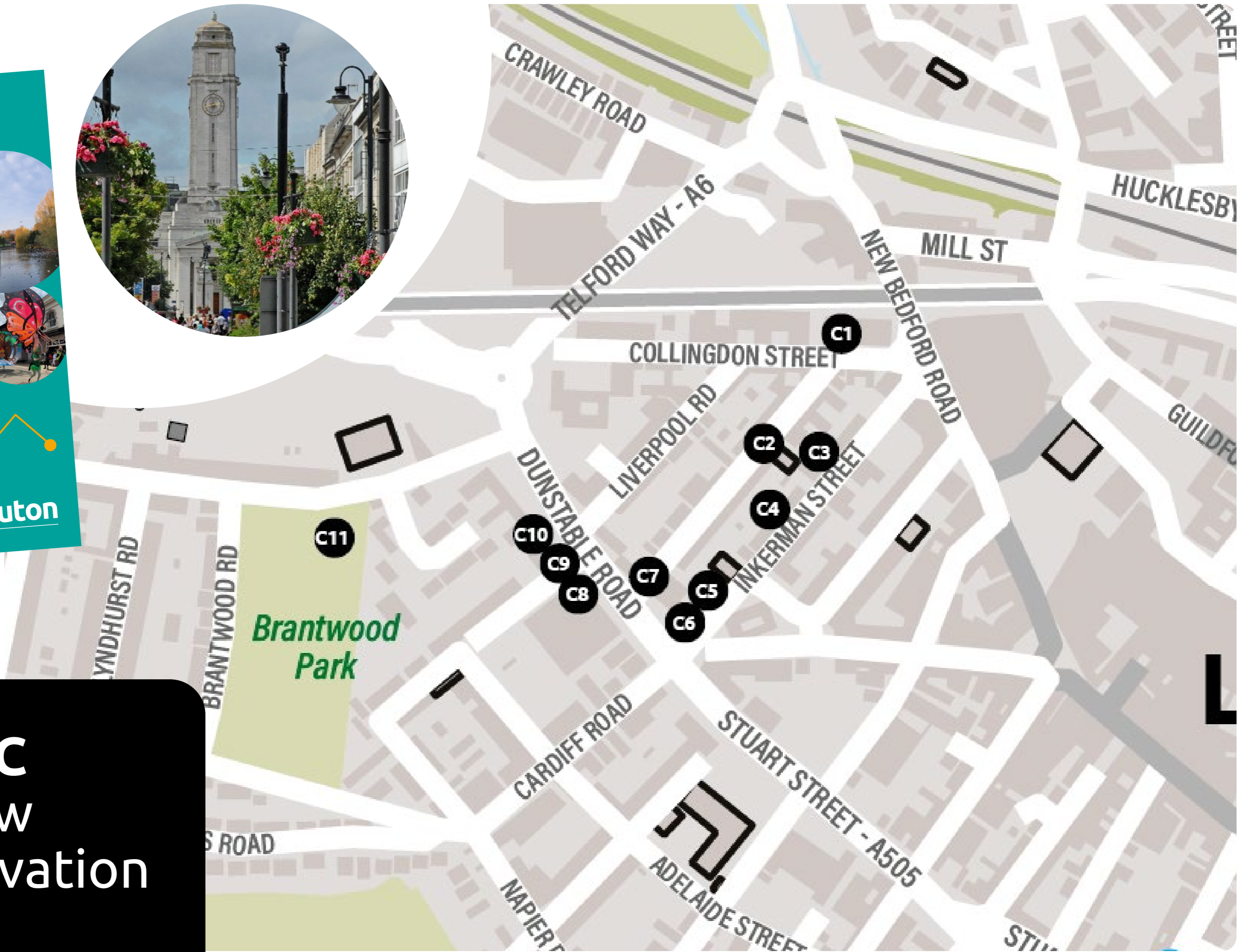
The area that is now Somersby Close was once the site of a Children's home and hospital. Records show it was open from at least 1897.

### B20 Whitehill

Whitehill built in 1869, designed by Tomas Sorby, architect of Wardown House, became a Grade II listed building in 1975.



# Route C – Dallow Conservation Area



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### C1 Former Lea Boxes Factory

Formally Hat Materials Limited, established as Lea Boxes in 1913 and was based at 1-3 Cardigan Street. The building retains gas fittings above display window.

### C2 Former Cardigan Street Chapel

The Cardigan Street Primitive Methodist Chapel opened to worshippers in 1881 and closed 31st December 1950.

### C3 Alleyway

### C4 Inkerman Arms

In 1897 Thomas Sworder sold the Crown and Anchor Brewery and 57 licensed premises which included the Inkerman Arms to John William Green, owner of the Phoenix Brewery.

### C5 Former Starlight Youth Club

The 1880 OS map shows the site as a vicarage, and is still present on the 1950's OS map.

### C6 Christchurch House

Christchurch was built in 1858, it has undergone many alterations in its lifetime. It became a listed Grade II listed building in 1981.

### C7 Victoria Villas

### C8 Central Post Office

This was opened as the main or head post office for Luton in 1957.

### C9 Former Bute Street Hospital

Bute Street Hospital was founded in 1872 and closed in 1939 when it was replaced with Luton in Dunstable Hospital.

### C10 Former Union Workhouse

This building was opened in 1836. The site of the workhouse later became Saint Mary's Hospital. The surviving building, although very much altered, is now a residential care home for the elderly.

### C11 Brantwood Recreation Ground

The Site was purchased by the Town Council in 1894 for use as a recreation ground and there is reference to it as 'West Ward Recreation Ground in a 1911 year book.

Christchurch House



Former Cardigan Street Chapel

