

Acknowledgements

This project is the work of Rowlands Castle History and Heritage, and it is still very much in the developmental stage. It will benefit hugely from your help. Paul Marshman and I, with the help of many others, have been developing Heritage stops around Rowlands Castle and Finchdean. The first Trail, the Village Green, consists of 12 stops, and is the first of what we hope will be many more to come.

Our aim is threefold: firstly to give a short account via bullet points of each stop; secondly to provide a more extensive account of the stop including photographs, past and present, and thirdly, an invitation to further study via external links here, that will take you off the trail.

The first level will be easily followed on a smartphone as you walk around the trail whereas the other two can be undertaken either whilst on the trail, or later, at home on another device.

The information is on three pages. The first page gives the location, a photograph of the stop and bullet points; the second further information on the stop and the third page, a photo gallery.

We hope you will find it fun and educational.

This is a project in development, and this is the first version. We would be very grateful for any comments, including corrections, further information, and photographs. Please send any comments to me at trails@rowlandscastleheritagecentre.org.uk.

We hope to add more trails soon.

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- Map by Ken Pender

[Local history booklets.](#)

Much information from this trail is taken from “A Rowlands Castle Miscellany”, compiled by Ralph Cousins and Paul Marshman.

[Model Railway – Rowlands Castle History and Heritage.](#)

This link shows a model railway of Rowlands Castle at the time just before D Day in 1944, made by Master Modeller Peter Goss and purchased by our village in 2016. It includes an excellent portrayal of the Village Green, very much like it was at that time.