

Yate Heritage Map

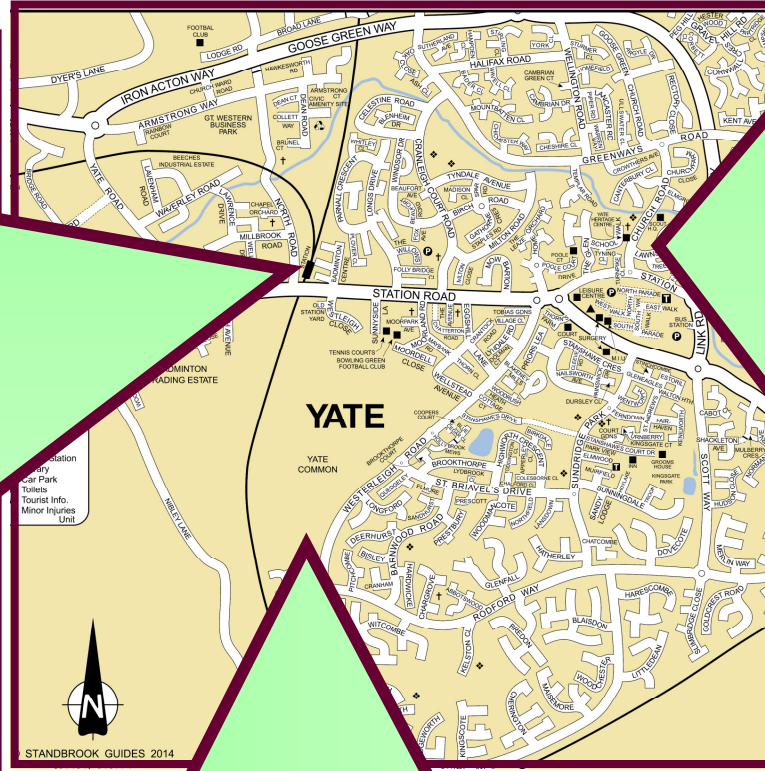
West Zone

The Station

The Railway Station was opened in 1844 as part of the Bristol and Gloucester Railway. Yate Railway Station was closed by the 'Beeching Axe' in January 1965, but was reopened on 11th May 1989 and is still flourishing today. It was one of the earliest stations around Bristol. The station shed and station master's house survive from the 1840s. (see bottom).

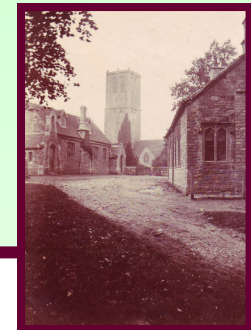
Parnall's Factory Site

Before 1945, Parnall's manufactured aircraft; during World War Two the firm specialised in making aircraft gun turrets. 55 people were killed by the Luftwaffe during raids on the factory in February and March 1941. Following the war, Parnall's factory turned to the manufacture of domestic goods and became famous for its washing machines. In 1958, Parnall's merged with Radiation Ltd to become known as Jackson's, producing the Jackson's range of cookers. In more recent years, tumble dryers alone are made by the current manufacturer (see bottom 3rd from left).



Yate Common

At 124 acres, the Common (aka Westerleigh Common) is the largest piece of open land in Yate and is ideal for walking, cycling and kite flying. At one time a prisoner of war camp was located there, giving rise to the local name, "The German Field". In more recent times the land has been used for grazing, social events and is home to a range of wildlife.



St Mary's School (see below right)

In the early 1800s, a part of the Yate Church School site was a poor house pre-dating the Sodbury Union Workhouse. By 1855, Yate National School occupied this site with the schoolmaster's house opposite. The Church of England ran the school and Christianity, morality and discipline dominated teaching. The school later became Yate Church School and eventually moved to a new school building and became St Mary's School in the 1960s.

The White Lion Pub (see below left)

The White Lion public house was built in the early 1600s. Between the 17th century and the coming of the railway in the 1840s, the White Lion operated as a coaching inn. It remained a popular institution and is now the oldest operating Public House in the parish of Yate.

Poole Court (see below 3rd from right)

Poole Court began as a large family house that was built around 1853. The Hill family, shipping magnates of Bristol, lived there for most of the time until World War I. The name Poole Court is thought to

originate from a pond at the present location of Westerleigh and Station Road roundabout. Today, Poole Court is utilised by Yate Town Council.

