

Story Quest

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Adventures close to home



Tunstall Treasure Tunstall Town Centre

Join Josh, Yasmin and Grandpa Matt on a
Story Quest around Tunstall Town Centre!

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Dear Story Questers,

This storybook adventure is one of six, written especially for **YOU!**

Each story sees me (Josh), my best friend Yasmin and my Grandpa Matt explore a different area of Burslem or Tunstall, and we're inviting **YOU** to join us on our adventures.

As you read each story and follow in our footsteps, there are lots of activities for you to do – games to play, sights to spot, riddles to solve – but, best of all, you'll get to enjoy your very own Story Quest alongside us and, as Grandpa Matt always says...

*Adventuring outside can be full of surprise
Wonders await when you open your eyes!*

This Story Quest takes place around:
Tunstall Town Centre, Stoke-on-Trent

Starting point: Tunstall Library, Victoria Institute,
The Boulevard, ST6 6BD

Once you've enjoyed this adventure, there are loads more to get stuck into, plus you'll find some extra activities at the back of this book.

Have fun, Story Questers!



Josh
(age 10)



Yasmin
(age 11)

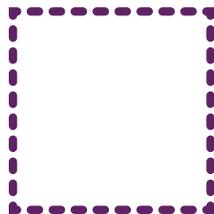


Grandpa Matt
(age never you mind!)

Duration: This adventure will take around **30 minutes**, depending on how quickly you solve the riddles!

Activity level rating: A laid-back town-based trail.

Join us on our Story Quest!



- 1 Complete a short form at Tunstall Library or at **storyquest.org.uk** to be eligible for a reward
- 2 Read on and come with us on an adventure around Tunstall Town Centre
- 3 Take this map back to Tunstall Library and get a stamp above from a Story Quest ambassador, or answer a question based on the trail at **storyquest.org.uk**
- 4 Collect your special reward
- 5 Share photos of your Story Quest on social media using **#StoryQuest**

There are 5 more Story Quests to take part in around Burslem and Tunstall! Join us on all 6 to be entered into an extra special prize draw!

Pick up a leaflet to find out the other locations, or find everything you need to know at **storyquest.org.uk**

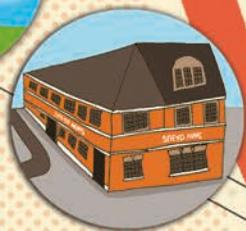


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Ask a Story Quest ambassador if you need any help!

"I love having a library that takes me every week and books, comics and computer games. I can even borrow a new book every week. I even have to use my pocket money."



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High Street

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Police Station

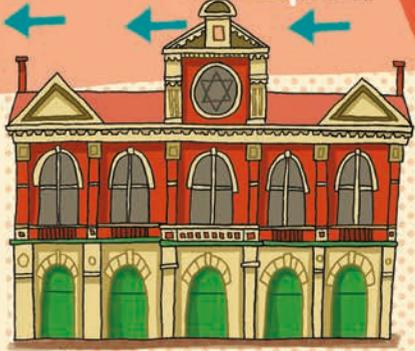
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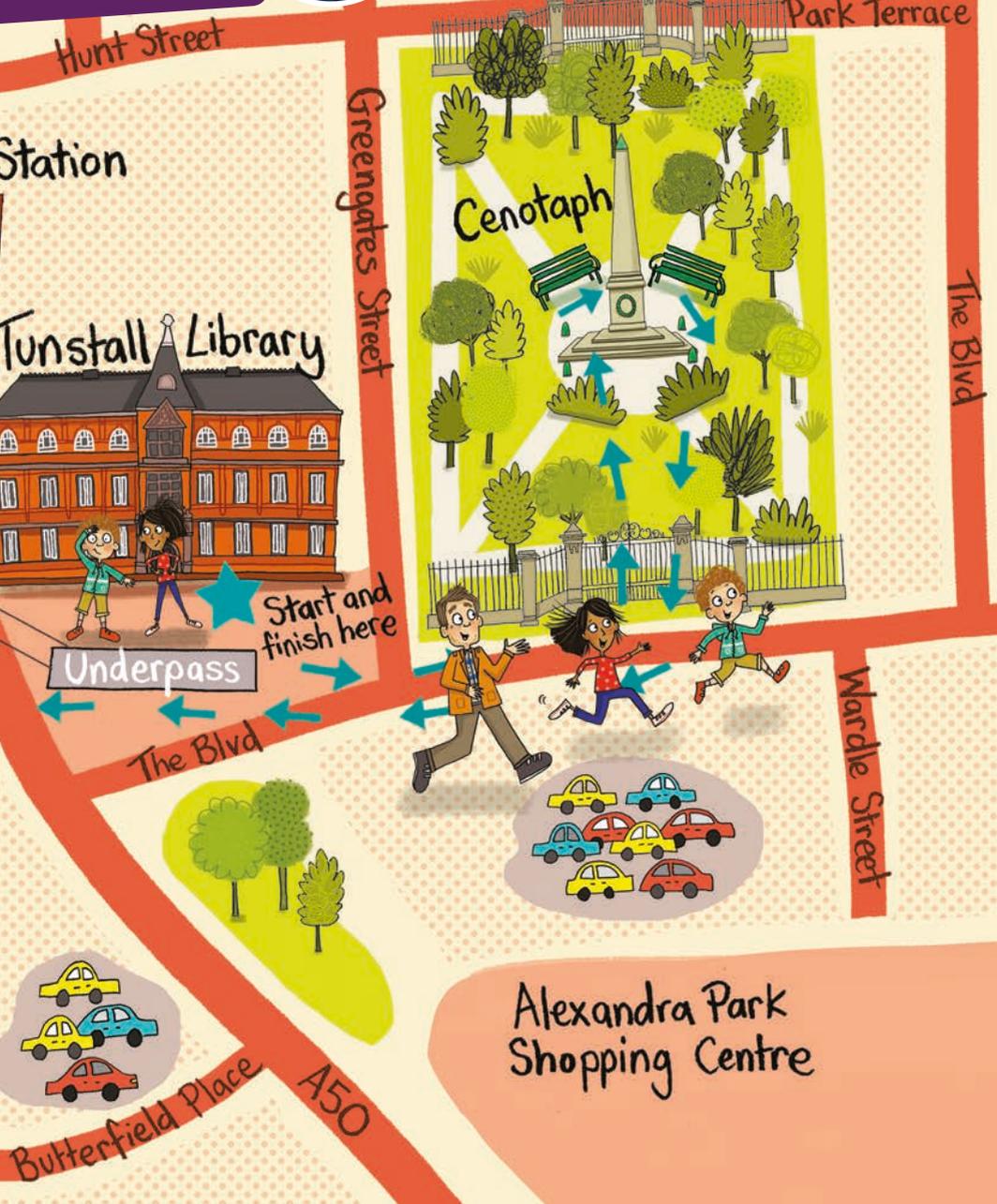
Tunstall Market



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Tunstall Memorial Gardens



Station

Tunstall Library



Underpass

Start and finish here

Cenotaph



Alexandra Park Shopping Centre

6. Tunstall Treasure

“I wish Grandpa Matt would get here soon,” said Josh, wringing his hands. “I can’t wait to get inside the library for him to have his treasure looked at by the TV experts.”

“Me too,” Yasmin agreed. “And look! We might be filmed.” She pointed at the poster pinned outside the library.

“Grandpa reckons his treasure might have something to do with the famous Staffordshire Hoard,” Josh explained. “It’s a small golden disc decorated with garnet. He found it in his garden years ago and never got round to having it checked out. Imagine if it belonged to an actual Anglo-Saxon king!”

“Wow!” gasped Yasmin. “The hoard exhibition was my favourite part of our school trip to The Potteries Museum. Hope he arrives soon.”



OVER TO YOU!

While Josh and Yasmin (and you!) are waiting for Grandpa Matt to arrive, check out the library building and answer these questions:

- 1) What royal object appears on the decorative metal sign that hangs overhead?

C ■ ■ W N

- 2) Which queen’s name appears in the library building’s full name?

V ■ C ■ ■ ■ A

“Sorry I’m late,” said Grandpa Matt. “I lost track of time. But I’m here now and raring to show off my treasure. Look at how shiny I polished it!” he said, reaching into a pocket. “Oh no! It’s not here!” he cried. “It’s gone.”

“Check *all* your pockets properly,” said Josh.

Matt patted down his jacket and trousers. “It’s definitely not here. I must have dropped it somewhere. You two go inside while I go and look for it. I don’t want you to miss the event.”

“We’ll search with you,” said Yasmin. “We’ll be better working as a team.”

“Thank you, Yasmin. That’s very kind, and very wise. ***Vis unita fortior*** is a grand saying to live by.”

“What does *that* mean?” asked Josh.



OVER TO YOU!

Do you know what Grandpa Matt means, Story Questers?
Clue: it’s the motto of the city of Stoke-on-Trent

“I know!” said Yasmin. “My football coach mentioned it the other week. It means something like ‘united strength is stronger’, like we’ll be stronger working together. Is that right?”

“That’s exactly right,” said Grandpa Matt. “And do you know what? I’m feeling better already. We just need to retrace my steps. The last place I went was Tunstall Memorial Gardens.”

“Then let’s search there first,” said Yasmin. “We might get lucky.”

“For extra luck, I think we need to say your motto, Grandpa,” Josh suggested.

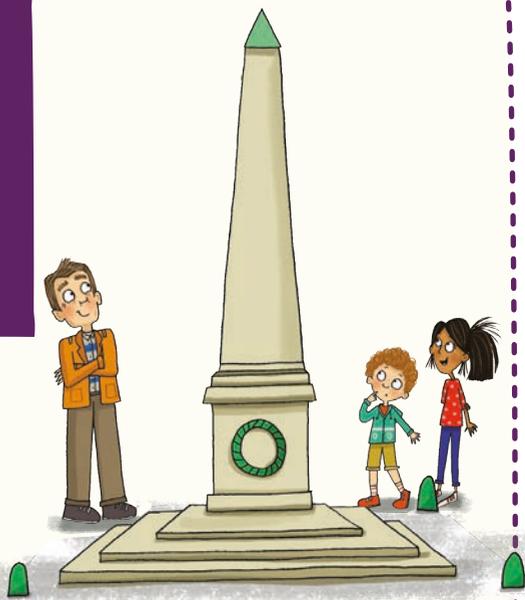
***“Adventuring outside can be full of surprise
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OVER TO YOU!

Join Josh, Yasmin and Grandpa Matt as they head left from the library to Tunstall Memorial Gardens. Pay attention to the sign outside that says this is a place of 'quiet contemplation and remembrance'.

"Where exactly did you go when you were here, Grandpa?" asked Josh.

"I walked to that bench near the cenotaph and sat down for a while."



OVER TO YOU!

A cenotaph is a memorial to people whose remains are elsewhere after dying in a war. While Josh, Yasmin and Grandpa Matt are searching around the bench for his lost treasure, read the engravings on the cenotaph and answer these questions:

1) What is the name of one of the wars this cenotaph commemorates?

THE / G ■ ■ ■ T / W ■ ■

2) Between which years did this war take place?

19 ■ ■ - 19 ■ ■

"It's not here." Matt shrugged. "I've lost the treasure *and* I've spoiled your special day."

"It's not over yet," Yasmin reassured him. "We've only just started looking. Where were you before you came to the gardens?"

"I was out and about around Tower Square."

“So it’s simple then,” said Yasmin. “We’ll walk back past the library and head through the underpass to the square.”

“And we’ll use the explorer’s skills you’ve taught us while we walk, Grandpa. We’ll keep our eyes wide open for your golden disc.”

OVER TO YOU!

While Josh, Yasmin and Grandpa Matt are keeping their eyes peeled for the lost treasure, it’s time for you to check out local landmarks on the mural in the underpass. Now test your spotting skills, Story Questers:

1) What watery wonderland is pictured on the left of the tunnel?

W ■ ■ ■ P ■ ■ T / L ■ K ■

2) What inn is pictured on the right hand side?

S ■ ■ Y ■ / A ■ M ■

They emerged from the underpass and headed towards Tunstall Market on High Street. “Let’s cross over to Tower Square,” said Grandpa Matt. “I walked around it this morning.”

OVER TO YOU!

Join Josh, Yasmin and Grandpa Matt as they search for the lost treasure around Tower Square. Be sure to do at least two full circuits of the square.

Then take a close look at the market building opposite Tower Square and answer these questions:

1) What out-of-this-world shape is featured near the top of the building?

S ■ ■ ■

2) Which words are inscribed across the front of the building?

H ■ P P ■ ■ ■ ■ ■
T ■ ■ ■ H
J ■ ■ ■ I C E

“Still no luck!” said Grandpa Matt. “But let’s take a closer look around the Clock Tower.”

OVER TO YOU!

While Josh, Yasmin and Grandpa Matt check the ground around the tower, it’s time for you to check out the tower itself. Next, answer the questions below.

TOP TIP: make sure you examine every side of the tower, Story Questers!

1) Who presented the tower’s clock and chimes?

A ■ F ■ ■ ■ / M ■ ■ K ■ ■

2) What did the Ladies of Tunstall give?

P ■ R ■ ■ A ■ ■ / B ■ S ■

3) When was the tower erected?

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BONUS QUESTION: Check around the square to spot a building you previously saw on the mural. Can you remember its name?

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“I think it’s time to call it a day.” Matt sniffed and reached inside a pocket for a tissue. “Ouch!” he yelled as something jabbed his finger.

"I don't believe it! The disc was here all along. It must have got lost in the lining of my pocket."

"Grandpa!" groaned Josh. "I said you should check all your pockets *properly*, and I reckon you also need to pay more attention to your own motto. I mean, you should have had your eyes open to spot this wonder!"

At this, he and Josh burst into laughter.

"I don't want to spoil the celebration," said Yasmin. "But the event ends in twenty minutes."

"Yikes!" yelled Josh. "You're right, Yas. We need to get a move on!"



OVER TO YOU!

Join Yasmin, Josh and Grandpa Matt as they hurry back to Tunstall Library. Be sure to stride at a super-speedy pace.

They rushed inside the library and strained to glimpse the antiques experts through the huge queue.

"We'll never make it to the front in time," sighed Grandpa Matt.

"Quick! Give me the disc," hissed Josh. "I'll explain later."

Gripping the treasure tight, Josh raced up the library's grand staircase. He'd spotted Tiggy Tollington-Smyth's trademark purple scarf swishing over the bannister.

"Excuse me," said Josh. "I don't mean to disturb you, but my Grandpa has had a right time of it today, and I wondered if you could look at his treasure."

"I can't view people's so-called "treasure" willy-nilly, young man," she sneered, with a dramatic swish of her scarf. "There are procedures to follow."



“I understand,” said Josh, turning away. “I guess it was worth a shot.”

Then, as he opened his hand and looked at the golden disc, a sunbeam blazed through the window and struck it.

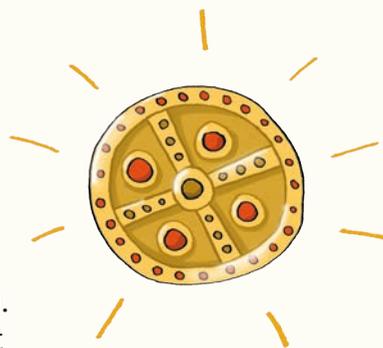
“Hold up!” ordered the expert, her eyes fixed on the gleaming treasure. “Let me see it.”

“Here you go, Mrs Tollington-Smyth.”

“Call me Tiggy,” she smiled, her mood much improved now she’d glimpsed Matt’s treasure. “What an exquisite piece,” she cooed. “I’d love to show it to my Anglo-Saxon expert colleague. The design is majestic.”

“Grandpa! It’s good news,” Josh called, standing tall and proud as an Anglo-Saxon king. “In fact, it’s right *royal* news!” he joked.

And with that he followed Tiggy Tollington-Smyth towards the main room, hoping with all his heart that Grandpa Matt’s golden disc *would* turn out to be a true Tunstall Treasure.



We hope you enjoyed your Story Quest!

Here are some fun activities to try at home.

1. Craft that's fit for a king

Design your own golden treasure. Draw a disc and decorate it with foil, shiny paper or glitter to add extra bling.

2. A trip to treasure

Take a trip to the free entry Potteries Museum (Bethesda Street, Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent, ST1 3DW) to view the treasures of the Staffordshire Hoard along with displays of art, local history, ceramics and natural sciences. The museum also has a great Secret Garden for you to explore.