

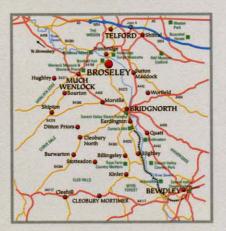
Maypole Jitty is named after the Maypole on Woodlands Green, a tradition dating back centuries.

Visitor Information

You can explore the Trail in any direction you choose. It will take about 1 hr to wander round at an easy pace.

Some of the paths are quite steep and are not suitable for wheelchairs.

You can download a copy of the FREE audio tour by accessing www.broseley.org.uk or by visiting Broseley Library (varied opening hours) or call (01952) 884119.





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THE BROSELEY JITTIES

This leaflet will help you to follow the Broseley Jitties Trail, a short walk and free audio tour exploring a unique and historic part of Broseley.

The Broseley Jitties are a maze of narrow lanes and passageways that link together a higgledy-piggledy jumble of old squatter cottages. Each Jitty has a distinct name reflecting its history and folklore and the people who once lived there.

Broseley was well known for its clay pipes. "Will you take a Broseley?" was a familiar phrase in the Jitties' bars and taverns. The Jitties began in the 1590s as a squatter community of immigrant miners who lived and worked in dire poverty. In the following centuries the Jitties remained a place on the edge of society, and sometimes beyond the law, where little was officially recorded or written down.

People here struggled long and hard for centuries to gain prosperity and social acceptance. The Jitties area is now a desirable place of mostly restored cottages with a unique community heritage.

The Jitties began in the 1590s

when immigrant miners were encouraged to build cottages on

in the Jitties' bars and taverns.

common land on the edge of Broseley, By tradition a man had a right to a house if he could erect a chimney and hearth in a day.

The Jitties were only linked to the water and sewerage system in the 1920s, long after the rest of Broseley. Before then water had to be collected at the nearby Cob Well, Boss Well and The Spout in Spout Lane.

Sewerage was dumped in earth closets or open sewers.



Before the Jitties were linked to the mains water system, water had to be collected by hand at local wells and springs.

