

# Eastside Lives Heritage Trail

**1 Jane Scott:** family legend states she was responsible for the Titanic sinking.

**2 Joe Caldwell:** wee Joe Caldwell enjoyed life, he loved his wife and family. He loved his church, his friends and the community of east Belfast.

**3 Emily & Pasquali Desano:** Pasquali Desano, (44) widowed Italian immigrant, married Emily Gibson, (18) east Belfast mill worker and established Desano's ice-cream shop here.

**4 Mary Rodie:** no ordinary woman. Born in east Belfast in 1892 and died in 1982, her legacy lives on through her philosophy of 'Give Flowers to the Living'.

**5 Clark Groves:** ran an illegal bookmakers in Manderson Street but campaigned for legalisation. His funeral was the biggest Dundonald Cemetery had ever seen.

**6 Horatio Todd:** pills, potions, perfumes and bird fancying – the passions of the first President of The Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland.

**7 Samuel Haddock:** east Belfast man returns home from war safely, much to his mother's delight after presumed dead due to being reported missing in action.

**8 W.H. Richardson:** before opening his fruit and flower shop at 339 Albertbridge Road, William Henry Richardson grew the first bananas in Britain and Ireland.

**9 Greta McMinn:** created a haven for 'Her Girls' in Thorndyke Street Club. A home from home where you were encouraged to be yourself.

**10 Dr John Pitt:** the dedicated Doctor. The boy from east Belfast who grew up to dedicate his life to the people of east Belfast.

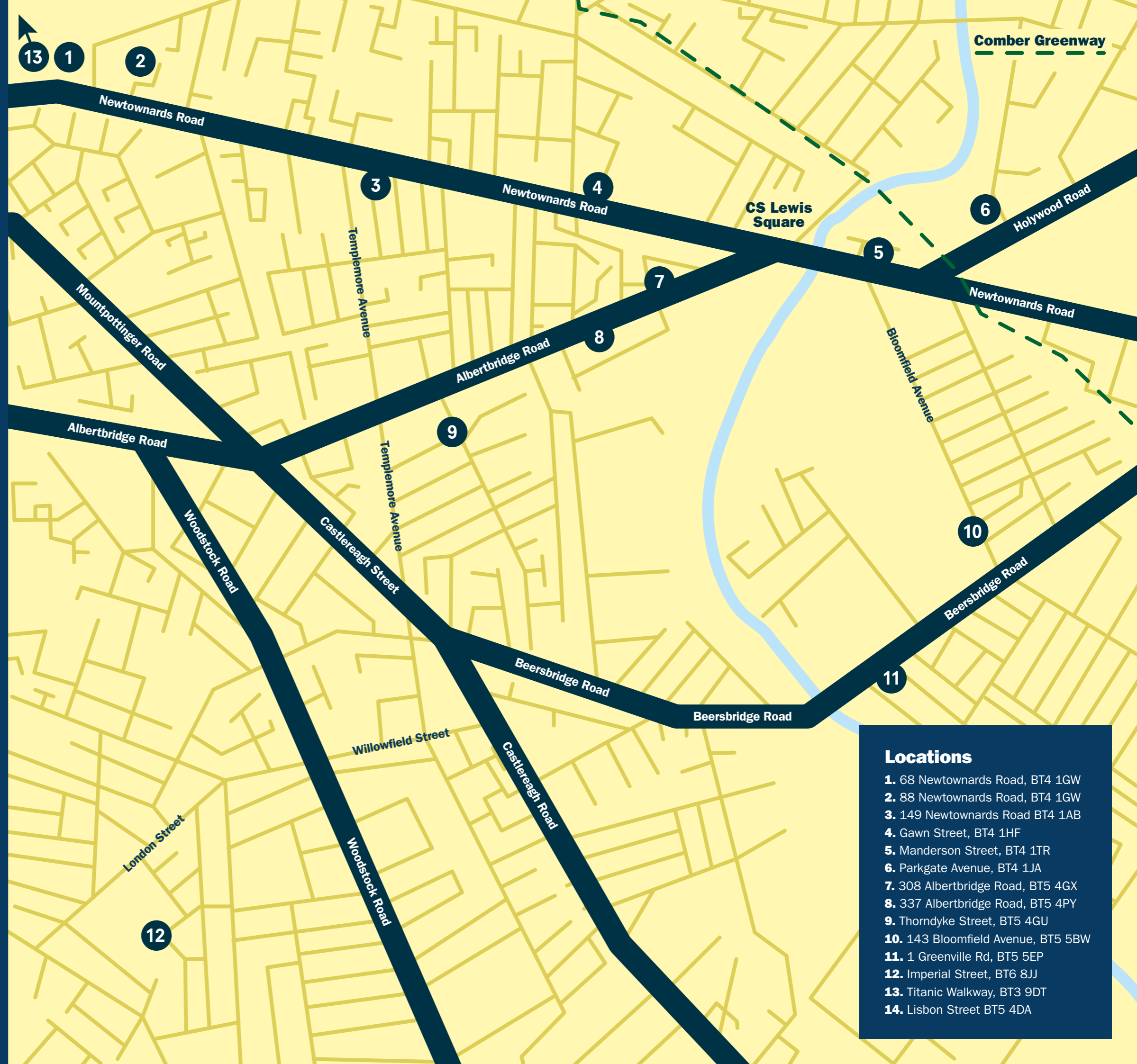
**11 Nellie Gordon:** a child mill worker who became a fearless activist who campaigned against the dreadful working conditions for mill women.

**12 Alec McMullan:** maximised the profit from every square inch of his corner shop. He passed his entrepreneurial spirit to his son.

**13 James Forrester:** family lore states that James Forrester worked on the Titanic and was invited to sail on her maiden voyage but he didn't go because his baby daughter, Winifred, was very ill.

**14 Sarah Jane Irvine:** single mother who ran a boarding house for other deaf people in Lisbon Street.\*

\*no artwork in situ at time of print.



## Locations

1. 68 Newtownards Road, BT4 1GW
2. 88 Newtownards Road, BT4 1GW
3. 149 Newtownards Road BT4 1AB
4. Gawn Street, BT4 1HF
5. Manderson Street, BT4 1TR
6. Parkgate Avenue, BT4 1JA
7. 308 Albertbridge Road, BT5 4GX
8. 337 Albertbridge Road, BT5 4PY
9. Thorndyke Street, BT5 4GU
10. 143 Bloomfield Avenue, BT5 5BW
11. 1 Greenville Rd, BT5 5EP
12. Imperial Street, BT6 8JJ
13. Titanic Walkway, BT3 9DT
14. Lisbon Street BT5 4DA





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**The history of ordinary people is often at risk of being lost so it is important to record and communicate it.**

We hope that by making these previously untold stories public, it will give local people a sense of pride that their stories are worth telling. It will also provide an interesting and informative trail for us all to enjoy.



**Each of the subjects featured on the trail has been researched by a member of our local community.**

We studied members of our families or chose a person with an interesting story. We met periodically over the course of a year to access libraries and archives and to hone skills in research, writing and trail design.

**In east Belfast we are proud that we live in the birthplace of Van Morrison, C.S. Lewis and George Best. We are also proud of the ordinary people who came before us. The people who worked hard, made sacrifices, faced adversity and shared what they had.**

**This trail celebrates the mill workers, shipyard men, shop keepers, community workers, delivery drivers and many more.**



**Meet ordinary people from east Belfast's past through artwork and stories on the EastSide Lives Heritage Trail. Catch a glimpse of social history and learn about those who helped shape our community.**

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## Route Details



**Terrain:**  
**flat/pavement**



**Total time:**  
**2 hours (approx)**



**Total distance:**  
**5 miles (approx)**

### Pushed for time?

Each stop tells a story specific to that place, so visit as many or as few as you like.

### Remember!

Wear comfortable shoes and be prepared for Belfast weather. Respect the people who live and work in the buildings that host our urban gallery.

**We could not have completed this project without the help of A LOT of people.**

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*Thank You!*



To the families and friends of the subjects featured on the trail and all the property owners and residents who let us paint on their walls.

East Belfast is a relatively new part of the city. It grew from the tiny village of Ballymacarrett after the shipyards opened in the 1860s. Most of the red brick 'two-up two-down' houses were built in the late 19th Century for workers flooding in from the countryside to take up positions in the mills, shipyards and ropeworks. Although many streets were redeveloped in the 1980s and 1990s there are still plenty of original buildings and character remaining.

The stories featured on our trail centre around the first half of the 20th Century. East Belfast was at its industrial height. It is through the lives of these people that you will catch glimpses of the dawn of the 20th century, the building of the Titanic, two World Wars, the partition of Ireland and the beginning of a modern way of life.

**It is in the shelter of each other that the people live\***

\*traditional proverb