

## PRESS RELEASE

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### **Explore Cinderford's Hidden Heritage with new App**

Following the success of the 'Hidden Heritage of the Dean' and 'Coleford's Hidden Heritage' apps, Cinderford's history and heritage can now be explored using a new and free app, 'Cinderford's Hidden Heritage', that has been launched this month.

The app was developed by local residents for Foresters' Forest with funding from National Lottery Heritage Fund and Cinderford Town Council.

The app (see app image shown), can be downloaded for free through the Apple and Android app stores, enabling you to explore Cinderford's hidden heritage following a route of 24 different sites, including the Town Centre / The Triangle, Ruspidge Halt and Edgehills nature Reserve.

As you explore the route, your location will be tracked on the map using the GPS on your device. When you near a point of interest, the GPS triggers a set of information which relates to the site. This could be text, a static historic picture or a "fade image" that shows a clever transition between the historic and modern landscape.

Come along to Cinderford Methodist Church on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October to find out about Cinderford's Hidden Heritage App. Arrive from 11am to hear from the developers of the App and join a guided walk led by Foresters' Forest Landscape Partnership to learn about some of the heritage points within the App.

Bob Smith, one of the app developers says:

"The wonders of the Forest's Hidden History and Heritage at your fingertips, using the latest GPS technology".

Chris Brown, Cinderford Town Councillor adds:

"We are all so proud of Cinderford's unique heritage, but sadly over time the stories and pictures from the past can start to fade away. Cinderford's Hidden Heritage App brings all this back to life in a way that engages all generations. Cinderford Town Council would like to thank all those involved that have made this possible."

For more information see [Forestersforest.uk/projects/12/hidden-heritage-app](https://forestersforest.uk/projects/12/hidden-heritage-app)

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**Notes to editors**

**About Foresters' Forest**

The Foresters' Forest is a £2.5m National Lottery Heritage Fund Landscape Partnership Programme to raise awareness and participation in the built, natural and cultural heritage in the Forest of Dean. The programme consists of 38 exciting projects being delivered by 32 partner organisations and community groups. Find out more at [www.forestersforest.uk](http://www.forestersforest.uk) or follow us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)

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## Further information

Photos (hi res versions can be supplied by WeTransfer):

1. Cinderford's Hidden Heritage App



2. Poster advertising Guided Walk to launch Cinderford's Hidden Heritage App.





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