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## Market Hill

Holbeach  
Discovery  
Trail

The first market was established in 1252 and from as early as 1273 there is mention of a market cross which is thought to have stood somewhere in the area of what is now Albion Chambers. The cross was removed sometime in the Victorian era. In 1844 the Market House was opened and can still be seen today on the junction of Church St and High St. As well as being used for trading, the building also acted as a courthouse and public rooms which were used to mark special occasions over the coming years.

Along the Church St side of the building there were once a row of shops, but these disappeared in 1910. It is also thought that the Holbeach River runs under this area and many people have claimed to walk through the tunnel for the river. One man claimed to be the last man to have done this in 1920 and describes what he saw. He said the tunnel approximately 5ft 8in in diameter for most of its length but under Market Hill became a chamber with vertical walls and an arced roof extending to a height of 7ft. In 1968 excavations under Market Hill confirmed traces of an ancient bridge in stone resembling that of All Saints Church.

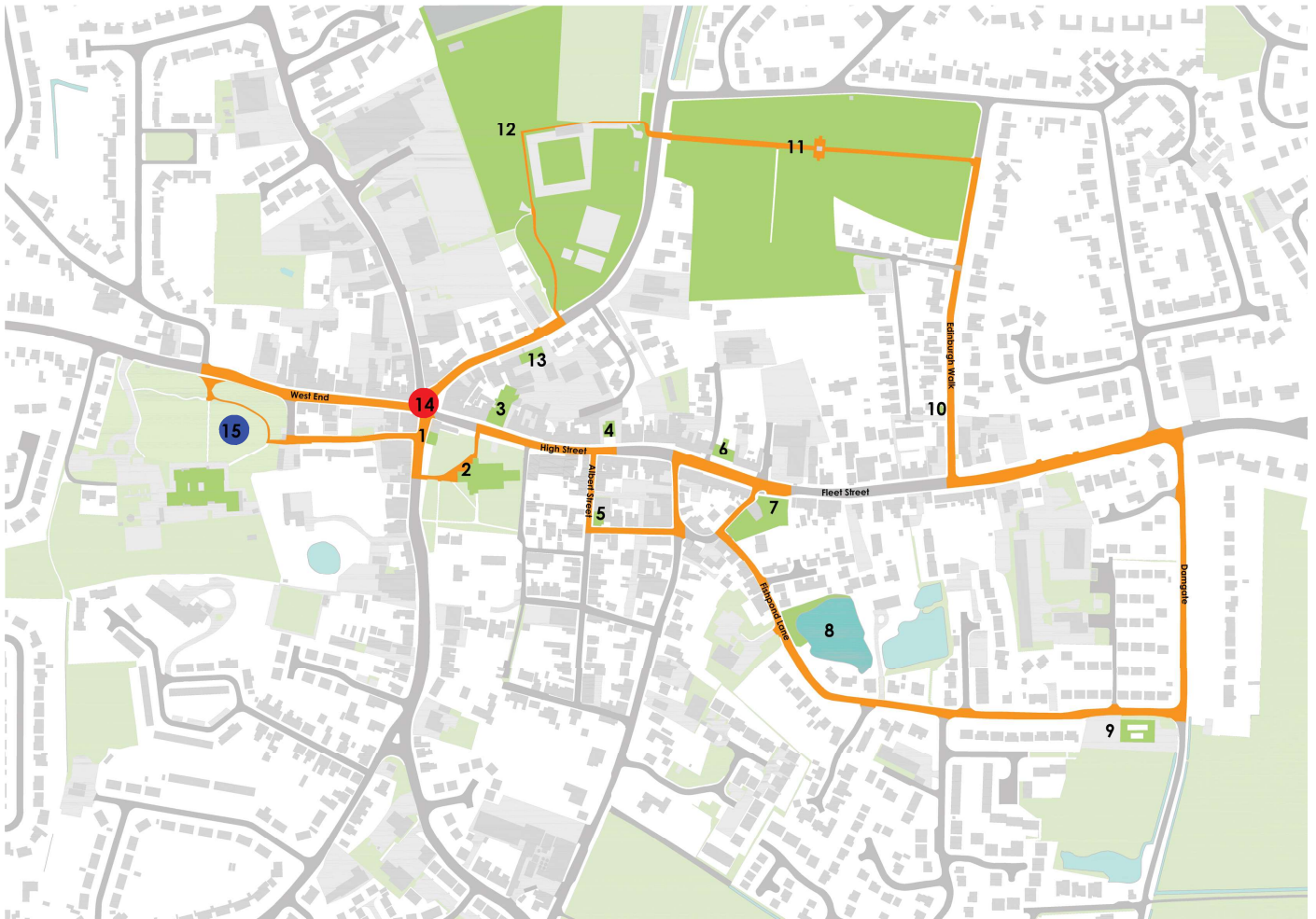


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