

# AXMINSTER *heritage* Centre

## **Axminster Town Walk**

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### **Silver Street & Trinity Square**

Start on Silver Street, outside the museum entrance. The next door solicitors' office building was the Whitty family home, with the original carpet factory (which burned down in 1828) in the yard behind it.

The present museum forms part of the Axminster Heritage Centre, which occupies one half of the replacement carpet factory of 1828 to 1836. Before the fire which prompted its construction there were four cottages here, and before that the Bear Inn. The museum end of the building later housed the town's first hospital.



As you walk along Silver Street, towards the Minster Green, you pass the Conservative Club (see photo above), which immediately after carpet making was used for lawyers' offices and as a court room (1836 to about 1840). The next-door Register Office opened in 1837 to record births, marriages and deaths.