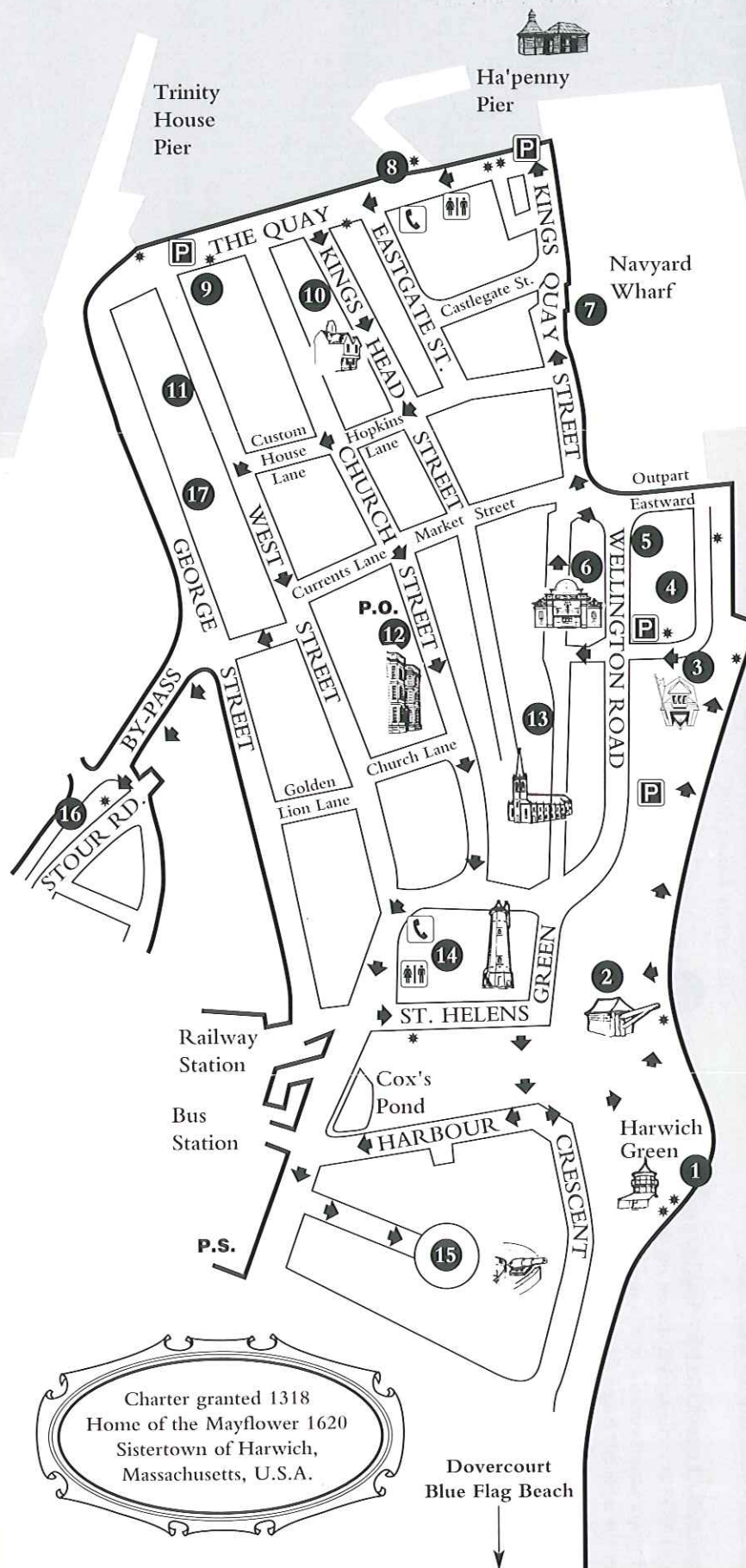


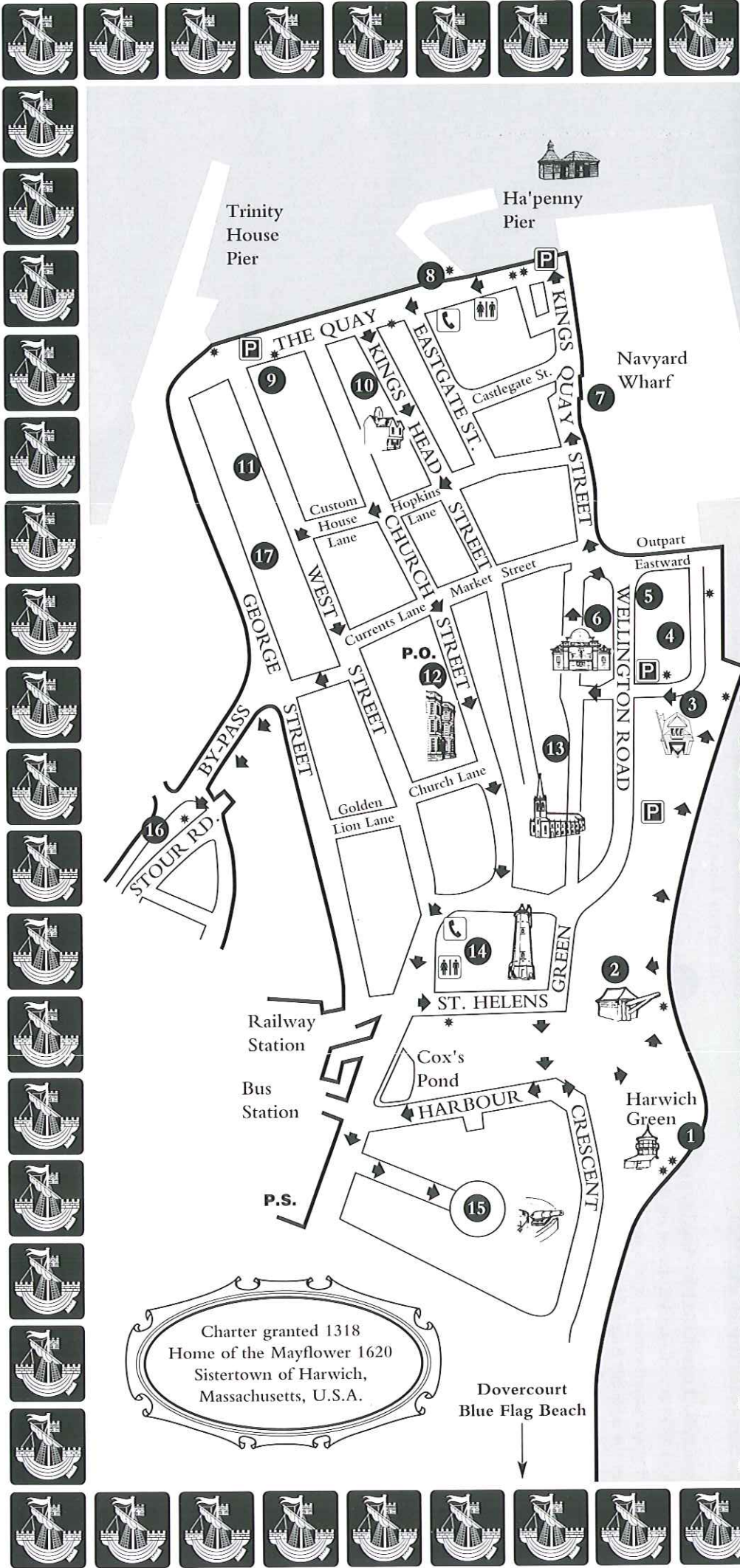


# HARWICH MARITIME HERITAGE TRAIL



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## THE MARITIME HERITAGE TRAIL

- 1** **LOW LIGHTHOUSE** - built in 1818 to replace the earlier wooden structures dating from the late 17th century. It is now the town's **MARITIME MUSEUM**.
- 2** **TREADWHEEL CRANE** - was used at the Naval Yard from 1667 to 1927. Moved to its present site in about 1932. The crane was worked by men walking in the interior of the two wheels. Unique in the UK.
- 3** **LIFEBOAT MUSEUM** - housed in the first Harwich lifeboat station (built 1876), known as the 'Number One Station'. The Museum tells the story of the Lifeboat Service in Harwich since 1821.
- 4** **ANGELGATE/TIMBERFIELDS** - Angelgate cottages were built in 1858 as a coastguard station on the site of the former government cement works and later as army quarters for the adjacent Angel Gate battery. Timberfields was so called because imported timber was stacked here.
- 5** **THE MURAL** - wall painting commissioned by the Harwich Society and carried out by the Harwich School showing glimpses of the town's history.
- 6** **ELECTRIC PALACE CINEMA** - built in 1911 now the oldest unaltered purpose built cinema in Britain. Restored by a trust and re-opened in 1981.
- 7** **NAVYARD WHARF** - previously the naval shipyard. List of the Men of War constructed here between 1660 - 1827 is shown near the entrance. Also the 1666 shipyard bell.
- 8** **HA'PENNY PIER AND QUAY** - The Ha'penny Pier built in 1854 as the ticket office and waiting room for the first continental ferries. Now houses the Visitor Centre and Mayflower Exhibitions. Harbour ferry and free guided walks start from here in the Summer.
- 9** **TRINITY HOUSE DEPOT** - founded by Henry VIII Trinity House is responsible for light, buoys and navigational aids around Britain's coasts. There has been a depot in Harwich since 1812.

- 10** **CHRISTOPHER JONES HOUSE** - master of the Mayflower until he moved to Rotherhithe in 1611.
- 11** **OLD CUSTOM HOUSE** - in use from about 1795 to 1935. Marks of Royal Coat of Arms can be seen over the doors.

**12** **THE GUILDHALL** - is a Grade I listed building rebuilt 1769 has graffiti carved by prisoners in gaol. Insignia includes water bailiff's staff and silver oar denoting Admiralty powers in the harbour.

**13** **ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH** - rebuilt 1821 has memorials from earlier church to naval men, an unexploded bomb of World War 1 and a collection of 17th century Dutch tiles.

**14** **HIGH LIGHTHOUSE** - built 1818 to replace a light over the Town Gate. This and the Lower Light were used in conjunction to facilitate navigation of sand banks until 1862 and now houses a Wireless Museum.

**15** **THE REDOUBT** - built 1808 as large circular fort to protect the harbour from a Napoleonic invasion. Originally armed with ten guns surrounded by a deep moat.

**16** **BATHSIDE BATTERY** - built 1811 to protect the west side of the town against the Napoleonic threat. Originally armed with three 24-pounder cannon. The outline of the D-Shaped battery has been laid out in brick.

**17** **BARGE MURALS** - overlooking the site where Thames Sailing Barges were built up to 1930.

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