

# Ugly Mugs: Gargoyles & Grotesques of Gloucestershire!

## Be a Gargoyle Detective!

Your mission: See how many gargoyles you can spot when you are out and about!

### Which buildings should I look at?

As many as you can! Churches and cathedrals are generally the best places, but many other buildings have gargoyles, especially Victorian ones.

### Town or countryside?

Towns usually have more buildings that have gargoyles but they can be more difficult to find and are often farther apart. Generally gargoyles in the countryside are found either on churches, big country houses or stately homes!

### What about modern buildings?

Few new buildings have gargoyles - but in towns many modern shop fronts are actually built onto old buildings, so remember to look at these as well!

### Where should I look?

Most gargoyles are located high up on buildings, typically along the eaves of the roof - but not always!

### What do I need?

It's up to you! If you want to draw the gargoyles you see or make notes about where you saw them then you'll need a notepad (a hardback one is easier to-

### Special spotters' tip 1!

In towns, staff at Tourist Information Centres often know which buildings have the best gargoyles!

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write on) and a pencil (do not use pen as it runs if it gets wet).

## What about binoculars?

Binoculars are great for looking at gargoyles to see their detail if you have them, but they are not essential.

## How about taking photographs?

Gargoyles are usually difficult to photograph -they tend to be high up and either poorly lit or outlined against a bright sky. Ideally you need an SLR camera with a 300mm or 600mm lens, but newer digital cameras often have equivalent zoom settings and can take reasonable photos.

### **Special spotters' tip 2!**

In towns, look for the drainpipes on a building and then follow these upwards and you'll usually spot a gargoyle.

Some of the drainpipes often have the date they were made on them.

**Remember - look out and look up!**