



The
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WALKING TOUR OF BOURNVILLE VILLAGE ESTATE

Sunday 4th October 2026 | 1.00pm - 3.30pm

Led by Dr Michael Harrison

COST £10 per person Includes refreshments before the walk and donations	MEET 1.00pm, Friends Meeting House Linden Road, Birmingham B30 1JT	TRAVEL Parking on roads nearby Linden Road No. 11 bus stop nearby - check Sunday times
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ABOUT THE WALK

Michael has spoken at several of our Day Schools, most recently in 2023. He is particularly knowledgeable about the career and work of **William Alexander Harvey**, the original estate architect for the Cadbury brothers' model village and a young pupil of W. A. Bidlake. Brothers George and Richard established the estate village from 1894, partly for employees of their adjacent chocolate factory, but also as a development of owner-occupied and tenanted properties - providing a rich variety of house styles to view.

Michael has led many walks around Bournville, and notes will be provided on the day. We will first see the interior of the **Quaker Meeting House**, designed by Harvey in 1905, where a bust of George Cadbury (Francis Wood, 1924) still surveys his creation. Light refreshments will be provided here. We may also be able to view the interior of **St Francis of Assisi Church** on Linden Road, planned in 1913 but not built until 1924-25.

Thanks to strong conservation regulations in past decades, many houses still retain original external architectural features. We will see buildings designed by Harvey and, following his resignation in 1904 to enter private practice, homes by later architects. **Our group's headset will be available on the day.**

BOOKING

Please return your booking form to **Gill Sockett, 5 Birdlip Grove, B32 1ER** by **Wednesday 30th September**. Email: gill.sockett@victorian-society-bham.org.uk Tel: **07538 606959**. If paying by Eventbrite or Bank Transfer, please also let Gill know. See our separate refund document for details of our refunds policy. If you would like confirmation of your booking, send an s.a.e. or request email confirmation.

BOOKING FORM - Sunday 4th October 2026

Walking Tour of the Bournville estate

Please reserve _____ places @ £10 per person

Name/s _____

Address _____

Contact phone/email (mobile no. if possible) _____

I enclose a cheque £_____ payable to **The Victorian Society, Birmingham Group**, marked **Bournville** on the back.

OR I am paying by Bank Transfer Sort Code **30-92-99** Account **00167544** Please mark your transferred payment **Bournville**.