

Banbury Castle

Did you know?

There was once a big castle in the middle of Banbury.

It had round towers and a moat.

King Charles I visited the castle for dinner.



Beaumaris Castle in Wales. Banbury's castle was similar

Pick an idea and have a go!

Make a 'junk model' castle, or draw a picture.

Pretend to be a King or Queen, or write a story about the castle.

Enjoy a film, story or song about castles, Kings or Queens.

Use the facts and links below, or create your own activity.

Extra facts

- Banbury Castle was built of brown ironstone where Castle Quay shopping centre now is.
- It was built around 1200 and demolished in 1648. The townspeople got permission to knock it down because they were so tired of people fighting over it during the English Civil War, 1642-1646. They used the stone to build houses in the town.
- In November 1644, King Charles I came to dinner at the castle.

Extra links

<https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/members-area/kids/guide-to-castles/cardboard-castle/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/3sxbCWg73hTNtYCS0xnwPcH/how-do-you-build-a-medieval-castle-from-scratch>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Beaumaris_Castle

https://kids.kiddle.co/Charles_I_of_England

Banbury Museum & Gallery