



She is best remembered for the book she wrote about her childhood. Called *Her People*, it was published in 1982.

Carl Chinn observes that Kathleen's books 'bring to the fore hunger, bad housing, overcrowding, insanitary conditions, ill health, the spectre of debt, coldness, and scanty clothing. But they also highlight the importance of neighbourliness and kinship networks in the battle against poverty, the vitality of women, and the joy that came from sing-songs, the playing of games and hop-picking outings.' Kathleen died in January 2003, a few days short of her 100th birthday.

In 2012, Dayus Square in Hockley was dedicated to her.



The **Kathleen Dayus Trail** was created in 2016. It is part of the *Birmingham's Lost Communities* project, which was created by Midland Actors Theatre.

8 Jewellery Quarter Museum

7 Warstone Lane Cemetery

6 Chamberlain Clock

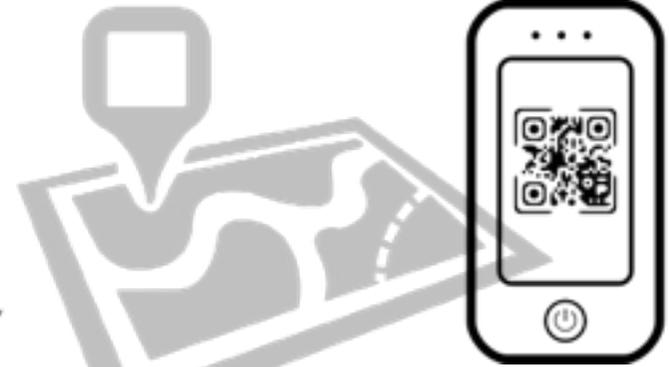
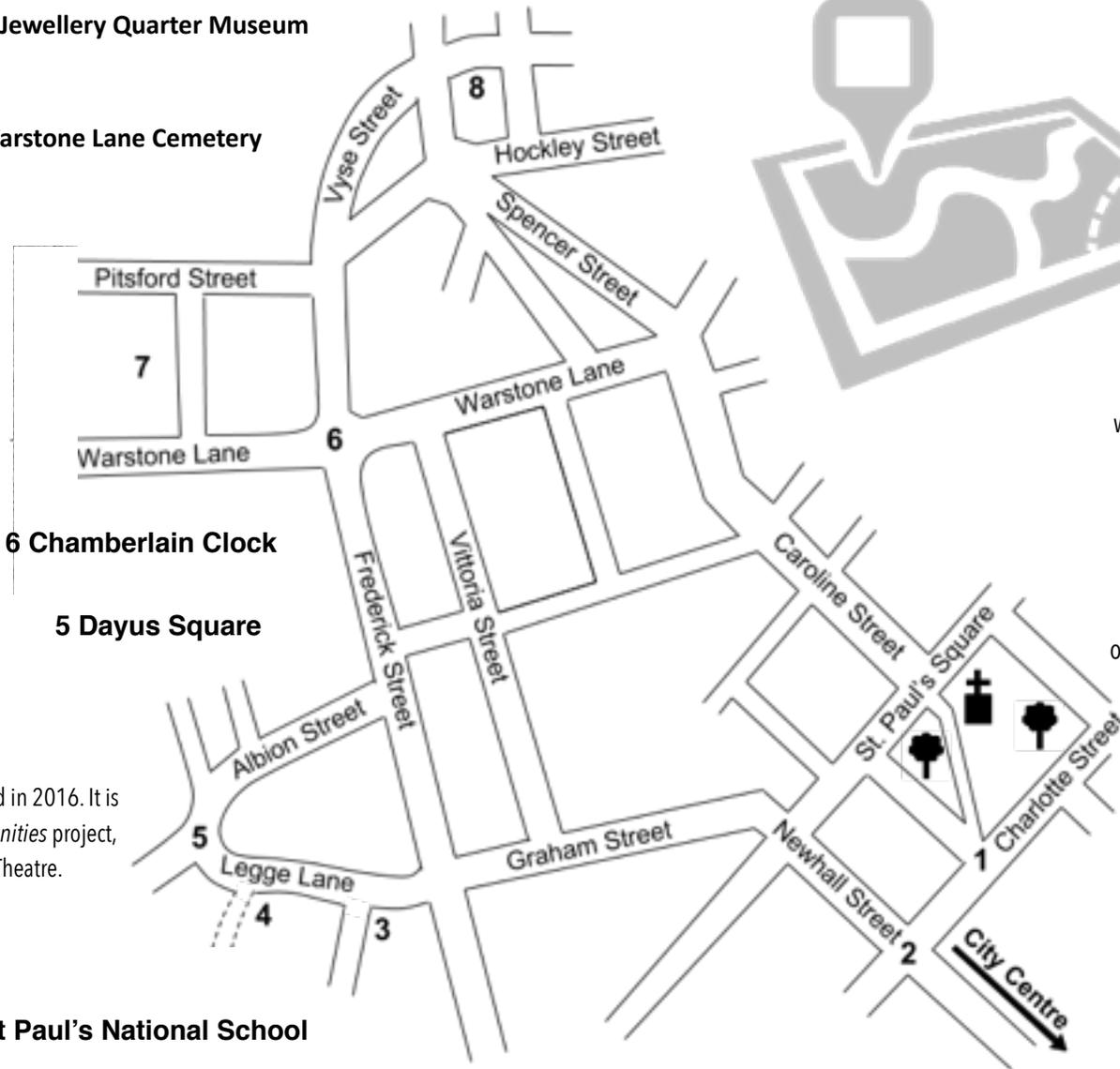
5 Dayus Square

4 St Paul's National School

3 Home - Camden Drive

2 Newhall Street

1 St Paul's Square



The trail begins a short walk from the City Centre. There are eight points along the trail for you to stop and access information by scanning the QR code on the map on your Smartphone. This information is also available on the website.



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# IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF KATHLEEN DAYUS