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 age: from
 5 to 10 years

TREASURE HUNT AROUND THE CENTRE OF SANT CELONI.

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1. HOSPITAL VELL

When the town of Sant Celoni had already grown quite a lot, the building you see in front of you was built, the former Hospital of Sant Antoni Abad.

2. "DE LES HORES" GATEWAY

As the Middle Ages were a very dangerous time, the town locked itself in at night with very large doors. Travellers that stopped in Sant Celoni used to spend the night in the town and when the gates opened again in the morning, they continued their journey.

3. CHURCH

When Sant Celoni grew and the people no longer fitted into the church of Sant Martí de Pertegàs, which we will visit afterwards, this church was built. It was much more spacious and located closer to the houses.

4. MAJOR STREET

Major Street, which was the former Royal Road that all travellers used, was home to very important families, such as the family of Soler de Vilardell, the knight that I talked to you about before.

5. VILA SQUARE

La Plaça de la Vila was a meeting place for traders and people from town, who had long been coming to buy and sell at the market that took place in the plaza and under the arches, which are called "voltes". Nowadays, the plaza is where the most important events take place, and some of them have even been commemorated through a sculpture! The "Ball de gitanes" is a typical dance of Vallès and the one of Sant Celoni has its own unique music, dancing and costumes.

6. FORÇA NEIGHBORHOOD

Welcome to my neighbourhood!
 I was born here in the oldest part of Sant Celoni. The so-called La Força district was surrounded by walls and, as I told you before, it was closed at night in order to protect us from possible assailants. People that lived in the neighbourhood really liked to decorate the entrances to their houses and this was also a way to advertise their businesses. Some of these decorations can still be seen today.

7. CAN CASQUET TOWER

In addition to the doors that shut off access to the district on the walls there were 5 watchtowers to ensure that nobody with bad intentions approached. Also, there was another system to protect us; the wall was surrounded by a moat (or valley) that was filled with water when there was danger.

8. FORÇA TOWER

The Tower of La Força was restored in 2009 so that anybody who wants to can see what it was like in medieval times. When more peaceful times arrived and it was no longer necessary to have constant surveillance, this tower was turned into a property, with a stable in the lower part and a room in the upper part.

9. SANT PONÇ

In the Middle Ages there were also a lot of illnesses. One of them, leprosy, was very contagious, which made it necessary to build a hospital quite a long way from the town in order to prevent all of the residents from getting sick.

10. PERTEGÀS PROMENADE

The Pertegàs walkway is one of the most pleasant places in Sant Celoni. Here we are right next to nature and the forest, which was very important for us. Thanks to the forest and the mountain, we were able to obtain lots of good things that enabled us to live better, like firewood to heat ourselves, food, and wood to make tools, in order to farm the fields. We obtained water from the river Pertegàs, which is where this walkway takes its name from.

11. RECTORIA VELLA PARK

In this large garden we find the old church of Sant Martí de Pertegàs. This was the first church that was built in Sant Celoni and the parish was a very important place because it was where people came to pray, and also to meet residents that lived in country peasant (payés) houses that were very spread out, so they did not see them very often. This is much older than the parish church of Sant Martí.

12. ESCORXADOR

The building in front of you was the town's abattoir. It was built here because this location was isolated from the centre, which helped to avoid bad odours and the spread of illness and infection. The building now houses the municipal library.

