



# Wymondham Abbey

## An Abbey Lion Hunt



How many lions can you find in the Abbey?

Some of them are well camouflaged. You'll have to look hard to see them !

**1. Find the stone font near the door. This is used when babies are baptised (Christened).**

The font has 8 panels. One shows a lion. What's on its back? \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Font base.** There were little lions supporting the font. What's happened to them?



**3. North aisle roof**

How many lions are on the stone carvings (called *corbels*) that support the roof timbers? Are they fierce or friendly?

**4. North aisle painted window**

Look for the little lions' faces. How many can you see? \_\_\_\_\_

**5. North aisle wall monument to Robert Seaborne, 1695**

There's one lion inside the shield. Where is there another one? \_\_\_\_\_

**6. Royal Coat of Arms – a big painting it at the back of the church.**

What is this lion wearing on his head? \_\_\_\_\_

**7. Nave roof** Stand near the back of the church and look up to the roof. There's a lion up there!

Where is it? \_\_\_\_\_

**8. The Brass Lectern** (This holds the bible and is in the shape of an eagle).

Where are the lions her? \_\_\_\_\_

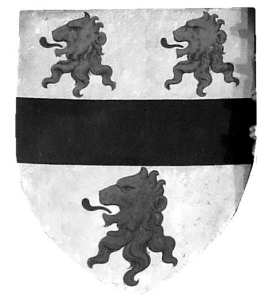
**9. The altar screen**

Find lions on one of the shields. What colour are they? \_\_\_\_\_

**10. South aisle floor monuments**

Which families buried here have lions on their shields?

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_



### Explanation

The lion is the "king of beasts", because it is so fierce, strong and wise.

For this reason, lions are often found on badges, like the three lions on the England shield.

Lions on badges are usually *rampant* (standing up ready to strike) or *passant* (walking).

In churches, the lion is the symbol of St. Mark. This is because Mark's Gospel opens with John the Baptist "crying in the wilderness" (like a lion).

The winged lion is also one of the four winged creatures mentioned in the Old Testament Book of Ezekiel and again in the Book of Revelations.

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