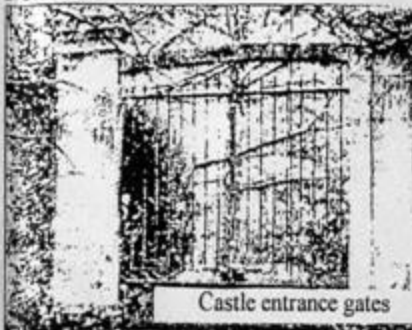


A Walk in the Village Center

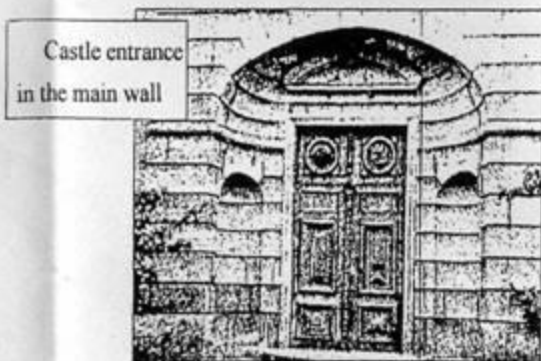
Go down the old cattle market place, through the passage 10 between the square's supporting wall, and the renovated house. Go on down the market place 11, the path narrows



Castle entrance gates

to reach a little Square (Place des Ormeaux) 12. Go past the renovated houses and turn left under an arched doorway (La Porte Basse) 13. Go back up through the streets as far as the castle ramparts. There is a view point at Sol de l'Hoste 14 under the ramparts' discharging arches.

Turn right on the grassy hedge-lined path of La Tourelle, which will bring you back to the beginning, with a detour on the left beyond an old damaged metal balustrade, meeting up with the tarmac road on the right on which you will arrive.



Castle entrance
in the main wall



Ravelin's
Cross



Castle Turret

Milhars

Visiting the old village



Bonnan Waterfall

The ramparts

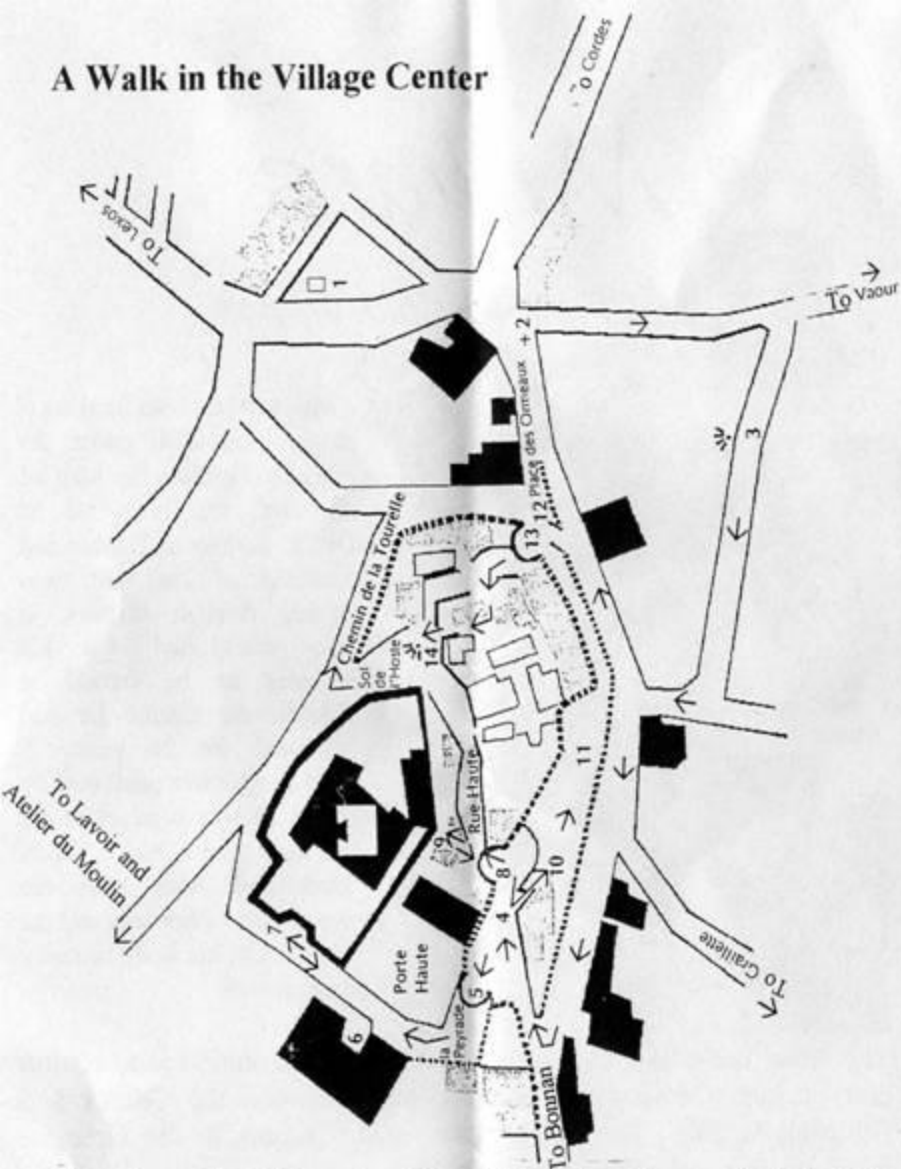
The miraculous healing

In the year 654, under the reign of Sigebert the king of Ausrasie, the body of St Didier, bishop of Cahors and treasurer of Dagobert, was carried through Milhars. It was transported by his servants to be buried at Cahors, the church he had governed for 26 years. A woman who was possessed by the devil was brought to his coffin. She had barely touched the side when the possession of her soul and the torments of her body instantly disappeared.

This little medieval village which was essentially organized to control entry to the Cérou valley (the passage between the Quercy and Albigeois regions) and the Bonnan valley (access to the Grésigne forest), will reveal its two aspects to you.

Structurally, it consists of winding constructions clinging to a small rocky outcrop beneath a feudal castle which was restored in 1630. It is often called "the village of walls". These walls make up one of the striking and characteristic elements of the village. To appear warm they have been covered with light ochre. Picturesque relics bear witness to its rich past : horse-shoe shaped ramparts with wonderful arrow-slits, and fortified gates.

A Walk in the Village Center



Start from the Information Point (Place des Marronniers) 1. Take the tarmac road of Cargomietze, crossing the D600 between the bakery and the stone cross (Alric's Cross) 2

100 meters further on, after a short steep path, take the hedge-lined path on the right: there is a view point 3 over the entire village. 100m along a path overlooking an enclosed garden, get back on the tarmac road on the left under the ramparts. Turn right at the top, toward the old village.

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Climbing up through the ramparts

Starting on the Place du Ravelin 4

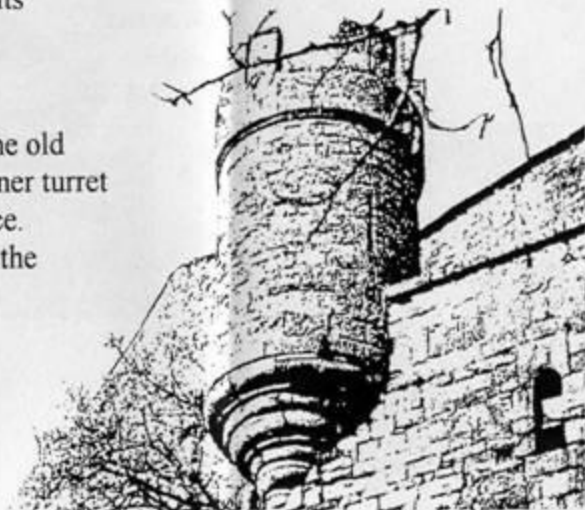
Visiting the castle entrance: take the castle door (Porte haute)5 on the left. Go in front of an Information point (the village history is in the guardroom). Climb up for 30m on the Peyrade, then turn right.

You go in front of a farm (the old castle stables)6 and 20m further on, the castle gate7. Retrace your steps as far as the Place du Ravelin.

Visiting La Rue Haute (the High Road):

Go underneath the arched doorway 8 located between the tower and the house overlooked by its pigeonier (pigeon house).

Walk 50m between the old houses, under the corner turret 9 and the castle terrace. Retrace your steps to the Square.



The castle corner turret