

Please follow the Countryside Code

- Be safe, plan ahead and follow any signs
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Protect plants and animals and take your litter home
- Keep dogs under close control
- Consider other people

Saltash Walk Seven: Saltash to Botus Fleming Church and Animal Pound

Length of Route: 4.4km

Details: Total distance there and back, from the Carkeel A38 Footbridge, two and a half very hilly miles, mainly on Countryside Roads. With the possible addition of a one and a quarter mile diversion to Moditonham Quay.

Then down the road to the right, to the stream - the Saltash Town Border Boundary Stone is hidden just behind a small tree over the stream - at Smallacombe.

From Smallacombe continued along the road past Sunnybrook to the Road junction.

From there return to Saltash now going uphill along the outward-bound route.

On the A388 at Carkeel go as far along the Footway as possible to make sure you can see both ways before crossing to the Footway on the other side of the very busy road.

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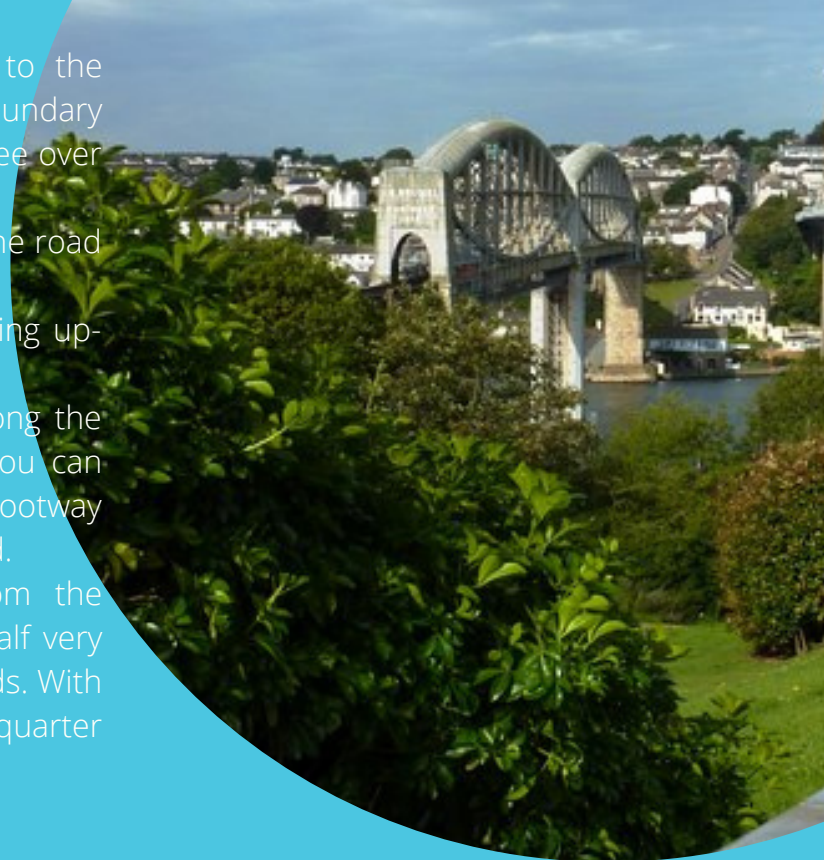
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Countryside Walks in Saltash

NUMBER 7 OF 7 IN A SERIES OF WALKS EXPLORING THE GATEWAY TO CORNWALL





Saltash to Botus Fleming Church and Animal Pound

From the Waitrose end of the Footbridge that crosses the A38 at Carkeel turn left and go along the Bridleway, parallel to the A388, to Avery Way.

At the Roundabout use the island in the middle of the A388 to cross to the Footway on the other side of the road and walk towards Carkeel. (noting the proposed Roundabout, the development of Treledan to the left and the II (2) mile to S (Saltash Ferry) Milestone on the right).

Walk past a Bus Stop and Carkeel Barns and go to the end of the Footway. (noting the remains of the old village pump on the opposite side of the road). At Southdown Cottages where you can see both ways along the very busy road take great care and cross over the A388 to the Royal Mail Post-box.

Go along the road with Thorn Bank Cottage to the right and follow the road to the fork in the road near Coombe Rise. Take the left-hand fork following the road downhill past East View to the road junction.

Then follow the Botus Fleming Road Sign. (Spelt Botusfleming on Ordnance Survey Maps).

Continue downhill past East Town Farm to the stream (which is the Saltash Town Boundary – noting the fallen over Boundary Stone) You are now going out of Saltash and into Botus Fleming (or Botusfleming).

At the Botus Fleming / Moditonham Road 'T' junction ahead follow the road to Botus Fleming (or for an addition to the walk go to Moditonham Quay and back - a distance of about one and a quarter mile. Moditonham House - a mansion stood here since the 14th Century, the present building was rebuilt in 1660 and extended in 1760. Opposite the house and visible from the lane, there is a ruinous old Dovecote. Next to the Quay is Pineapple Farm: formerly the Pineapple Inn: The Wheal Sophia Mine is visible from the Quay.

Follow the road to Botus Fleming, passing what was the Methodist Chapel and the Rising Sun Public House, to the road junction at St. Marys House. The War Memorial and Lych Gate to the Churchyard is just downhill on the left.

But if you continue just a little further along the road to the right, going past the 'new' cemetery you will find the Botufleming Animal Pound - a good place to rest and picnic.

At the Lych Gate into the Churchyard note the CWGC sign saying there is one War Grave in the Churchyard – Saltash Home-guard Ernest Townsend was killed whilst returning home from a Home-guard drill by a stray German Bomber dropping bombs on the village. He is buried in his wife's grave – she had died some years before him. His name is also on the Botus Fleming War Memorial. Their grave is just past the Coffin Rest, immediately left of the path.

Not far from that grave is the prominent white marble grave of 18-year-old 2nd Saltash Boy Scout Donald Noel Cummins. He was a member of Saltash Scout Auxiliary Fire Service and was killed at Saltash GWR Goods Station during another bombing raid. His brother and another Boy Scout were badly injured.

From there go to the Church Porch - the seat there provides a good place to rest and reflect while looking at the Village Stocks, the Sundial over the Porch dated 1787 and inscription "Time's on the Way and Death Approaches. The hour's uncertain". – then follow the path that goes towards the back gate: then go along a lane.

Notice the Bidwell well. This was the original source of water for the village, it never ran dry. In 1894 it was in a ruinous state and was rebuilt, Then the water was piped to a nearby pump. The statue of the Virgin Mary in the well was given by the Loam family of Moditonham House.

At the road turn right, go past the old School building - closed in 1963.