



Explore Folkestone On Foot

If you have time, visit Folkestone's famous Leas

There are a number of interesting features and buildings.

- 1 Charles Dickens' House "Copperfield", Albion Villas, Priory Gardens (also visited by novelist Wilkie Collins)
- 2 The Road of Remembrance and Leas with the War Memorials and Centenary Arch
- 3 The unique Water Balance Lift on The Leas, opened in 1885
- 4 The Leas Cliff Hall built in 1927
- 5 The William Harvey Statue
- 6 The Leas Bandstand built in 1895
- 7 The Zig Zag Pulhamite Path between the Leas Cliff Hall and Bandstand will take you down to the Coastal Park;
- 8 Or continue to the magnificent Victorian buildings that are The Metropole and The Grand.



Bandstand



Water Balance Lift

About the Folkestone Townscape Heritage Initiative

The Folkestone Townscape Heritage Initiative (FTHI) is a partnership between Kent County Council, Shepway District Council and the Creative Foundation and has been developed thanks to funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

FTHI will improve the townscape through:

- Repair and conservation of in-use buildings
- Reinstatement of architectural features
- Bringing vacant historic floor space back into use
- Enhancing routes, paths, steps and public space.

FTHI is pleased to involve residents and visitors in the project

Part of FTHI Initiative project focuses on training and community activities.

Some examples of these are:

- Roving exhibitions
- Guided walks
- Heritage interpretation
- Community heritage talks
- Children's guided walks
- Heritage festivals
- Heritage open days
- Construction training
- Apprenticeships
- Building recording
- Graduate internships.

We hope this series of short walks will encourage you to explore and seek out Folkestone's hidden secrets and leave you wanting to come back for more. Richard Piper BSc (Hons) MRICS, FTHI Project Manager.

For more information, please visit: www.folkestonethi.org

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Secrets of the Seafront

Harbour Street through to Fish Market and Sunny Sands

Walk 1: A 20 minute walk - mainly flat, some cobbles

The picturesque harbour has seen many changes over the centuries with industry such as its fishing fleet, and cross channel operations serving Boulogne just 24 miles away up until the year 2000. The harbour is still ever changing and you will be sure to find something new on each visit.

The town has grown significantly since 1843 with the introduction of the railway. Passengers on trains such as the Orient Express would have been charmed by the attractions of Victorian and Edwardian Folkestone.

Stand in front of the Grand Burstin and imagine steam trains reaching their destination with passengers continuing across the channel on tall ships and steamers.



Folkestone Harbour

During World War 1, millions of service men and women departed from Folkestone, many never to return. These are now remembered through the Centenary Arch and War Memorials at the top of the Road of Remembrance on The Leas. (Walk 3 and beyond).

See if you can find some of our features and landmarks:

- 1 The Harbour Square Fountain... great in the summer!
- 2 Rocksalt and Smokehouse, two fabulous restaurants and Chummy's, famous seafood stall
- 3 Folkestone's Fishermen on the Fish Market building and Folkestone's Fishing boats marked 'FE'
- 4 The Folkestone Mermaid overlooking the 'Sunny Sands'
- 5 Martello Tower No. 3 on the East Cliff.



Cornelia Parker's, The Folkestone Mermaid at Sunny Sands

Creative Quarter

Harbour Street, through The Old High Street to Folkestone Town Centre

Walk 2: A 20-30 minute walk - includes the cobbled picturesque The Old High Street

Take a stroll up through the Creative Quarter to Folkestone Town Centre where you will find great shops and galleries and a wide range of excellent eating places to suite all budgets and tastes.

The Old High Street connects The Bayle with the Harbour. This narrow street contains a range of interesting buildings, some dating back to the 16th Century and many undergoing significant work thanks to the Townscape Heritage Initiative and the Creative Foundation.

From The Old High Street, you can connect with the yellow route via the Bayle Steps, or continue to enjoy the town.

The route will take you into Rendezvous Street and Guildhall Street where you will find Folkestone's Town Hall and a range of familiar high street names, together with many independent shops, cafes and restaurants. So whether you stop for breakfast, lunch, dinner, morning coffee or afternoon tea, you will be spoilt for choice!



The Creative Quarter

See if you can find some of our features and landmarks:

- 1 Creative Quarter
- 2 Townscape Heritage Initiative Buildings, Nos. 18- 24 and 23-27 The Old High Street
- 3 The Baptist Church, now The Samuel Peto (JD Wetherspoon)
- 4 Café Culture and artwork in Rendezvous Street and Market Place
- 5 The Town Hall at Guildhall Street (check it out for current exhibitions and tourist information services).



Folkestone Town Hall

A Saintly Place

Harbour Street, take the Parade Steps (steep) to The Bayle

Walk 3: A 20-30 minute walk - contains steep steps to The Parade*

The Bayle is accessible by several routes and on arrival, it's hard to imagine this tranquil place was once home to ancient beasts such as Palaeolithic era Hippos who used to roam here.

In the 11th Century, a wooden castle stood here. Prior to this it was the site of the Saxon St. Eanswythe's Priory established in about 630 AD. Eanswythe, daughter of King Eadbald of Kent, rejected her father's plans for marriage and instead asked the King to establish a Priory within which she could take up the religious life. The Priory was abandoned after Viking raids circa 9th Century. Two further Benedictine Priors were founded but both were dissolved by Henry VIII in 1535.



St. Mary and St. Eanswythe's Church

At the head of The Bayle stands St. Mary and St. Eanswythe's Church. Largely rebuilt in the 19th Century, the font and arcade of the chancel date back to the 13th Century. In 1885 a lead casket containing the remains of a young woman was found in the church walls. The remains are said to be those of St. Eanswythe and rest there to this day.

See if you can find some of our features and landmarks:

- 1 The stone Phoenix on 'Shangri-la' at the top of the Parade Steps
- 2 The Guildhall Public House; built about 1848 and originally known as The Globe Inn
- 3 The Bayle Pond - (Landscape in the 1920's) is the terminus of a unique 6th century aqueduct
- 4 Beware the Lion guarding the British Lion Public House, one of the oldest in the area
- 5 The Parish Church of St. Mary and St. Eanswythe.



War Memorials and Centenary Arch

*Alternatively, reverse walk using steep gradual route available via the Road of Remembrance