



A hike around historic Clevedon

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Clevedon is abundant with heritage gems that can be seen on an interesting route around the town.

The key landmarks, complete with their historical background, are listed below.

Thank you to Clevedon Civic Society's environment group for allowing *Life* to use their route.

1 Green beach fountain

This Grade Two Listed structure was built in 1883/84 by the Reverend I S Neuman in memory of his late wife. It was restored by Clevedon Civic Society in 1990.

The finial was missing prior to restoration, but an early photo showed the design of the original feature. A new one was made to match but was then ripped off by vandals and thrown in the sea. It was spotted stuck in the mud - rescued, repainted and re-fixed.

2 Bandstand

This is one of Clevedon's iconic structures and the civic society has

been working with North Somerset Council to restore it.

Phase one has consisted of work to the fascia panels and the repainting of the ceiling and columns. Phase two will involve the replacement of the timber panels.

3 Victorian shelter

The shelter was restored by the society in 2002 when the original pitched roof was replaced.

4 Marine Lake

Built in 1929, the lake is an important feature on Clevedon seafront.

The society has been working with North Somerset Council to help obtain Heritage Lottery Funding to repair the sea wall and improve the whole area around the lake.

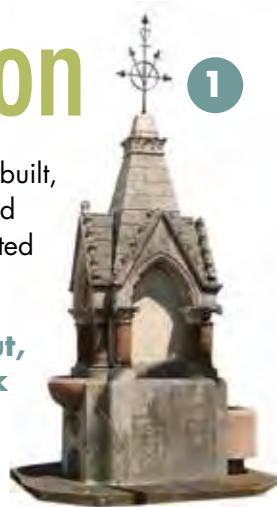
5 Circular seat, Poets Walk

This area was created by the society to commemorate George Case who was chairman of the local history group and society president for many years.

The new seat was built, the area paved and the new railings fitted in 2001.

6 The lookout, Poets Walk

Originally built in 1835 by Ferdinand Beeston, the lookout is said to have been used by the Finzel family (sugar importers) to view ships coming from the West Indies. The original structure was rebuilt by the society in 2006.



7 Zig-zag steps

The steps were re-opened by the Poets Walk Group led by Angela Slotte, a member of the society's environment group. The bollard at the top of the steps was also discovered when shrubs were cleared.

8 Entrance arch, Salthouse Fields

Designed by Mike Graham, then chairman of the environment group, the arch was erected in 2004.

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9 Victoria Road fountain

This fountain was originally constructed in 1867 and sited in the Triangle where the Clock Tower now stands. It was moved to its present location in 1893 to make way for the Queen Victoria Jubilee clock. It was in a very poor state of repair when it was restored by the society in 1989 and the missing lamp was added.

10 Spray Point Garden and peace memorial

This garden was the idea of Catherine Thomas and Mary Brueton, members of the environment group in the mid 1980s. For many years after this, the garden was looked after by a local resident, Mr Munday, and there is a seat and plaque in his memory.

The peace memorial commemorates those who died in the South African wars. Below it, in Seavale Road, is the site of the old donkey stand.

11 Tree and seat, Seavale Road

The circular metal seat was erected in 2002 to celebrate The Queen's golden jubilee.

The tree in the centre is a hornbeam and was planted in 2004 to replace the original tree planted in 1977 to mark The Queen's silver jubilee.

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12 Six ways roundabout

The concept for a landscaped island was the idea of Ron King, a member of the environment group in the late 1980s. The previous island was very small and was probably the remaining base of the large decorative clock that had been erected there to celebrate the coronation of Edward VII.

13 Gazebo in Alexandra Gardens

This rose-covered gazebo was built in memory of Lady Margaret Elton, for many years the president of the society, following her death in 1995.

14 Drinking trough, Marine Hill

This was erected in 1901/02 in memory of Edward Long-Davies by his sister. The trough was restored by the society.

15 Doulton fountain, Alexandra Road

This Grade Two Listed fountain was built in 1895 by Mr Sheldon, a wealthy merchant, living in Hill Road. It was restored by the society in 1992 when the two damaged bowls were replaced.



16 Viewing area, Pier Copse

Opened in 2010, the viewing area was built to mark the 40th anniversary of the founding of the Clevedon Civic Society. The work involved alterations to the planters, new stainless steel seats, new paving and the 'sunflower' feature.