PLACES OF INTEREST

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ST. LAWRENCE'S CHURCH - BARDNEY

Lord Cromwell of Tattershall built the chancel of St. Lawrence's Church (1434). The church contains several interesting items: stones from the Abbey, the tombstone of Abbot Horncastle (1508) and several rare charity boards.

THE POPLARS (SENEY HOUSE) - SOUTHREY

Monks practised a form of preventative medicine, common in medieval England, called 'blood letting'. Effacious or not, it was extremely debilitating and monks retired to the Seney House to recover. However, there is an indication that other activities took place here and at one time the abbot was instructed to replace the woman running the house with a man!

TUPHOLME ABBEY

Founded by Premonstratensians (white canons) between 1155 - 1166. Tupholme, with only about a dozen monks, was not a wealthy abbey. One hard pressed abbot resorted to forgery to buy goods in the 14th century! One refectory wall remains with a stone pulpit where the scriptures were read during meals. Nowadays just a friendly flock of Soay sheep browse amongst a wealth of wildlife and plants around the picnic site.

KINGS MOUND

A legend claims that this is the burial mound of Ethelred, King of Mercia (founder of Bardney Abbey), who reigned for thirty years before resigning to become abbot of Bardney in the 8th century. However, archaeologists now believe the mound to be Bardney Abbey's rabbit warren, a source of food for the monks.

BARDNEY ABBEY

This abbey was a centre for pilgrimage for hundreds of years. Originally founded in the 7th century and dissolved in the 16th, after four monks were involved in the Lincolnshire Rising. Little remains today apart from earth works. However, it is possible to make out where the great church stood. The site is a scheduled Ancient Monument.

BARDNEY WAR MEMORIAL

On Bardney village green there is a memorial to RAF Bardney and IX Sqn. It is made from the three-bladed propeller and spinner from a Lancaster and a piece of Norwegian stone, mounted in a low wall. Set into the wall is a plaque to the personnel on IX Sqn. The stone is from Kåfjord in Norway and marks the contribution of the Norwegian resistance in the Sqn's attack against the German battleship Tirpitz.

FURTHER INFORMATION

PLACES TO EAT

The Bards, Bardney: 01526 398376 The Black Horse, Bardney: 01526 398900 The Nags Head, Bardney: 01526 399100 The Riverside Inn, Southrey: 01526 398374

PLACES TO VISIT

For information on the many interesting churches which can be found along this route, see the West Lindsey Churches Guide, available from the Tourism Development Unit.

OTHER CYCLE ROUTES

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WEST LINDSEY DISTRICT the highpoint of Lincolnshire





Ordnance Survey Landranger 121

RIDE GUIDE

LENGTH OF RIDERoute 1: 9.5 miles

TERRAIN
Fairly level

START

Bardney Post Office

PARKING

On-street parking at Bardney

RAIL AND BUS INFORMATION

Telephone: 0870 608 2608 Traveline www.lincsinterconnect.com www.nationalrail.com

CYCLE ROUTE 1

ROUTE LENGTH C

ON-ROAD

OFF-ROAD 21/2 Miles

GENERAL ROUTE DESCRIPTION

This cycle route is one of two cycle routes, based on the historic village of Bardney. While rough in places, the route is fairly level, though a tough challenge on the off-road sections.



ROUTE DESCRIPTION

ROUTE DIRECTIONS

- 1 From Bardney Post Office (opposite the War Memorial) cross into Church Lane, pass St. Lawrence's Church and the Methodist Chapel to a t-junction.
- 2 Turn left onto B1190 for about a quarter of a mile.
- 3 Turn left onto the signed bridleway track (before bungalow no. 79).

 Bardney Sugar Mill is visible to the right.
- Turn left onto the farm track after passing the wood. Continue for three quarters of a mile to The Poplars, which is on your left (site of Bardney Abbey's Seney House).
- 5 Turn right at The Poplars into Highthorpe (lane) continuing past the thatched cottages, to a t-junction in Southrey.
- 6 At the above t-junction turn left, then right onto a bridleway across a field. In the second field this becomes a bumpy path leading to a green bridge. Continue up hill staying on the track, through two gates. Continue for about a quarter of a mile.
- 7 Turn left onto another bridleway, along a green track, keeping ahead through a gate, past a farmhouse on the right, to Tupholme Abbey.
- 8 Pass the Abbey to join the road.
- 9 Turn right onto the B1190 for about 200 yards.
- 10 Turn left onto a narrow lane.
- 11 At the t-junction turn left.
- Beyond Scotsgrove Farmhouse, turn right into the farmyard, left onto the field and right to another gate leading to a green lane. Continue along this green lane.
- 13 Turn right onto the B1202 and left onto a bridleway. Follow this track past the Kings Mound and through a gate to a small lane beside an old water tower. Turn right following the road through a farm to visit the site of Bardney Abbey.
- 14 Return to the water tower and follow the lane back into Bardney village centre.

