

WALK NO 6

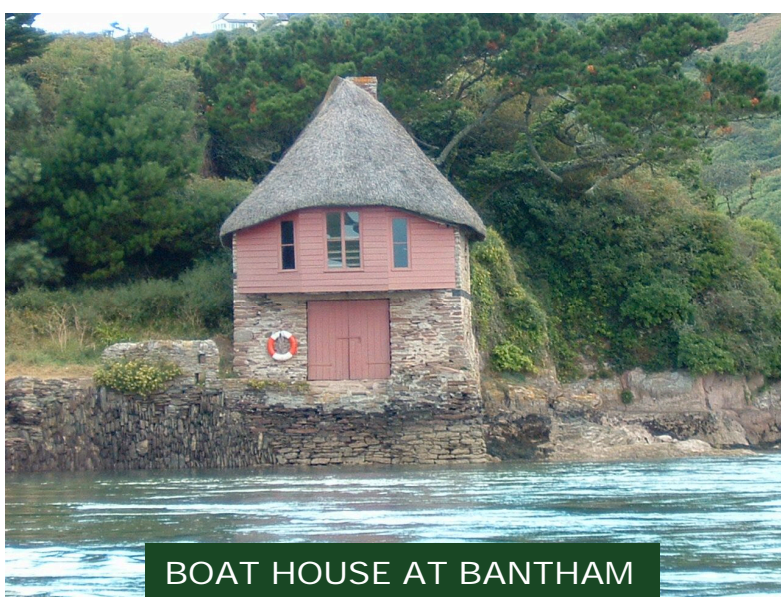
BIGBURY-ON-SEA - CLEMATON HILL - BURGH ISLAND
(Incorporating Public Footpaths numbers 18, 10 and permissive paths from Folly Farm to Cockleridge and some on Burgh Island)

Distance: Approx 2½ miles Grading: Easy/Moderate

Time: Approx 1½ hours

This walk starts and finishes at the Bigbury-on-Sea car park. It takes in both coast path and beach walking encompassing wonderful views and seascapes. You will see an abundance of seabirds on the Avon estuary and Cormorants on the rocks on Burgh Island.

Starting from Bigbury-on-Sea car park proceed in an easterly direction towards Folly Hill. After leaving the car park turn right and to avoid walking down the road to Sedgewell, take the coast path on the right. On reaching the beach turn left and after a few yards a fingerpost and a National Trust sign directs you onto Clematon Hill. Although this is only a short stretch, on reaching the top the views in all directions compensate for this. Proceeding on the well-marked path a sign will direct you left on reaching the chain link fence. But before taking this direction, bear right and then left again following the chain link fence until after a short distance you reach the end of the cliff top. The views at this point are superb. Now retrace your steps turning right at the corner of the chain link fence. The path now goes past numerous properties on Clematon Hill before descending to the road just below the Henley Hotel. There is now no option but to continue walking up the hill to Folly Hill farm.



BOAT HOUSE AT BANTHAM

undoubtedly some of the finest in the parish.

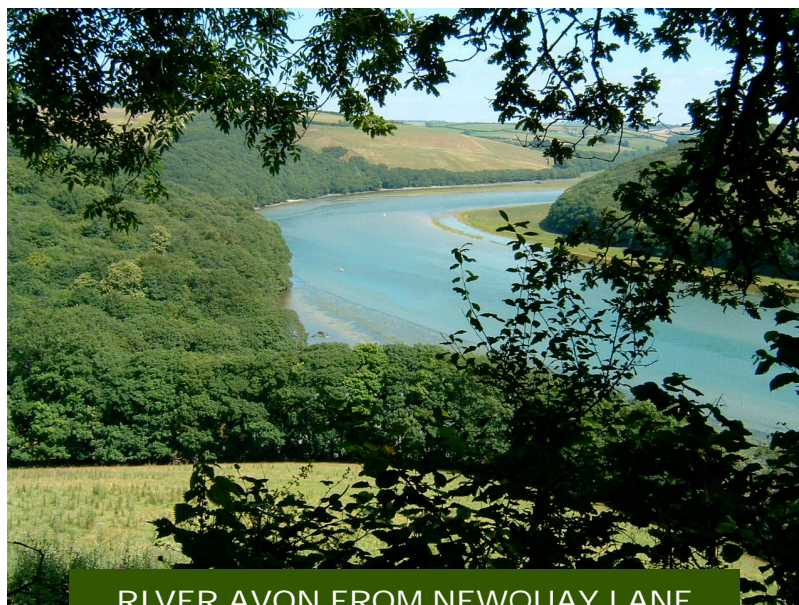
On reaching the farm go through the farmyard and follow the coast path signs. Soon a stile is reached and after crossing this descend through fields on a well-marked path until Cockleridge is reached. It is worth taking your time over this stretch, as the views to Bantham and the Avon estuary in an easterly direction and to Burgh Island to the west, are

Follow the fingerpost directions that say Coast Path and on reaching a second post it will direct you left towards Bigbury. The path is clearly marked and starts to ascend through trees until reaching a stile. Cross the stile and keeping the field edge to your right continue ascending and follow the signs which will eventually direct you left to a tarmac drive adjacent to the golf course.

Follow the path until it begins to descend to the clubhouse. At the foot of the incline there is a sign at an intersection. Turn right at this point crossing over a cattle grid and descend along the well-marked track to Hexdown Farm.

The path goes through the farmyard and passes the new barn development before bearing right towards woodland adjacent to Villa Crusoe. On reaching the woodland go through a gate and continue along this path until reaching the tarmac drive at Newquay Lane. Please note that the Quay at this point is private property and access is only possible with the consent of the owners of Villa Crusoe.

The well-defined drive now ascends gradually to Lincombe before reaching the main road adjacent to the golf course. Turn left at this junction and continue along the road until the next corner is reached. At this junction with Colt lane turn right for a few yards until a track is seen on the left.



RIVER AVON FROM NEWQUAY LANE

Go along the track until the junction at Bowling Green Cross is reached.

Turn left at the cross and descend down the lane until reaching the bottom. At this point go through the second field entrance on your right bearing left up to a field gate. Pass through the gate turning left and proceed upwards along a well-used farm track until reaching a kissing gate in the corner of the field.

After passing through the kissing gate turn right and keeping the field edge to the right proceed until reaching the next field. At the entrance to the field the path now continues diagonally across it before reaching a kissing gate in the corner of the field. Go through the gate turning left and follow the well-marked field path, which will return you to Folly Farm.