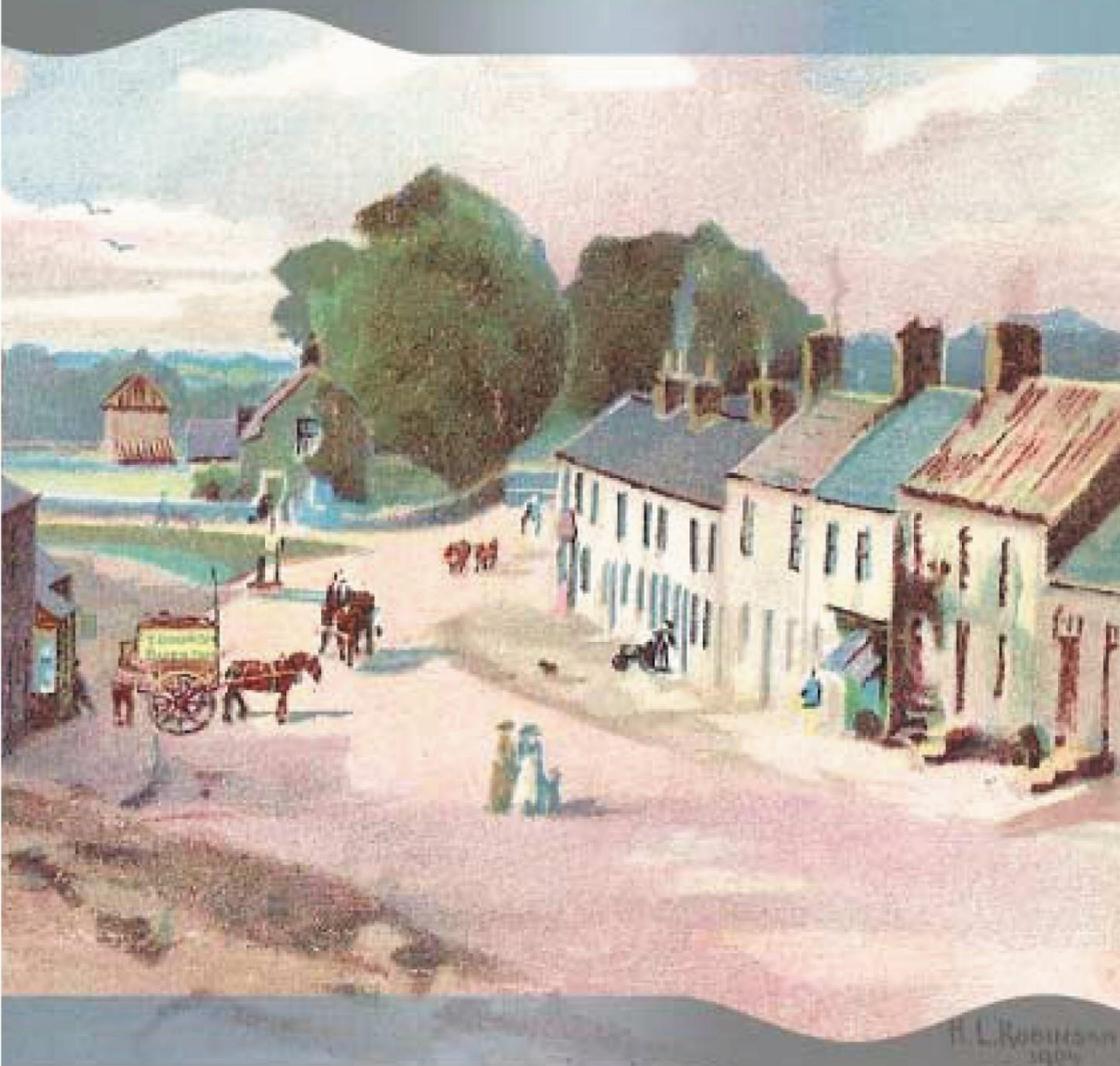


Embleton Parish Heritage Trails



Explore the history of this
Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty



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.

Although the walks included are simple, the weather in North Northumberland can be changeable so suitable clothing should be worn.

The text mentions several buildings which are now private homes. Please respect the privacy of the owners of these properties.

All the walks are suitable for taking your dog along but please ensure it is kept under control and on a leash when necessary, especially during lambing time.

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Walk No. 2

Embleton – Low Newton – High Newton – Embleton

This 5.3 mile, 8.5km route follows public rights of way from Embleton, down to Embleton Bay and along the coast to picturesque Low Newton and on to High Newton returning through agricultural land to Embleton.



① Leave the village green next to the Dunstanburgh Castle Hotel and proceed up the hill, past the village shop. Continue over the brow of the hill into Sea Lane. Keep to the footpath on the left hand side, pass the Sportsman Inn on your right and join the footpath enclosed by hedges. Follow the path down to the golf club.

② Cross the golf course using the track and just before you reach the bridge over Embleton Burn turn left towards the north and walk parallel to the coast. When the land rises steeply do not turn to the beach but climb up the slope towards the bungalows. The path, which is clearly marked, at first follows the edge of the golf course but then moves towards the coast, passing among the bungalows. A

③ The path emerges close to the Newton Pool Nature Reserve boundary (National Trust).

For those wanting a short walk turn left here and follow the path across the fields until it meets the path returning from High Newton. Turn left and walk to the road. For those continuing keep the Nature Reserve to your left and follow the path around the pool, past the hide, to meet a well-made track close to Risemoor House. Follow this track into Low Newton. B

④ Leave Low Newton by the main road up the hill.

For those wanting to reduce the length of the walk continue up the road until you see the Joiners Arms - in High Newton. Almost opposite this you will see a path signposted to Embleton. Go to 6) below.

For those completing the walk, leave the road out of Low Newton after about only 60m by turning right along the footpath that heads out to Newton Point (signposted for Beadnell). Follow this path over Newton Point and continue until you reach the car park at Newton Links House.

⑤ From the car park turn left along the road and follow this road into High Newton village

⑥ At the village green in High Newton bear right, pass the Joiners and cross the road to pick up a track that is signposted Embleton. Follow the track, which is well waymarked, to join a field-edge path past a ruined building and continue until you reach Kelso Hill.

⑦ The path leaves the field edge here and you need to follow the waymarker posts along the ridge of the hill until you meet a fence. Turn right at the fence and use the stone stile to cross over the wall. From the wall, at first follow the path along the field edge then cross the field towards the road on the horizon. Cross the wall at the stile and turn left on the road to return to Embleton.

A *The Bungalows*

In the 1920s several huts were erected among the dunes for the use of golfers who wished to stay overnight. These remained in place until WW II when they were boarded up and placed out of bounds as part of the coastal defences.

In the early 1950s the owner of the land, Sir Ivan Sutherland, granted permission for the applicants to build bungalows or replace huts in the dunes, and most of the original huts disappeared. The detailed planning map of the time shows 34 sites.

In early 1961 Sir Ivan gifted the land to the National Trust who quickly expressed a wish that the properties be demolished. To date the owners, with a considerable amount of public support, have managed to convince the National Trust that the bungalows should stay as part of the coastline's history.





B High Newton and Low Newton

As early as the 13th century quarrying is recorded at Newton with Adam Cementarius (Quarryman) living there. This continued until before WW II.

Fishing was flourishing in the 14th century with the Lord of the Manor claiming the best fish from the catches as a 'profit of the Manor'. The value of the catch was some 100 shillings (over £10,000 today) an indication of the prosperity of the industry. Significant levels of fishing continued for over 600 years and ended in the 1960s. The terraces of The Square in Low Newton were constructed in the 18th century although there must have been housing for fishermen well before this. The Ship Inn may date from the 16th or 17th century. The Square is one of only two remaining sets of such 'Seahouses' left in Northumberland, a detached settlement originally inhabited by fishermen to live close to their boats.