

# Delve into Clevedon's past



## How to get there

**Car:** Free parking on The Beach or pay and display opposite the bandstand on Elton Road

**Bus:** Mon–Sat:  
X7 and 364 from  
Bristol, X25 from  
Weston-super-  
Mare  
Sun: 362, 363



Discover the history of this popular resort during a short wheelchair-friendly walk courtesy of Clevedon Civic Society.

## Walk information:

**Distance:** about 1 mile

**Difficulty:** easy – pavements suitable for wheelchair users/buggies. A steeper section at start.

**Duration:** about 20 mins, more if visiting pier.

**Refreshments:** numerous bars and restaurants along route.



The Family Explorer leaflet features walking and cycling routes across North Somerset for all the family. Copies are available from Weston Tourist Information Centre, libraries, and online at [www.visitsomerset.co.uk](http://www.visitsomerset.co.uk)



Start on the beach, near Clevedon Sailing Club and walk up (the fairly hilly) Seavale Road. This is a Victorian development and you will see remnants of scrubby woodland which once covered the area.

At the top of the road, cross Alexandra Road and turn left into Bellevue Road. This road was laid out in the 1850s as a new carriageway from the hill to the older village. The area was known as New Clevedon and its origins lay in successful speculative building.

Follow the road to the left, as it becomes Hill Road. On the right you will see single-storey shops with villas behind dating from the 1820s and 1830s. The houses were built for visitors but as the town grew and more people moved to New Clevedon, a shopping centre was needed. Local people were quick to see opportunities so flattened their front gardens to make way for shops. One original garden remains, opposite the Regent hotel.

Turn left into Copse Road, where the houses date from the 1830s. Cross Alexandra Road and carry on downhill. Houses on the right are from different dates because they were built when homeowners on The Beach sold their gardens for development. On the left are two long terraces, built when leases on the farmland expired in the 1860s.

On the left, near the corner with Seavale Road are two stone cottages dating from the 1820s, built to house servants and coachmen. Turn right and right again to rejoin The Beach. Here you can walk along to the pier to round off the walk.

The Victorians packaged Clevedon as a fishing village but it was largely a farming community. The pier, tollhouse and Royal Pier Hotel date from 1869 and the pier (£1.50 for adults) is the only remaining Grade I listed pier in the country.

## Did you know?

Walks previously published in Life can now be downloaded in PDF format from the council's website. Visit [www.n-somerset.gov.uk/lifewalks](http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/lifewalks)