

W.1803 Arreton to Shide.

The majority of this walk follows part of the Bembridge Trail, one of several long distance trails across the island. This particular section is also used each year as part of the 'Walk the Wight' charity walk, which is a 26 and a half mile route, starting at Bembridge Airport in the east and finishing at the Needles on the western tip of the Island.

Turning right out of the **White Lion**, turn into the Arreton Barns Centre and immediately turn left where the over flow car park is. This takes you on to path A27a. Shortly afterwards, cross the main Downend Road on to path A28, where there is a slow ascent up to St George's Down.

Alternatively, if you are in the craft centre itself at the **Dairyman's Daughter**, retrace your steps back to the entrance and turn right on the path towards Downend Road.

Newport Golf club appears on the right and on the left, well screened, is the islands main quarry and asphalt plant. Passing the quarry works, trees again appear on the left. As the descent from St George's Down commences, take the right forked path, A45 which is a slight deviation from the main path which leads straight down to the traffic lights at Shide by the tyre/exhaust garage.

On A45, you will come to a 90o bend, but take time to look at the viewpoint on your left. Overlooking an old quarry are spectacular views of Newport and beyond. The A45 reaches Burnt House Lane, turning left will bring you directly down to the new Asda supermarket.

If you are into buses, I suggest you take a right track shortly after turning left on to Burnt House Lane, numbered N21. As you descend into Pan Lane, a scrap/breakers yard on the right hand side still has a Bradford trolleybus in evidence. Very difficult to photograph and view over by one of the sheds.

Continue down Pan Lane and to the Asda roundabout. Cross over the main road and take the footpath into Newport alongside the infant river, which brings you into the centre of Newport by the fire station.