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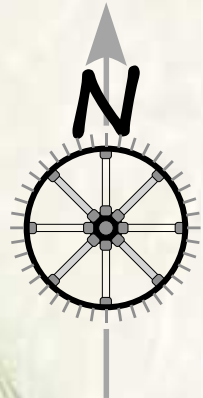
Rossett



a guide to
historical sites and

5 walks

around this
riverside village
in the Welsh
Borderlands



 Footpath

 Car Park *Situated in Station Road and starting point for most Walks.*





Baptist Chapel

A white cottage featuring two crosses was the thplace of "The Church of Christ" a world wide religious movement which still flourishes in the United States. visited in 1847 by Alexander Campbell, led the eation of the movement in the USA. cottage is now esidential house.

Trevalyn

The present hall built in 1576 f John Trevor, a descendent of the noble ancient family, replacing an earlier house of the Tr dating to the 10th century with the male line of Tr ending in 1745.

Mill House

Situated on Trevalyn During the early days of Trevalyn Hall this the main entrance lodge.

Rossett Mill

The building on the right as you village is probably Rossett's most famous due to it being sketched y Joseph M. Turner (1775 - 1851). The mill's history on this site dates back ound the close of the middle probably being built in during the reign of Edward IV when it was known as "Upper Mill". Early surviving records date it as 1544 and being ebuilt in 1588, which predates the inscription 1661 found on the centre gable end; obably made mark an addition to the building at that time. family worked the mill for many generations 1959 when the mill stopped grinding an impressive 475 years' f our production.

Crown Mill

on the left as leaving Rossett is recorded in the Domesday Book: 'In Exestan Hundred there is a mill yielding four shillings'. This mill in 'Alentone' (Allington) was the original mill in Rossett, known as "Lower Merford Mill" and must have existed before the year 1066. The old mill was destroyed by fre in 1791 and was replaced with the present building. It is not known when this water mill stopped grinding corn, but in 1972-73 was saved from dereliction and converted into offices. It is currently the headquarters of the British Association of Shooting and Conservation.



Presbyterian Church

This was built in 1875 to replace the church in Gun Street which had become too small. Mr. Alexander Balfour, industrialist and founder of The Balfour Institute in Liverpool, was a local resident. He invited Mr. D.L. Moody the Chicago evangelist to come over and lay the new church's foundation stone which can be seen at the front of the building, Quite a journey in those days just to lay a stone.

Rossett Hall

A house on this site was mentioned back in 1672 and was always known by name 'The Rossett'. The present hall was built in 1750 for a Mr. James Boydell. It has now been converted into a hotel and still retains interesting interior design features.

Cam yr Alyn Lodge

Burton Road adjacent to the lodge used to be the main entrance with large wrought iron gates to the 15th century Cam yr Alyn. That house was replaced in 1763 and rebuilt in a more elevated position above the food level. The 18th century Cam yr Alyn is set back across the feld opposite. The lodge still stands to the present day but is now set in a "U" bend due to the re-routing of Burton Road when the by-pass was constructed.

Balls Hall

This farmhouse dates back to 1650 and is steeped in history such as when Mr. Thomas Ball, High Sheriff of Denbighshire, took part in the Siege of Chester (1651-2).

Trevalyn Farm

This farm dates back to mediaeval times with a date for building an extension in 1588 for a Mr. John Meredith. Internal features include a panel inscribed with a moon phase in an eight pointed star and lettering I.N.R.I. (King of the Jews). This could mean that the Merediths were of Jewish faith. An unusual machine was discovered by builders while carrying out work to the Inglenook. This turned out to be a Smoke-jack which consisted of revolving blades which were driven by smoke and rising heat from the open fre, the device was then connected to a cog which turned the spit that turned the attached food being cooked over the open fre. The owner of the device, Mr Bellis presented it to Wrexham Museum where it is on display for all to see.

Griffin Inn

This was a thriving farm in the mid 19th century when it was acquired by Wrexham's Island Green Brewery and part was converted into an Inn. It provided the dual role of pub and farm, having extensive land and outbuildings. The husband ran the farm while his wife ran the Inn.



Rossett Walk 1

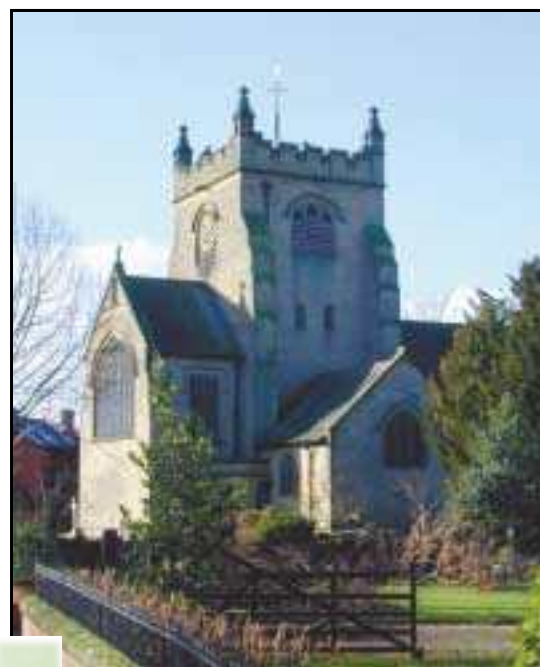
Distance 2.2 miles / 3.5 km.
Walking Time about 1 hour.



Directions

From the Rossett Council Car Park turn right and follow Station Road past the Presbyterian Church 10, until you reach the main B5445 road.

Turn left and follow the main road for about 1000 metres. You will pass by Christ Church 1 and The Golden Lion Hotel 4 to your left. While walking past the pedestrian crossing note the card makers and shop on your right. After the two pubs you will see the



park on your right and a bit further on Rossett Hall 11 on your left. The houses and businesses on the left now give way to fields. There are some very old oak trees here.

When you reach the old garage and petrol station on your left, just before reaching Lavister, turn right into Darland Lane. Follow the lane for about 350 metres bearing right at the end into Gamford Lane.

Following this lane you will pass the school playing fields on your right, immediately after these turn right going over a stile into a field.

Keep the hedge line on your right and follow it to the stile which is positioned in the corner of the field by

the farm gate and electricity pylon. Go over this stile, taking care on the road, and turn right. Go over the stile on your left before reaching the farm house on your left. Follow this footpath straight across the field keeping the fence on your right. Go over the stile by the gate and turn right onto Harwoods Lane.

Follow the lane back into Rossett. At the T junction opposite the park turn left then at the main B5455 road junction bear left past the Butchers Arms pub. Follow this road back to the Church and Station Road. Retrace our steps to the car park.



Rossett Walk 2

Distance 4 miles / 6.5 km.
Walking Time about 2½ hours.



Directions

From the Rossett Council car park turn right and follow Station Road up to the Presbyterian Church 10 on the right. Cross the road and turn left into Christ Church 1 grounds. Bear right, following the churchyard path and walk through the Lych gate.

Cross the main B4554 road and turn right. After a very short distance, before the river bridge, turn left down a flight of steps. Follow this pleasant riverside path 2 onto Gun Street 3, and continue until you reach the main road where you turn right. Note the Golden Lion Hotel 4 on your left. Reaching the Butchers Arms turn right onto Holt Road and after 100 metres turn right into Harwoods Lane. Follow the lane for approximately 1 km going out of Rossett and into the countryside. Note, further along the route the Water Pump 5 on your right. Go over the stiles on your right into the field.

Follow the fence-line on your right, to the river bank. Turn left and follow the River Alyn downstream, go over 2 more stiles. Continue along the footpath to Cooks Bridge 6. Go over the stiles and onto the lane. Turn right, following the lane over the bridge. After about 400m, when you reach a bend in the road, turn right over a stile and across the field to the next stile. Go over more stiles then through the field gate onto Cox Lane

Turn left onto the lane and turn right down a farm. Before the farm buildings are reached go over the stile and turn right and cross the bridge into the field. Turn diagonally left going around the farm to the fence which surrounds the woodland. Go over another stile and bridge following the fence-line on your left to the corner of the field. Go over the fence and turn right onto the track with this track going over the large oak ladder stile onto the

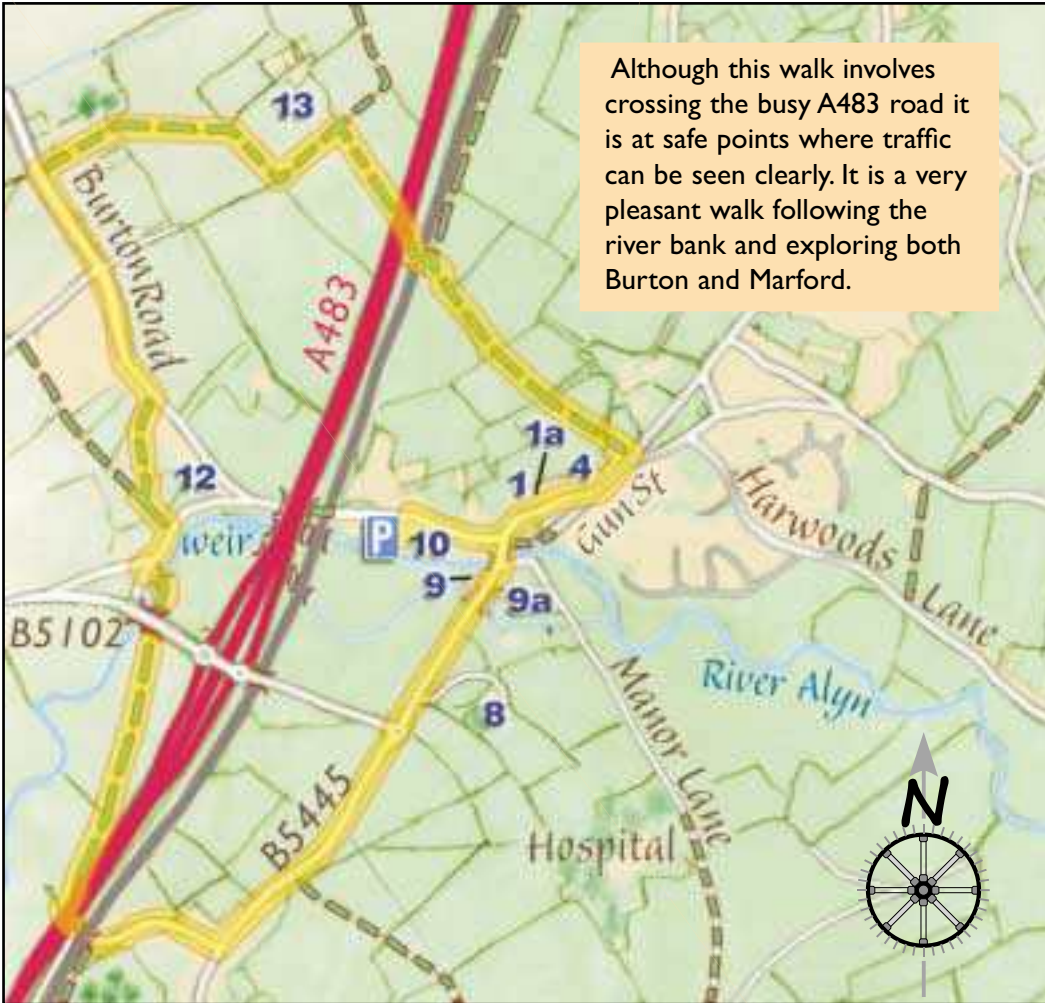
Turn right and go onto the lane of Barnside. A little further along the road is a Baptist Chapel 7 (a white cottage). Follow the drive and fence-line on your right through the gate into the field gate. Follow the fence-line on your right through the field gate, continue along the fence-line, go over the stile in the middle of the field, go over the footbridge and over the stile opposite. Walk diagonally across the field to the stile in the hedgeline. Turn right onto the main B4554 Road, follow its pavement into Rossett by Trevalyn Hall and then the Rossett Water Mills 9 & 9a. Turn left after going over the river bridge into Station Road and retrace your steps back to the car park.



Rossett Walk 3

Distance 2.7 miles / 4.3 km.
Walking Time about 1³/₄ hours.

Although this walk involves crossing the busy A483 road it is at safe points where traffic can be seen clearly. It is a very pleasant walk following the river bank and exploring both Burton and Marford.



Directions

From the Rossett Council car park turn right and follow the main road for about 500 metres. Note Christ Church 1 and then The Golden Lion Hotel 4 on your left. Turn left following the footpath sign to find the stile to a fenced footpath. Go over the stile and straight across the field to the stile corner. Cross the next 2 stiles aiming for the pedestrian railway bridge in the distance follow the fenced path over the railway bridge to the signed crossing point for

Cross the A483 where the crash boundaries allow. Go over the next stile and straight across the field to the fence. Turn left, follow the fence to the corner of field and go through the farm gate (please remember to close it). Go straight on along the concrete drive in the direction of the farm. Where the drive swings right towards the farm leave the track and cross the field diagonally aiming to the left of the two poles to the middle of the field. Find the stile in the corner which leads into a small woodland area.

Follow the fence line to the end and cross the stile. Continue straight on down the drive to Burton Road. Turn left and follow this road for about 1/2 mile passing the nursery on your left. You will come into Burton, a picturesque small village. Continue past the Johns Court bungalows and after about 60 metres turn right onto a footpath opposite a telegraph pole. The footpath runs between two houses, be careful not to miss it!

At the field, head diagonally left to a kissing gate in the corner. Follow the fence line on your right through two more kissing gates to the road. Over to your left you can see Cam-yr-Alyn Lodge 12. Turn right and walk along the road. After 100 metres turn left after the house. Go over the two stiles and the pedestrian bridge which spans the River Alyn. Proceed to the stile on the farm access road cross the B5102 over the stile into the field, go down the farm track and bear left through the field to the stile, note the meandering river bank. In the next field walk diagonally left across to the stile in the dual carriageway hedge boundary.

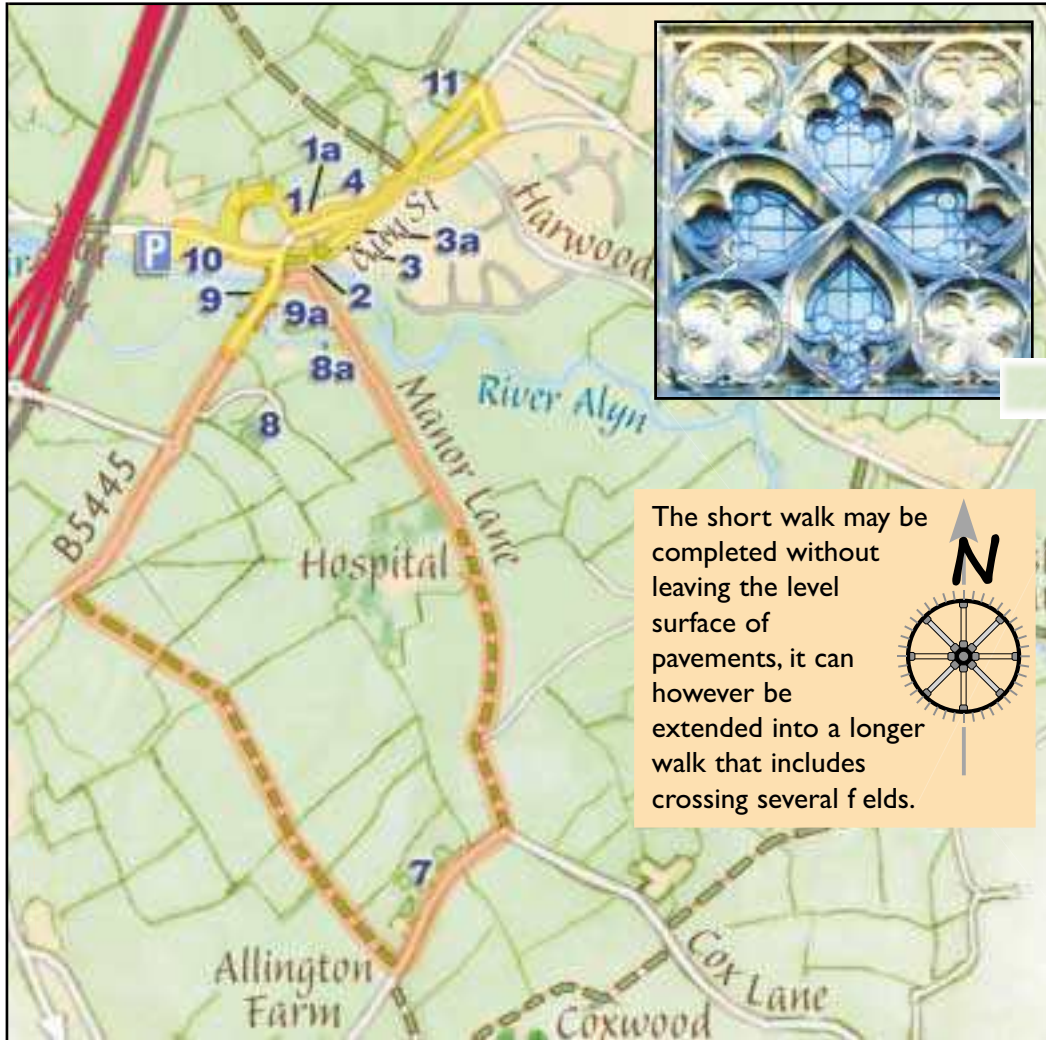


Cross the A483 where the signs and crash barriers indicate. Cross the road onto Springfield Lane and carry on under the railway bridge. Follow this lane into Marford where you reach the main B5445 road. Turn left and follow this road about 1/2 mile into Rossett, going straight on at the roundabout. You pass Trevalyn Hall 8 on your right then a bit further on you will see Crown Mill 9a again on your right. Cross the road Rossett Mill 9 on your left. Turn right into Station Road and retrace your steps to the car park.

Rossett Walk 4

Distance 0.8 miles / 1.3 km
Walking Time about 15 minutes

with extension 2.3 miles / 3.7 km.
with extension about 1 hour.



The short walk may be completed without leaving the level surface of pavements, it can however be extended into a longer walk that includes crossing several f elds.



Turn right onto The Green road. At the end of this road turn right at the junction and follow the park boundary back round to the main road. Turn left passing the Butchers Arms. After about 50 metres turn left onto Gun Street passing The Gun 3a and then the Old Church 3. At the end of the street follow the riverside footpath for only a short distance to the bridge. Climb the steps to the main road and turn left onto the main road. Walking out of Rossett you will note Crown Mill 9a on your left and then further on Trevalyn Hall 8 also on your left. At this point you can turn around and walk back into Rossett turning left after the Rossett Mill 9 to retrace your steps to the car park.

Alternatively, you can continue to follow the main road out of Rossett for about 1/2 mile, continue straight across the roundabout until turning left over a stile and into a f eld. If you come to the houses and garage you have gone too far! Cross the f eld to the stile in the left corner opposite the road. Go over the 3 stiles, track and wooden pedestrian bridge. Follow the fence line on your left crossing another stile and f eld until you reach the f eld gate. Go through the gate (don't forget to close it!) and follow the path and driveway past the house and barns to the road.

Turn left onto Cox Lane and follow this road for about 400 metres, you will pass the Baptist Chapel 7 on your left. At the bend in the road turn left through the gates where the bridle path sign indicates, notice how the trees on your right have grown over the barbed wire fencing. Follow this track across two f elds to the f eld gate which leads onto Manor Lane. You will pass the site of the Trevalyn Hospital on your left which was previously a large Manor House. You can still imagine the grandeur of the house where the walls and gatehouse can be seen. Further on you pass by the Old Mill House 8a as you cross the bridge.

When you the main road turn right and then into Station to retrace your steps to the car park.



Directions

From the Rossett Council car park turn right and follow Station Road until you reach the Presbyterian Church 10 on your right. Cross the road and turn left into Christ Church 1 grounds. Bear right following the church path and leave the churchyard through the Lych gate. Turn left and follow the main B5445 road for about 1/3 of a mile. On your left you will see The Golden Lion Hotel 4 and then Rossett Hall 11

Rossett Walk 5

Distance 3.7 miles / 6 km.
Walking Time approximately 1¾ hours.



The Lake
Frequented by herons, cormorants and kingfishes and breeding ground for many varieties of ducks and geese.

Darland Hall
Once the home of local aristocracy the hall was requisitioned by the military for use during WorldWar 2.

This walk involves crossing several fields but it is all on relatively flat ground.

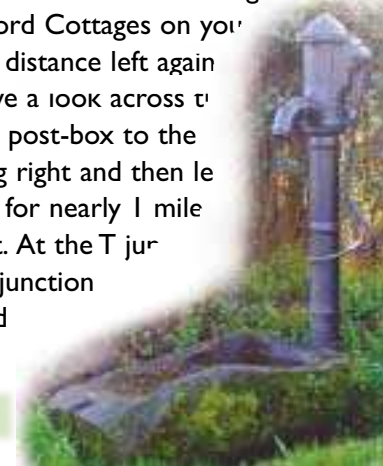


footpath. Go over the stile and straight across the field to the stile in the corner. Cross the next 2 stiles aiming for the pedestrian railway bridge in the distance. Go over the 2 white ladder stiles to join the fenced path which runs parallel with the railway line. Follow this path for about 1/2 mile, go over the stile at the end and bear half right following the waymarked footpath aiming for the stile near the telegraph pylon in

the hedge. Cross the road and go over the stone steps and wall into the next field. Go directly across this field aiming to the left of Pulford Church spire which can be seen in the distance. Cross the 2 stiles and ditch bridge, go across this field slightly to your left to the gap in the hedge. Cross this next field to find a stile in the hedge to the left of the bungalow. Pulford Brook on your left is the boundary between Wales and England.

Now cross the busy B5445 road and go over the stile slightly to your right leading onto the golf course. Follow the driveway but once over the bridge follow the signposted footpath route which runs alongside the stream. After a short distance the stream is replaced with a fenceline surrounding a new housing estate. Continue to follow the well-used footpath around the edge of the golf course. Turn right where the waymarker indicates and go over the stile to follow the driveway past houses on your right and Darland Hall's artificial lake on your left. The 18th century hall faces you once you are past the lake. See map.

Turn right onto the road and at the junction left into Gamford Lane. Follow the lane for approximately 1/2 mile passing the school playing fields on your right and then a large farm on your left. The fields surrounding this road must be amongst the flattest in the Wrexham County! After passing Gamford Cottages on your right, turn left at the junction and then after only a short distance left again into Darland Lane. At the junction turn right but first have a look across the fields at Trevalyn Farm 14. Follow this quiet lane past the post-box to the busy Rossett Road and into the village of Trevalyn, turning right and then left after the Griffin Inn 15 into Broad Lane. Follow this lane for nearly 1 mile back into Rossett passing the Water pump 5 on your left. At the T-junction opposite the park turn left then at the main B5455 road junction bear left past the Butchers Arms pub and follow this road back to the church and Station Road then retrace our steps to the car park.



Directions

Turn right from the Rossett Council car park and follow Station Road, Presbyterian Church 10. At the main B5445 road, turn left and follow about 500 metres. On your left is Christ Church 1, and further on, The Hotel 4. Turn left following the footpath sign to find the stile leading to

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Country Code

Please respect the countryside and consider the people who live and work there.
Enjoy the varied wildlife, plants and flowers and leave them for others to appreciate.
Be aware of traffic on narrow country lanes.
Dont let dogs chase livestock or wildlife.
Please keep to paths or Rights of way.
Leave farm gates as you found them.
Take litter home.
Do make use of local shops and pubs.
Do come again.

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