

Walk 11 Severn Way Circuit
3.6 miles/5.8k 2 hours Easy

1 This walk starts under the Town Clock at the junction of Broad St, High St and Severn St, the area known as 'The Cross'. *The building, now Barclays Bank was erected by Sarah Brisco, a descendent of the Pryce family of Newtown Hall, to mark Queen Victoria's Jubilee in 1897. Opposite the clock on Severn Street is the Robert Owen Museum and the Robert Owen Memorial Rooms are over the HSBC on the other corner. Robert Owen, the founder of the Co-operative Movement, is one of Newtown's most famous sons.*

Walk down Broad St and cross the river via Longbridge passing an attractive old building, Pont Hafren, which houses a registered mental health charity, www.ponthafren.org.uk/

2 At the roundabout turn left along Milford Road, passing Plas Dolerw on your left at the entrance to Dolerw Park. *Plas Dolerw was the former home of Pryce Pryce-Jones, who brought the world mail-order shopping.*

Further along Milford Road you pass the old Friends Meeting House. The walls along the road at the beginning of the walk contain decorative panels of over-fired bricks. Look out also for the dragon on the ridge of Mayfield Lodge on your right. This former lodge cottage also contains fine examples of decorative tiled brickwork. Continue along

Milford Road until you see a road, named Milford Common (SO 098915), rising at an angle to the right.

3 Walk up Milford Common taking the centre road at a junction passing the house Hillside on your left and marked by a way-marker post. At the top of the hill you will see the drive to a house called Melrose. Go up this drive. To the left of the house you will see a pedestrian gate (SO 195914).

4 Go through the gate into the field and open countryside beyond. Bear left diagonally across the field from the gate. As you come round the contour of the small hill you will see a way-marker ahead of you by the stream (SO 093915). Cross this stream at any convenient place (if it looks a bit steep try further along it to the right for an easier crossing). From the way-marker on the other side, climb the hill and go through the gate to the right of the hedge.

5 Walk straight along the next field following the fenced hedge on your left. This brings you to Neuadd Hendidley Farm (misspelt Nyodd Hendidley Farm on the OS map).

6 Pass the farm buildings on your left and go through the second gate (SO 091917) into the farmyard. There may be a dog or two here but they (and the farmer) are friendly. Head towards the old red brick barn and pass

through another gate on the right down a short drive to the road. This is Beehive Lane.

7 Turn right up the hill past Neuadd Hendidley House and follow Beehive Lane for 0.8 miles until you come to fingerposts marking the Severn Way which crosses the lane at this point (SO 091924).

8 Take the Severn Way to your right, go through 3 more gates and follow the hedge on your right to a gate by an ash tree visible on the horizon (SO 094922). Cross the field to another gate ahead. Continue following the Severn Way which will lead you through two more gates and then downhill to a beech wood. Go through the gate into the wood and follow the woodland track down to another gate at the end of the wood.

9 Cross the road and follow the footpath ahead which runs between the houses down to Milford Road. Turn left at the bottom and continue past Plas Dolerw (on your right) to the roundabout. Turn right at the roundabout, cross the river over Long Bridge and walk up Broad Street to the clock which is the end of the walk.

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