

Portishead In Bloom Guided Walk 2

Length: Approx 5 Kms

Time: Approx 1hr 15 mins

Grade: Easy

Start: In front of Portishead Library

Parking: Waitrose, Lidl (max 2 hrs), behind Iceland

Refreshments: None after start of walk, so carry water

Look around the Town Garden and Potager, looked after by PIB. **(1)** on map. This area is both productive and beautiful, with a mixture of herbs and vegetable (which anybody can use), fruit bushes and flowers. There is a PIB notice board here. Walk towards Waitrose on the Piazza, then turn left and cross Harbour Road at the zebra crossing.

The flowerbed in front of the Parish Wharf leisure centre is looked after by two of our volunteers. Turn right and walk along Harbour Road until you get to Newfoundland Way. Cross the road and turn left. Immediately on your right you will see a path leading down to the rhyne. Follow the path along the side of the rhyne, under the road bridge (Phoenix Way). Shortly afterwards the path turns left and back up a track to reach Phoenix Way. Here turn left, cross the bridge and continue along Phoenix Way until you get to the Village Square, which is opposite Waverley Court and Finisterre Parade on the right. **(8)** on map.

If you would like a breather you can sit on one of the benches here and admire the four planters looked after by PIB.

OPTION. *(If you would like a longer walk, to include a visit to the lovely Nature Reserve, instead continue along Phoenix Way, left along Stonechat Green, and continue in the same direction until you get past the houses and in front of the reserve. Turn right to walk along the paths, and bear left to walk across the boardwalk. Stay on this path (ignoring a left hand turn) and it will lead you to Sheepway. Turn right to walk along Sheepway (careful, there is no footway) until you reach the Community Orchard **(21)** on map, where you rejoin the shorter walk.)*

Once refreshed, cross the road and walk along Finisterre Parade as far as the crossroads with Phoenix Way. Here turn right and continue until you reach a pedestrian crossing before the roundabout. Cross the road, turn right and left to walk along Quays Avenue until you reach the first

road on the left. This is Galingale way, and it will lead you to cycle route 26, straight ahead, which is also a footpath. Soon you will get to the Vale Park, with Vale Pond over to the left. Follow the path in the same direction and you will get to Sheepway, where you turn right.

Before you reach the Boat Roundabout, you will see the Community Orchard on the left. **(21)** on map. At the roundabout you can look at the beach-themed garden in the middle – but from a safe distance. The orchard and the roundabout are both looked after by PIB. Turn right and you will see immediately on your right the groynes and Scouts Beds. These are looked after both by PIB and the Scouts. On the opposite side of Wyndham Way is the Welcome planter, also looked after by PIB.

Walk along Wyndham Way, moving behind the hedge when the opportunity arises, to use the roads and paths of the housing estate. When you reach a pelican crossing on your left, cross Wyndham Way and turn right. Continue on Wyndham Way to the next crossing, and cross the road again. Turn left and you will soon see a footpath on your right alongside the rhyne; this will lead you back to Harbour Road. Turn left and you will soon find yourself back at Waitrose Piazza and the Library.

