

## Portishead In Bloom Guided Walk 3

Length: 6 Kms

Time: Approx 1hr 50 mins

Grade: Strenuous; climbs and steps

Start: Rodmoor Garden

Parking: Beach Road West next to garden

Refreshments: None, so carry water

Enjoy looking round Rodmoor Garden **(1)**, cared for by PIB with its beautiful borders and the Nuttery below. When you are ready, emerge onto Beach Road West and turn right, heading south-west, away from the town centre.

After 500m, as the road bends to the right, you will see a left-hand road leading to the Picnic Grounds car park. Take this road then stay below the car park on the right, following the green sward. After 450m, you will join the coast path at Fisherman's Steps. There is easy access to the beach here if you would like a diversion.

Follow the coast path as far as the Sailing Club. You will see a road in front of you which you should take; the coast path bends to the right here. Exit the Sailing Club gate onto Nichol's Road; this starts as an unmade road straight ahead, then turns left uphill. Stay on this road up to the T-junction with Nore Road.

You should turn right onto Nore Road, but take care. This is the small section of Nore Road which has no pavement on either side; you will be safer however if you cross to the opposite side. Turn right and immediately after the entrance to Norewood Lodge on the right, cross back again. You will see a lovely border **(20)** on the map, on the corner with Nore Park Drive. This has been cleared and planted by PIB volunteers along with local residents.

Continuing in the same direction, cross Nore Park Drive and then Glenwood Drive. Then cross the Nore Road once more and look for Somerset Road on your left. Turn left here and head for the back of the parking areas belonging to the flats. Look for some steps leading up the hill into the woods. These steps and some zig-zag paths will bring you out onto Hawthorn Close. Turn left, you will soon see a few steps and a short pathway leading to Denny View. Stay on Denny View until you

reach Bruton Avenue on your right. Turn here and walk up the road as far as the T-junction with Down Road. You have reached the top of the hill; it is all downhill from here.

Turn left and walk along Down Road as far as West Hill Triangle, which is the junction of Down Road, Lower Down Road and West Hill, **(15)** on the map. The heather beds here have been planted and are maintained by PIB.

Walking past the local shops on your right, continue straight along and down West Hill. There are some interesting old buildings to see on this road. Almost at the bottom of the road, at the junction with Combe Avenue, you will see a garden area looked after by a local resident **(19)** on the map. At the bottom, cross Nore Road onto a paved triangle. You can take advantage of the bench to enjoy the splendid view and the PIB blue tubs. When you are ready, go down Beach Hill in front of you. This will bring you, quickly and steeply, to Beach Road West. Turn right, and you will soon find yourself back at the starting point.

