

Portishead In Bloom Guided Walk 4

Length: 2 Kms

Time: Approx 35 mins

Grade: Gentle

Start: Traffic lights by Aldi on Wyndham Way

Parking: Public car park behind Precinct

Refreshments: A great selection of cafes and pubs on the High Street

In the central reservation of Wyndham Way you will see several beds and the Portishead Bell that provide a visual welcome as you come into the town centre, all maintained by PIB, **(12)** on the map.

Walk along Wyndham Way by the side of the Old Mill to the High Street. Start to look out for the many, colourful blue plant tubs that are planted twice a year by many PIB volunteers. Turn left and walk along the High Street as far as Victoria Square, which you will see on your left just after the Butchers Block **(6)** on the map. This bed is looked after by PIB, with help from the small hands of Portishead Pre-school and Brampton and Hilltop Pre-school.

Continue in the same direction until you reach a mini roundabout at the junction with Albert Road. Cross over to enjoy the small Albert Road garden **(7)** on the map, another PIB area.

Carry on along the High Street. Look out for Church Road South on your right, going past the Folk Hall (where you can find interesting information about Portishead's history) and past the sign to St Peter's Church. Cross the road and walk up Church Road South, looking for the path leading to the entrance to St Peter's churchyard, on your right.

Take this path and go into the churchyard. Turn left, and left again, and you will see the gate leading into the Millennium Garden **(4)** on the map. This tranquil space is a delightful retreat from the noise and bustle of the town centre. When you are ready, turn back into the churchyard and follow the path going round the west end of the church; this will bring you to an exit on Church Road North.

Turn left, and soon afterwards right onto St Peter's Road. Walk as far as the junction with Roath Road, on your right. Here you will see Tommy's garden **(14)** on the map. This is a space dedicated to the memory of Sq.

Ldr. Thomas John Broom D.F.C. This is cared for by PIB volunteers together with members of Tommy's family. Continue walking in the same direction along what is now Slade Road. At the crossroads (Avon Way on the left and Combe Road on the right) you will notice some more blue tubs to admire. Turn right back down to the High Street. Cross the road and walk through the Precinct to reach the car park.

