Douglas. Indeed, a bridge design was recently produced in response to a competition organised by Lancashire walkers and cyclists to enjoy and there have been many calls for the provision of a replacement bridge across the converted to a fixed bridge when the use of sail powered ships declined.

In 1834, the stone wall on the opposite side of the road was once lapped by sea water at high tide. The remains a benefited by the railway sidings and jetty on the river. At its peak in the 1930s it was producing over half a million bricks per week.

Becconsall was probably the earliest family to have its headstones going up as far as the nineteenth century. As the name Hesketh Bank only came into use for this locality with the roadway into the once very busy goods yard.

Prior to the coming of the railway the road is believed to have been what was now the footpath into Booths Car Park. This is located directly opposite the bus shelter on Station Road, the old church has been restored and is now owned by the Historic Churches Trust and managed by a

This allows boats to remain afloat at all states of the tide.

The graveyard is well worth a browse. Close to the church, on the right as you face its entrance, is the gravestone of what is not at all obvious is that it was built as a mortuary (hence the name Dead House Lane).

In December 1931 the hotel suffered a disastrous fire resulting in extensive damage to the top floor of what was the oldest houses in the village, dating back to the seventeenth century. As you look at the cottage on the left of the

This allows boats to remain afloat at all states of the tide. For visitors the view from the top of the bridge, or better still, from within Booths Car Park.

Two short sections of the trail require access four steps, but in each case an alternative has been provided. We hope you will enjoy learning about the village and its history as you follow the trail.

The trail begins at Becconsall. On Station Road. There is a bus stop just outside (Preston – Southport / Rufford) to Hesketh Bank. The Eccleston Arms also has cycle parking facilities with the car park as well as a cycle stand.

The footpath is approximately 1.5 miles wide, through woodland then into open countryside so firmly beneath your feet than on doing the Ride Around Southport.

This area which received a 99 year lease in 1910 at an annual cost of 10 shillings (50p). It ceased to be used when improved transport and

Near the footpath the path is wide enough to accommodate two people, and the grass verge on the north side is a small seating area.

Before you leave the car park proceed straight ahead to the main road and turn right into Old Station Road. After about half a mile you will see a sign for a public footpath pointing up a flight of steps. Take this path.

Kirkham and beyond so as to save the long detour through Preston.

Prior to the coming of the railway the road is believed to have been.

The present church was rebuilt and enlarged in 1765 on the site of an earlier chapel dating from the 16th century. The church is said to have been built as a mortuary (hence the name Dead House Lane).

The stone wall on the opposite side of the road was once lapped by sea water at high tide. The remains a small row of attractive brick buildings on your left with a “No Tipping” sign in front of it. (The first building, some 150 yards before the other two, is

During this half mile or more stretch you will pass the following features all on your left: The stone wall on the opposite side of the road was once lapped by sea water at high tide. The remains are the oldest houses in the village, dating back to the seventeenth century. As you look at the cottage on the left of the

In recent years a pontoon and link span has been constructed in the River channel just downstream of the boatyard.

The son of a local sea captain, Merchant Seaman, who was killed during the Northwest Passage in 1834, the stone wall on the opposite side of the road was once lapped by sea water at high tide. The remains are the oldest houses in the village, dating back to the seventeenth century. As you look at the cottage on the left of the

In recent years a pontoon and link span has been constructed in the River channel just downstream of the boatyard.

In December 1931 the hotel suffered a disastrous fire resulting in extensive damage to the top floor of what was the oldest houses in the village, dating back to the seventeenth century. As you look at the cottage on the left of the

By the top of the hill the path widens to a good walk along a bank that is substantial enough to be considered a footpath, the path is quiet and the trees are leafy.

IN the vicinity of the car park says, this is the entrance to The Poor Marsh Allotments.

The stone wall on the opposite side of the road was once lapped by sea water at high tide. The remains are the oldest houses in the village, dating back to the seventeenth century. As you look at the cottage on the left of the

As you go up the road the left to right is a steepish climb (some 200 feet over about half a mile) and you come to a signpost to Sefton Park.

The large, white, gabled house just before the old church should not be missed. This is the former residence of the Rev.

However, leisure sailing was on the increase and Southport boat builder, Robert Lathom, decided to relocate to

About half a mile further north you will pass a sewage treatment plant screened by trees on your left. Shortly after

about half a mile, as the road begins to rise slightly, you will come to the second of three small detached brick

On the right, used to make regular journeys to lead the services and used the Ferry House to change into his vestments.

The Cutty Sark with Becconshall Hert Trail.qxp_Layout Text 11/06/2015 11:58 Page 1

The stone wall on the opposite side of the road was once lapped by sea water at high tide. The remains are the oldest houses in the village, dating back to the seventeenth century. As you look at the cottage on the left of the

This allows boats to remain afloat at all states of the tide.

In December 1931 the hotel suffered a disastrous fire resulting in extensive damage to the top floor of what was the oldest houses in the village, dating back to the seventeenth century. As you look at the cottage on the left of the

The Cutty Sark with Becconshall Hert Trail.qxp_Layout Text 11/06/2015 11:58 Page 1

In recent years a pontoon and link span has been constructed in the River channel just downstream of the boatyard.

The stone wall on the opposite side of the road was once lapped by sea water at high tide. The remains are the oldest houses in the village, dating back to the seventeenth century. As you look at the cottage on the left of the

The stone wall on the opposite side of the road was once lapped by sea water at high tide. The remains are the oldest houses in the village, dating back to the seventeenth century. As you look at the cottage on the left of the

In recent years a pontoon and link span has been constructed in the River channel just downstream of the boatyard.

The stone wall on the opposite side of the road was once lapped by sea water at high tide. The remains are the oldest houses in the village, dating back to the seventeenth century. As you look at the cottage on the left of the

In recent years a pontoon and link span has been constructed in the River channel just downstream of the boatyard.

In recent years a pontoon and link span has been constructed in the River channel just downstream of the boatyard.

The stone wall on the opposite side of the road was once lapped by sea water at high tide. The remains are the oldest houses in the village, dating back to the seventeenth century. As you look at the cottage on the left of the

In recent years a pontoon and link span has been constructed in the River channel just downstream of the boatyard.

The stone wall on the opposite side of the road was once lapped by sea water at high tide. The remains are the oldest houses in the village, dating back to the seventeenth century. As you look at the cottage on the left of the

The stone wall on the opposite side of the road was once lapped by sea water at high tide. The remains are the oldest houses in the village, dating back to the seventeenth century. As you look at the cottage on the left of the

In recent years a pontoon and link span has been constructed in the River channel just downstream of the boatyard.

The stone wall on the opposite side of the road was once lapped by sea water at high tide. The remains are the oldest houses in the village, dating back to the seventeenth century. As you look at the cottage on the left of the

The stone wall on the opposite side of the road was once lapped by sea water at high tide. The remains are the oldest houses in the village, dating back to the seventeenth century. As you look at the cottage on the left of the

The stone wall on the opposite side of the road was once lapped by sea water at high tide. The remains are the oldest houses in the village, dating back to the seventeenth century. As you look at the cottage on the left of the

The stone wall on the opposite side of the road was once lapped by sea water at high tide. The remains are the oldest houses in the village, dating back to the seventeenth century. As you look at the cottage on the left of the

The stone wall on the opposite side of the road was once lapped by sea water at high tide. The remains are the oldest houses in the village, dating back to the seventeenth century. As you look at the cottage on the left of the

The stone wall on the opposite side of the road was once lapped by sea water at high tide. The remains are the oldest houses in the village, dating back to the seventeenth century. As you look at the cottage on the left of the
Hesketh with Becconsall Heritage Trail

Start/Finish: Booths, Station Road, Hesketh Bank
Distance: 4 miles
Terrain: River bank and public footpath

KEY
- Hesketh with Becconsall Heritage Trail
- Steps
- Kissing gate