

1. Bo'ness Town Centre Trail A

Access Information

Bus: For further information on bus times, numbers, routes, etc call Traveline on 0871 200 2233 or visit www.traveline.org.uk.

Train: No.

Cycle: Sustrans Route 76.

Parking: Car Parks at Seaview Place and Union Street

Distance
 - Suggested route - 0.5 km (0.3 miles)
 - Alternative paths available.

Path information
 Surfaced pavements and cobbled roads.

Facilities
 Toilets, shops, cafes and parking available in Bo'ness Town Centre.



Bo'ness Town

Bo'ness developed first as a harbour, and then as a trading post on the Forth in the days of sailing ships.

The old town grew up round the triangle of North Street, South Street and the narrow Scotland's Close with Waggon Road following the route taken by coal waggons from the pits to the harbour.

Bo'ness has been transformed over the past 30 years, continuing between 2006 and 2010 with the Townscape Heritage Initiative.

Several key buildings currently lying derelict, but significant in architectural, historic and townscape terms are being renovated to meet community needs

and revitalise the town.

The work of architect's Matthew Steele and James Thomson has had a huge impact on the townscape in Bo'ness. This short 'figure of 8' route round Bo'ness Town Centre leads you past several superb buildings as well as some of the Bo'ness Townscape Heritage Initiative projects.

As you follow the route, remember to look up at the details of many of the buildings on this route to fully appreciate the architecture of the area.

A: Journal & Gazette Building and

F: The Anchor Tavern
 Two tall corners dominate the view along North Street - the candle-snuffer tower on the Journal &



Gazette building, and the Anchor Tavern's fish-scale slated roof.

C: Dymock's Building

Built some time before 1650, Dymock's Building is one of the oldest buildings in Bo'ness. This former merchant's house was restored by National Trust for Scotland in original orange Jacobite colours. It has had many uses in its time: as premises for processing whale-oil, a plumber's business, a motorcycle repair shop, a bakery, and now converted to eight social housing flats.

D: 'Tobacco' Warehouse
 The renovated 18th Century warehouse next to the library was probably built as a

tobacco warehouse. However, by 1850 it was used as a granary, and later a bake house.

G: Jubilee Fountain

The Jubilee Fountain on North Street was given to the town in 1887. It sits on the site of the old Cross Well (also known as St John's Well) which was one of the original main water supplies for the town. The Fountain was gifted to the people of Bo'ness for Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee.

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B: 37 Scotland's Close
 C: Dymock's Building
 D: 'Tobacco' Warehouse
 E: Bo'ness Library
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 G: Jubilee Fountain
 H: The Hippodrome
 I: Anderson Trust Shops
 J: 'Tobacco' Warehouse
 K: 13 South Street
 L: 11 South Street

H: The Bo'ness Hippodrome

Designed by Matthew Steele this was Scotland's first purpose built cinema. The fabulous art deco picture palace first opened in 1912, has been lovingly restored for the enjoyment of future generations.

K: 13 South Street

Rock n' Roll's Sandwich Shop is in the old Tolbooth built in 1750.

L: 11 South Street

Designed by architect Matthew Steele in 1907, only the upper floors were built as designed. 11 South Street has since been renovated to look as it had originally been intended by the architect.

Source: *Discover the paths networks in and around Bo'ness and Blackness*

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