



## Transport

*train, bus or car*

### Trains

Silverdale Railway Station is located very close to RSPB Leighton Moss, just under a mile from the village. There are regular trains to and from Lancaster. Further up the line is Grange-over-Sands, Barrow-in-Furness and stations up the coast to Carlisle. (what3words: interlude.sloping.group <https://what3words.com/interlude.sloping.group>) <https://www.nationalrail.co.uk/>

**Information about Silverdale Railway Station, including cycle storage and accessibility:** [www.northernrailway.co.uk/stations/SVR](http://www.northernrailway.co.uk/stations/SVR)

### Buses

The Stagecoach 51 service goes between Silverdale and Carnforth, via Warton and runs Monday – Saturday. [www.stagecoachbus.com/routes/cumbria-and-north-lancashire/51/carnforth-silverdale/xnbo051.o](http://www.stagecoachbus.com/routes/cumbria-and-north-lancashire/51/carnforth-silverdale/xnbo051.o)

### By car

There is limited parking in Silverdale. You can park at the end of Shore Road on the shore itself where a donations box is provided, but beware of Morecambe Bay's fast, incoming tide! Other parking is provided in small pockets along the roads and lanes but please do not park in passing places, pavements, or where the road is narrow. Across the road from RSPB Leighton Moss is a small, free car park for RSPB visitors, and there are small car parks at Eaves Wood and Gait Barrows. At Bank Holiday weekends, you may find extra temporary car parking provided around the village, which will be signposted. There have been recent incidents where parked cars have blocked gates, driveways, and Emergency Services access, so please be very careful where you park in the village.



## Silverdale

*and the Countryside Code*

### Respect Everyone

- Be considerate to those living in, working in and enjoying the countryside
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Do not block access to gateways or driveways when parking
- Be nice, say hello, share the space
- Follow local signs and keep to marked paths unless wider access is available.

### Protect the Environment

- Take your litter home - leave no trace of your visit
- Do not light fires and only have BBQs where signs say you can
- Always keep dogs under control and in sight
- Dog poo - bag it and bin it - any public waste bin will do
- Care for nature – do not cause damage or disturbance.

### Enjoy the Outdoors

- Check your route and local conditions
- Plan your adventure - know what to expect and what you can do
- Enjoy your visit, have fun, make a memory.

The information within this leaflet is a guide for visitors. All reasonable care has been taken to ensure that the descriptions and facts within this leaflet are correct to the best of our knowledge at the time of the leaflet going to print.

The map should only be used as an indication of scale.

Visitors should bear in mind that in relation to the information given about the village, we cannot always guarantee accuracy and that some services are not under our control.

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VISITOR  
 INFORMATION  
 AND VILLAGE MAP

WELCOME TO  
**Silverdale**

'The loveliest spot  
 on Morecambe Bay'





## History of Silverdale

In 200 years, Silverdale has developed from a series of scattered farmsteads working in agriculture and fishing to a village of fine houses. Many of these houses were built by wealthy industrialists from the mill towns of Yorkshire and Lancashire eager to escape the grime and enjoy fresh, clean air.

Silverdale is renowned for its flora and fauna and interesting geological features. There are numerous springs with no less than 11 wells and three named watering places in the immediate area. Visitors can meander along limestone paths and amongst woodland, leading to panoramic views across the Bay to the Lakeland Fells.

The author of 'Windyridge' and 'The Silver Dale', Willie Riley and the late comedienne Victoria Wood lived in Silverdale and the Gaskell Hall is named after Victorian novelist Elizabeth Gaskell (1810–1865). Mrs Gaskell regularly holidayed in Silverdale and wrote some of her works at Lindeth Tower, next to Gibraltar Farm.

In 901AD the Norse Vikings were thrown out of Dublin and sailed across the Irish sea to settle in areas of the northwest, including Lancashire. They became part of the Danelaw with the Danish Vikings at York being the dominant force in the area. Skirmishes between Saxons and Vikings were common and some hoards that were buried for safekeeping were never reclaimed. Believed to date to around 900AD, the famous 'Viking Hoard' was found near Silverdale and is one of the largest Viking hoards ever discovered in the UK.



## Visiting Silverdale

Silverdale welcomes thousands of visitors to the village every year. Whether you are staying for a few days or just for the day, please make sure you are familiar with the Countryside Code, so that you can stay safe and help us look after our beautiful village and landscape.

### Think about how you Park

Please don't obstruct pavements and dropped kerbs, pathways, driveways or gates, or park on verges or blind bends. Make sure you leave enough room for a large vehicle such as a bus or fire engine to pass and consider the need for pedestrians to socially distance. If parking on the shore, be aware of tide timetables (use Heysham tide information). Tide tables available from Morecambe VIC.

### Drive Safely

Many roads in Silverdale do not have pavements and at points can be very narrow. Be aware of people walking in the road. Observe the 20mph speed limit, drive carefully, and show consideration to people using prams and wheelchairs.

### Take your Litter Home

Since COVID and the restrictions on overseas travel, many beauty spots in the UK, including Silverdale, have experienced high numbers of visitors. This means that during holiday periods and weekends council services, such as rubbish collection, can be overwhelmed. Please help us keep Silverdale tidy. Keep spare bags handy for litter, wipes, and waste - and take it home.

## Silverdale.Events

### Local Events

For a listing of village events visit: [www.silverdale.events/events/](http://www.silverdale.events/events/)

# Amenities *in Silverdale*

## Public Toilets

There are public toilets in Silverdale, on Bank House Lane off Emesgate Lane by the Gaskell Hall. Please be aware that Silverdale does not have a public sewer system and all properties rely on septic tanks. Do not throw anything down the toilets other than the toilet paper provided as it could cause a blockage.

## Places to Eat and Drink

**The Blossom Bird** - [www.facebook.com/TheBlossomBird/](http://www.facebook.com/TheBlossomBird/)  
**Wolf & Us** - [www.facebook.com/Wolf-Us-2298913283668025/](http://www.facebook.com/Wolf-Us-2298913283668025/)  
**The Royal** - (Check when open: [www.theroyalsilverdale.co.uk](http://www.theroyalsilverdale.co.uk))  
**The Silverdale Hotel** - [www.thesilverdalehotel.co.uk](http://www.thesilverdalehotel.co.uk)  
**Woodlands Hotel** - [www.facebook.com/WoodiesSilverdale](http://www.facebook.com/WoodiesSilverdale)  
**Cinnamon Spice** - [www.facebook.com/CinnamonSpiceSilverdaleIndian/](http://www.facebook.com/CinnamonSpiceSilverdaleIndian/)  
**Silverdale Golf Club** - [www.silverdalegolfclub.co.uk/the-clubhouse](http://www.silverdalegolfclub.co.uk/the-clubhouse)  
**RSPB Leighton Moss** - [www.rspb.org.uk/reserves-and-events/reserves-a-z/leighton-moss/](http://www.rspb.org.uk/reserves-and-events/reserves-a-z/leighton-moss/)

## Local Shops and Businesses

**Co-op Food, Emesgate Lane**  
**Wolf House Gallery**, Hollins Lane  
 - [www.wolfhousegallery.com](http://www.wolfhousegallery.com)  
**Vintage & Country**, Emesgate Lane  
 - [www.vintageandcountry.co.uk](http://www.vintageandcountry.co.uk)  
**Burrow's Butchers**, Emesgate Lane - [www.fwburrow.co.uk](http://www.fwburrow.co.uk)  
**Silverdale Newsagent & Post Office**, Emesgate Lane  
 - 01524 702367  
**Silverdale Pharmacy**, Emesgate Lane - 01524 701274  
**Gibraltar Farm**, Lindeth Road (Eggs, milk, preserves)  
 - 01524 701736  
**Beach Garage**, Shore Road - 01524 701600

*Locally made produce can be bought usually at coffee mornings at The Village Institute (Fridays 10-12pm and The Gaskell Hall (Saturdays 10-12pm))*

## Local Accommodation

**Silverdale Hotel** - [www.thesilverdalehotel.co.uk](http://www.thesilverdalehotel.co.uk)  
**Challan Hall** (B&B) - [www.challanhall.co.uk/arnside-silverdale](http://www.challanhall.co.uk/arnside-silverdale)  
**Holgate's Holidays Park** (Caravans & Camping) - [www.holgate.co.uk/our-parks/silverdale/](http://www.holgate.co.uk/our-parks/silverdale/)  
**Holgate's Holiday Cottages** - [www.holgatecottagescollection.co.uk/cottages](http://www.holgatecottagescollection.co.uk/cottages)  
**Wolf House Cottages** (Holiday Cottages) - [www.wolfhousecottages.co.uk](http://www.wolfhousecottages.co.uk)  
**Gibraltar Farm** (Campsite) - [www.gibraltarfarm.co.uk](http://www.gibraltarfarm.co.uk)  
**Ivy Cottage, Gibraltar Farm** - [www.facebook.com/Ivy-cottage-Gibraltar-Farm-100520391723554/](http://www.facebook.com/Ivy-cottage-Gibraltar-Farm-100520391723554/)

*There is also accommodation for short stays available in and around Silverdale through: [www.airbnb.co.uk/silverdale-united-kingdom/stays](http://www.airbnb.co.uk/silverdale-united-kingdom/stays)*



# A walk around the village

## Follow the circular trail or complete in stages.

Start the walk at any point for a glimpse of landscape change; the strange limestone rock formations and enjoy the fascinating flora and fauna.



If starting from the National Trust car park at Eaves Wood, follow the marked route to the Queen Victoria Jubilee Memorial known as The Pepperpot. When you reach the signpost with four directional fingers, take the left path. Look for a gap in the wall ahead to 'Inman's Field'. ❶



*"I ploughed this field with my father, and we grew oats, wheat and potatoes. Now you wouldn't even recognise it as a field."* John Walker

Return to the signpost and continue up to The Pepperpot. ❷

*"My grandfather Chris Hall was commissioned to build the Jubilee Memorial. He recalled that within weeks of completion it was struck by lightning and had to be rebuilt. You can still see the copper strip he put in as a lightning conductor."* Brian Dobson  
[www.nationaltrust.org.uk/arnside-and-silverdale/features/eaves-wood](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/arnside-and-silverdale/features/eaves-wood)

Follow the ridge north westwards with Morecambe Bay on your left. At the wall, follow the slope then turn left at the next junction. At the foot of the row of terraced houses turn right and follow the footpath signs to Cove Road. As you go through a small gate, a Spite Wall used to be on the left. It was taken down in the early 1960s. ❸ *"It seems amazing that in a quiet village like Silverdale, neighbours fell out so much that they built high walls between themselves. In this case the poor residents of the house called Broomhill had no view even when standing on tiptoes in the upstairs bedroom."* Terry Bond

### Other places to visit

RSPB Leighton Moss Nature Reserve  
[www.rspb.org.uk/reserves-and-events/reserves-a-z/leighton-moss/](http://www.rspb.org.uk/reserves-and-events/reserves-a-z/leighton-moss/)

Jenny Brown's Point, Jack Scout & Heald Brow  
[www.arnsidesilverdaleaonb.org.uk/discover/things-to-see-do/discover-wildlife/jack-scout-heald-brow](http://www.arnsidesilverdaleaonb.org.uk/discover/things-to-see-do/discover-wildlife/jack-scout-heald-brow)

Gait Barrows National Nature Reserve  
[www.arnsidesilverdaleaonb.org.uk/discover/things-to-see-do/discover-wildlife/gait-barrows](http://www.arnsidesilverdaleaonb.org.uk/discover/things-to-see-do/discover-wildlife/gait-barrows)

Trowbarrow Quarry Local Nature Reserve  
[www.arnsidesilverdaleaonb.org.uk/discover/things-to-see-do/discover-wildlife/trowbarrow/](http://www.arnsidesilverdaleaonb.org.uk/discover/things-to-see-do/discover-wildlife/trowbarrow/)

Silverdale Golf Club [www.silverdalegolfclub.co.uk](http://www.silverdalegolfclub.co.uk)  
George Whitaker Memorial Children's Playground, Cove Road  
Holgates Leisure Facilities [www.holgates.co.uk/our-parks/silverdale/come-for-the-day/](http://www.holgates.co.uk/our-parks/silverdale/come-for-the-day/)

Continue on the path across the next small road. When you reach Cove Road, turn right, follow the road and take the next lane on the left. Pass by a row of houses, which used to be fishermen's cottages, and carry on down to the Cove (owned by the RSPB). ❹ Admire the phreatic cave (formed under the water) and the emergent spring water on the beach from Lambert's Meadow (later in walk).



Go through the small gateway on the left to take the cliff top path across The Lots on Bank House Farm (be aware of livestock in the fields). The Lots are renowned for limestone flowers including green-winged orchids in May and Autumn Lady's Tresses in August. At the end on Stankelt Road is the parish boundary stone. ❺

*"The stone on the left marked a township boundary between Silverdale and Warton-with-Lindeth. The road ahead, once part of Warton was lit by three streetlights, while the rest of Silverdale was in the dark."* Barry Ayre

Turn right, down to the shore, passing The Silverdale Hotel. ❻ *"When the travelling circus came to the field opposite, there used to be a bear on a bit of string on the steps of the Silverdale Hotel."* Walter Burrow



**ROUTE CONDITIONS:** a gentle amble, uneven ground in parts, some slight slopes, one flight of steps. **NOTE: KEEP DOGS ON LEADS.**

**Distance:** 3.5 miles (5 kilometres) **Facilities:** Toilets and refreshments in Silverdale village

**Hazards:** Take care on the roads: no pavements in many places

**OS Map reference:** Outdoor Leisure 7 SD471759

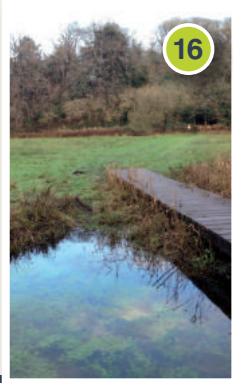
★ Check tide timetables as parking may be unsuitable at high tide



and prawns. Steamers brought visitors from Morecambe and Grange-over-Sands and local fishermen would make a few pence ferrying them ashore or providing trips during the summer.

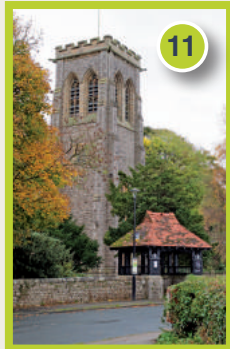
Turn back and follow the road left to the centre of the village (shops, toilets and refreshments). Continue through the village to the school, passing the Gaskell Memorial Hall ❸, opened in 1931 and named to rever the novelist, Elizabeth Gaskell. Many aspects of the hall were designed to accommodate the Silverdale Village Players, who celebrate their 100th anniversary in 2022. You also pass Bleasdale House ❹, built in 1860 for the Sharp family and previously known as Delamere. The building was a private residence until World War I, during which it became a Red Cross Hospital. It was converted to a Convalescent Home by the Bradford Dyers' Association and is now a specialist school.

Just past the primary school, enjoy the view across Townsfield ❿ to the Pepperpot. *"Townsfield (in the foreground) purchased by villagers for the National Trust, used to grow arable crops while King William's Hill (now Eaves Wood) was open grazing."* Bernard Fryer



Enjoy the pleasant atmosphere of the shore. ❼. In days gone by, from here, cockles were harvested at low tide three to four miles out in the Bay and filled sacks brought back by horse and cart. Fishermen walked out to stake nets for flukes or, at high tide, took their sail boats out to catch flukes

Just across the road is the Parish Church of St John. ❾ A Grade Two Listed Building, the church was designed by Ball and Elce of Manchester and much of the building work was funded by the Boddington family. It opened in 1886 and its interior has many interesting features.



Retrace your steps 100 metres to the footpath beside number 5 Emesgate Lane (The Old Forge) leading to Springbank. Walk to the right and past The Village Institute ❿, which opened in 1907 on a central site, easily accessible for all parts of Silverdale, in Barker's Field. It was built to be 'a home for the men's social club and various lectures, entertainments and other function of a non-political, non-sectarian and temperance character' but today holds many community events.

At the top of Springbank, note the two standing Doric columns ❾ and turn left into Stankelt Road. Look to your left for an intact 'Spite' wall, built in 1885 as a result of a dispute between neighbours. ❿ Continue along the road and turn left to The Green ❿ and follow the signs to Bottoms Lane. Turn left and look for the path on the right to Lambert's Meadow ❿. Enjoy the quiet of Burton Well Wood ❿ (take care on the limestone pavement which is slippery when wet). Cross the bridge in the meadow and climb the steps to Bank Well. ❿

Turn left down The Row ❿. At the end of The Row, cross the road to return to Eaves Wood car park.