

Amble Town Trail

Red Trail

1. The Town Square, on the site of the British Legion Club and the showground, links to the Marina with the Boatyard and site of the Brickworks to the right; a cinema and dance hall were once on the left.

2. See the West Jetty and workshop remains where coal and fishing boats were repaired. Look for wrecks at low tide. The Yacht Club is on the site of an 18th century shipyard.

3. The river Coquet, in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, has abundant birdlife - view the interpretation board along the road; magnificent Warkworth castle dominates the scene. Staying longer? Follow the Northumberland Coastal Path. Amble's 'gateway' is shaped like the ribs of a coble, a small locally built fishing boat.

4. The Marina Arms, the site of a sawmill and a granary, was once the National Coal Board office. Across the road in the fields was the Saltworks. Walk up Gloster Hill - one of the oldest places in Amble to see the 18th century mansion house gateway; view the ancient course of the river. The old gas works buildings are on the right as you go up the Wynd.

5. Opposite the entrance of Hallbank Well, one of the earliest water supplies are the remains of a 15th century manor house. Togston Square was

part of old Amble; Gloster Terrace's Masonic Lodge was the Congregational church. The Wesleyan chapel was next to the bowling green in High Street whose older buildings still retain many of their original features.

6. The garden at High Street is next to an 18th century cottage. Look right at the top of Queen Street to see the United Reformed church. Queen Street is the main shopping area and once had the Council offices and still retains a traditional butcher's shop - Rolands. Opposite the Post Office's old style post box were the courthouse and the Police station. Through the gap - Cross Street - is the Church of England and beyond that the Mechanics Institute building.

At the bottom of the street, look at the impressive 19th century facades before returning to the Town Square.

Green Trail

1. In Dilston Terrace, opposite the Fourways - the old Station Hotel - are flats which were the Lonnen school and then Council offices; alongside was the Fire station. In front of the red brick houses of the old Station, the grassed area had the railway tracks and bridges which brought coal from Radcliffe and Hauxley Collieries.

2. A golf course and a rifle range were on the Links which lead to the restored East Cemetery spire. The Lord Mayor's field, where city dwellers came for holidays, is just before the caravan site which evolved from caravans on the dunes. Explore the dunes, the site of burial cairns and quarries, by following the Northumberland Coastal Path to Hauxley.

3. Use binoculars to view terns, puffins and other sea birds on Coquet Island, an RSPB reserve. Walk back along the dunes, over Rocket Hill where flares called out the lifeboat, to the Paddlers set in the old stone quarry. Cliff House, the Overseer's residence when the harbour was being built, dominates the scene.

4. The original lifeboat and coastguards' houses are just before the breakwater and piers - watch out for the waves! The grassy area beside the Little Shore once held cement cottages and drying greens.

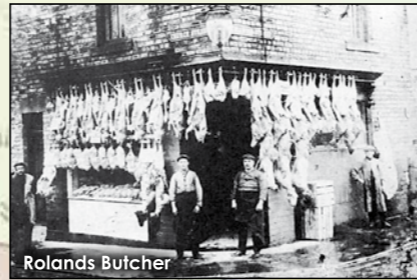
5. The Harbour Master's office leads onto Broomhill quay and the harbour. A bustling port with the railway bringing coal exports for Europe, the staithes towered overhead; chutes sent coal crashing into the holds and black dust flying over everything until the 1960s. Now it relies on fishing and tourist trade. Go past the dock, along Radcliffe quay to see the Lifeboat Station.

6. One of the largest diamond railway crossings was on the grassy mound overlooking the dock - now see the wonderful view. Below is the Coastguard's Station and the site of the old Brickworks.

Enter the Town Square with one of the largest gnomon in Europe and the Memorial Gardens. The smaller war memorial came here when Radcliffe village was opencast for coal and its people re-housed in Amble.



Brickflats



Rolands Butcher



Dilston Terrace Flood



Sailing Ships



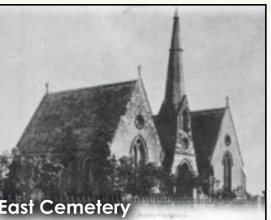
Manor House Window



Queen Street



Old Dock Showing Staithes



East Cemetery



Amble War Memorial and Gardens

