

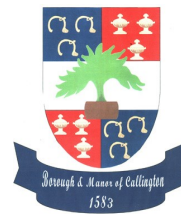
MAP OF ROUTE AROUND MINE BUILDINGS

first explore the mining area to the east along Winsor Lane, The Heritage Centre has further information on Holmbush and the Winsor Mine to give you a greater understanding of the site. The footpath to the right is a short route to the main A388. When you come to the main road turn left and keep on the grass verge until you see the footpath sign opposite when you need to carefully cross the road and proceed along this green lane. All of this area was once common and Redmoor mine spread over the land to the left. Further along on the right you will see the ruins of an old longhouse. You will then come to a track on the left that takes you to Maders, follow this track down to South Hill road and turn left. Turn right at an unmade road (not marked) just before the junction with Redmoor Road and follow this track bearing left at the gate until you reach another gate which you go through. Enter this field and head to the two gates opposite you and pass through the left hand one. Look for a small gate opposite and to the left in this field. Go through this gate and across the next field heading to the bottom left hand side and join an unmade road. Turn left and follow this unmade road to the end at Bearland Bridge. Go onto the lane and bearing left follow this uphill. Proceed along this lane and you will go past the Health Centre and into the town. At the Junction by the Phoenix Inn if you turn right you will come to the Heritage Centre or if you go straight ahead you can turn up New Road to the car park or bus stop.



Now leave the Holmbush Plantation and turn right towards Kelly Bray. After a short distance you will see a 'Public Footpath' sign on the right and here you must decide whether to walk back to Callington on the same route or to take the longer route through the countryside. If you decide to go back to town you might like to

WARNING: Holmbush Mine is on Duchy of Cornwall land. The Duchy allow permissive access but stress that visitors must be aware this is an old mine site and there are unlocated mine shafts that have not been securely capped. You are advised to remain on level ground or on well worn footpaths. Do not stray from these and do not enter fenced areas.

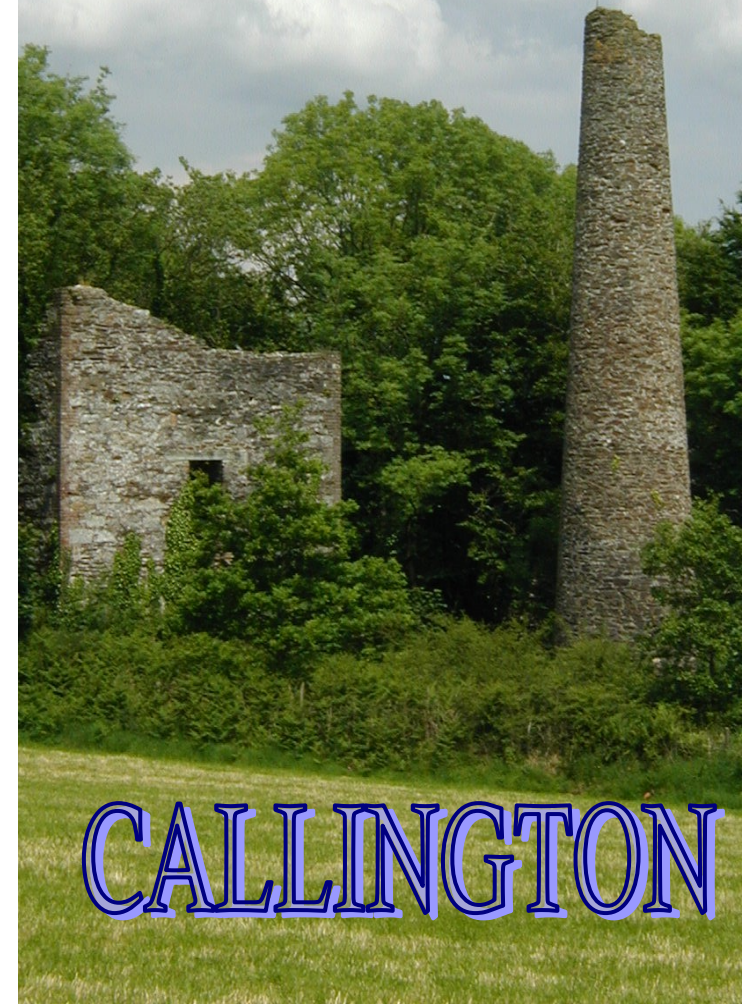


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Heritage Walk 4 Holmbush Mine



CALLINGTON

HERITAGE WALK 1

Holmbush Mine

Length of walk approximately X kilometres or X miles. Healthy longer alternative is X kilometres or X miles. The short walk is level. The longer walk includes some slopes and sections that can be muddy in winter.

Transport. This walk starts from the Car Park in New Road Callington or the free car park in Saltash Road can be used. The bus stop is also in New Road. The less able could drive to the parking area near the mine,

Public Conveniences. The only public conveniences are in New Road, Callington.

Refreshments. There are several café's, inns and food retailers in Callington and a pubic house in Kelly Bray.

Further information. Is available from the Callington Heritage Centre in Liskeard Road. It is open Fri. Sat, & Sun. 1000-1600hrs every weekend from Easter to the end of October and Bank Holiday Mondays. Further information on locations featured in this walk is available. Other walks leaflets are available in the Town Hall which is on your left just as you leave the car park.



From New Road walk across Fore Street to the Church and then down Church Stret. When you get to the A388 continue walking northwards to Kelly Bray making use of the pavements. At Kelly Bray take the turning that goes on the right hand side of the Swingle Tree. Carry on walking north and just after the large timber building on the left turn into a parking area and proceed to the other side where you turn left and take the path along by the fence. [Please read the warning note at the end of this leaflet.] The plantation is relatively new as when the mining was at it peak in the 19th century the whole area was open moorland. Holmbush is just one mine in a row that stretched from Winsor in the east and towards Maders in the west. There are indications that there was mining at this site as early as the 17th century but the peak period of

PICTORIAL MAP OF ROUTE FROM CALLINGTON TO HOLMBUSH AND BACK VIA FOOT- PATHS

production was from 1837 to 1892 when copper, lead and silver were mined as well as some arsenic. The two main shafts Hitchens and Wells were excavated to a depth of 325 metres.

To your left is a large spoil dump ❶ and ahead of you is Hitchen's Pumping Engine house ❷ one of the two main engine houses which have now been stabilised. However the site of the associated mine shaft has not been located. The engine house may have been constructed prior to 1820. On the west side of the engine house are the remaining walls of the boiler house ❸ with the attached chimney ❹ Follow the track round to the south of the engine house and from there it doubles back and passes through the south wall of the Copper Crusher House ❺ - a rare survival. The copper crusher would have been power by a water wheel positioned in the pit ❻ to the north of this building but largely obscured by trees and debris.

As you follow the path round to the left you come to the second engine house ❼ which housed the winding engine which was constructed during the 1880's. In front of it [east] is the condenser housing ❽ but one

wall of this has collapsed. To the north of the condenser housing is the flywheel slot and the whim cage slot.

❾ The boiler house ❿ is to the north of the main engine house and the boiler house chimney is at the west end. Now turn right and head towards the gate walking on level ground. Look to your right and you will see the remains of two reservoir ponds which served the steam engines.



2. Hitchen's Engine House