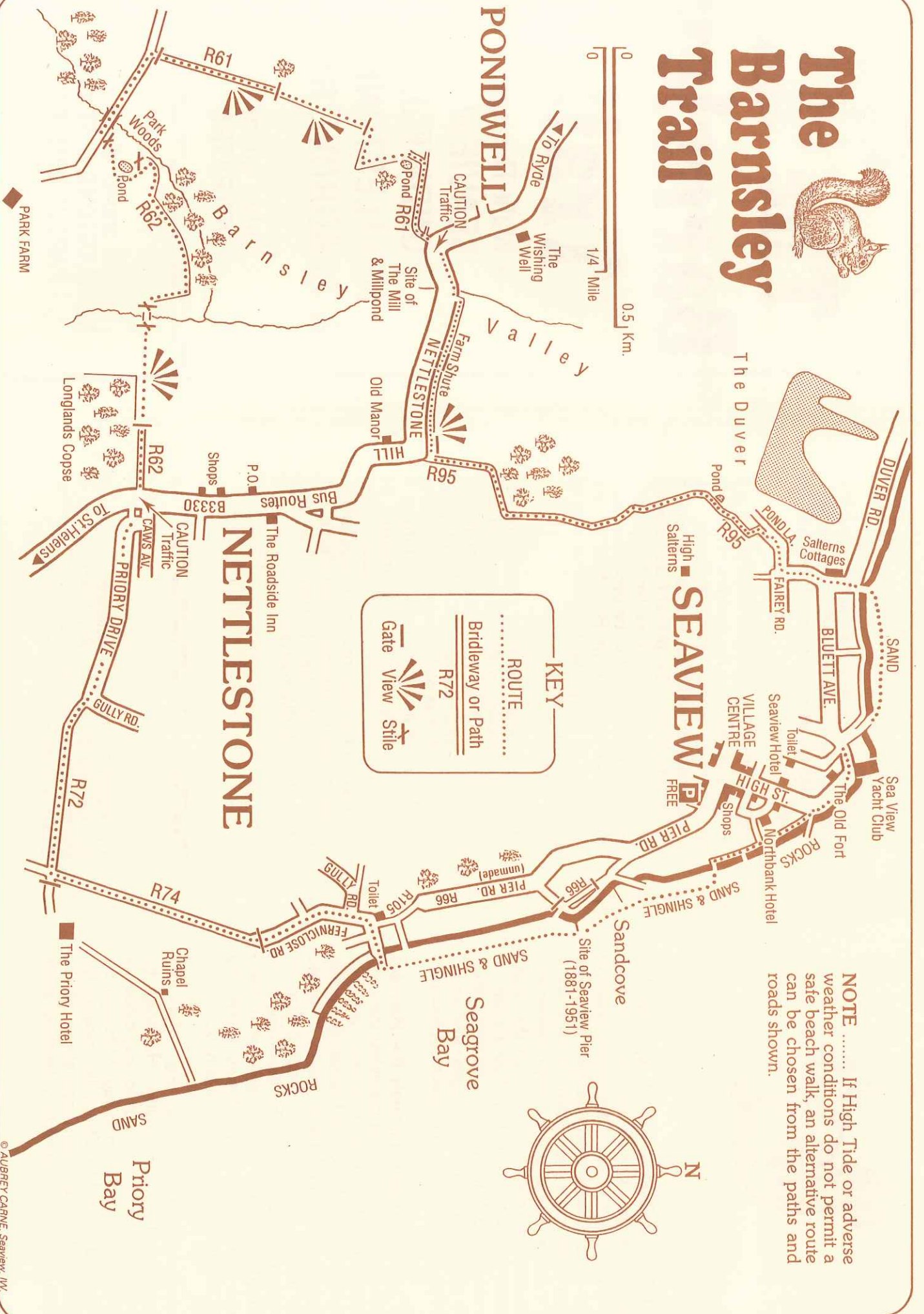


The Barnsley Trail



NOTE If High Tide or adverse weather conditions do not permit a safe beach walk, an alternative route can be chosen from the paths and roads shown.



THE BARNSELEY TRAIL is a 'circular' walk of some 4 miles through the open countryside and skirts the urban areas of the Parish, particularly at low tide. The idea came from the Parish Council and it is intended to encourage both visitors and residents to discover some of the many miles of footpath within their Parish, to amble through the lovely rural area, either all at once or in easy stages, and enjoy some of the outstanding places of interest.

The rural stretch through the Barnsley Valley (R95 & R61) is probably the most interesting historically. Once, the sea reached up to Park and Longlands copses and this type of inlet was greatly favoured by the Romans. It is surprising that no evidence of settlement by them has been found, although it is possible that there was some up on the slopes where the High Salterns development is now.

In mediaeval times the inlet was developed into Barnsley Harbour by works stretching well out to sea, evidence of which can be seen today. Although the inlet had started to silt up, like most of the creeks along the northern shore of the Island, there was sufficient depth to allow

quite large ships to sail up to reach the Mill south of the present B3330 close to R61. The mill pond embankment can still be seen.

When the Napoleonic Wars cut off supplies of salt from the traditional sources in France, Spain and Majorca, an embankment was built across the mouth of the Harbour - the present day Duver, and a series of sluices and saltpans provided the material to be processed into the rather unpleasant Bay Salt at the "factory" in the present attractive row of Salterns Cottages.

There are other historical places close to the route shown in this leaflet, and it is hoped that they will give pause for reflection and enjoyment of the past, which is still ours to keep for the present, and hand on in our turn to the future. If you have any further information or comments on people and places to be included in the next printing of this leaflet, please contact Councillor Alan Hersey, or the Clerk of the Parish Council, Mrs. M. Brandt (IW 613769).



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