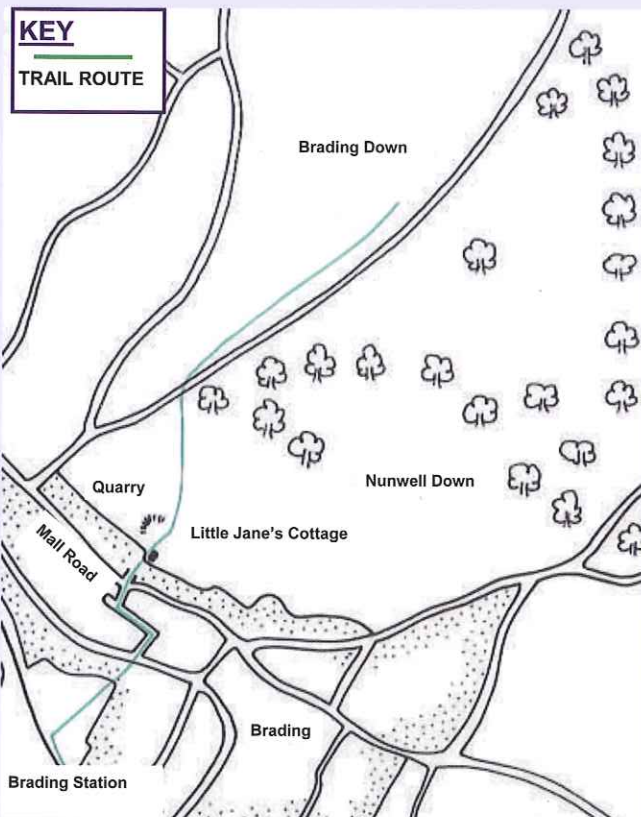


BRADING DOWN



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WALK FIVE

Leave Brading Station through the exit gate and cross the car park towards the brown footpath sign "3, 4 and 5" to the left. Follow the footpath to the 'T' junction turn and walk up to the main road ("New Road"). Cross over the road and walk up Wrax Road opposite (an unmade road). Upon reaching 'The Mall' road, cross the road to the left and turn right up the footpath past the thatched cottage on your right.

This is Little Jane's Cottage. Little Jane was immortalised in the book "Annals of the Poor", written by the Georgian cleric, Legh Richmond, because of her pious and blameless life and early death.

Continue up the track past the Quarry known locally as "Little Jane's Quarry". The path climbs up to Nunwell Down.

The steep banks of the quarry and the downs itself are a good place to look for wild flowers and butterflies. Nunwell Down is owned by the Isle of Wight Council and is cut once-a-year after the orchids have seeded, to keep it as open downland. Already in parts you will notice Sycamore seeds have taken root where the mower cannot reach. This leads to a management problem, as very soon the Sycamore seedlings will grow into trees and shelter the downland plants; so periodically they have to be cut.

As Nunwell Down levels out, so Brading Down can be reached by crossing the road. Brading Down is much larger and contains forty-five acres of open space. Here, animals are used in the summer months to graze the Downs. Brading Down gives outstanding views over the Yar valley to the sea beyond Sandown Bay and also a fine view of the "Kings Town of Brading" under the hill to the north-east.

Your return to the station can be achieved by retracing your steps.

