

Other points of interest near the route

A. JAWBONE TAVERN



This pub dates back to 1802 and has survived two world wars. The pub was named in connection to the whaling vessels that sailed from local docks, and there was a blubber processing plant in Litherland Road. It is said it to be haunted and has many ghostly tales to tell.

B. ST MONICA'S CHURCH



Grade 1-listed St Monica's has been serving the Bootle community for over 100 years. Situated at the end of Derby Park on Fernhill Road it celebrated its centenary in 2023.

C. ASH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH



You will find Ash Street Baptist Church on the corner of Ash Street before you head down to the Ash Street memorial. The building predates 1905 and has been supporting the local community for many years.

D. BROADWAY STORES



Broadway Stores has served the community for nearly 100 years. The shop was originally run by **Albert Armstrong** known locally as **Bert** and is now run by two of his children, **Gilbert** and **Sylvia**. The corner shop is a treasure trove of goods and generations of local people have many fond memories of Broadway Stores.

E. ST JAMES' CHURCH



Once known as the Cathedral of Bootle, The Parish of St. James in Bootle, Lancashire, was founded in 1845 to provide a local place of worship for Catholics and a school was built in 1848. One of the bells, the largest, is the original tolling bell, known as '**Big Tom**'. They have rung out over the years for many occasions such as weddings, Christmas and the new millennium.

F. MARSH LANE ART TUNNEL



Marsh Lane Art Tunnel is covered with a painted mural throughout, containing a historical timeline of Bootle, including the building of the local railway in the 19th century and the effects of World War II. It also celebrates recent local heroes like swimmer **Margaret (Maggy) Kelly MBE**.

G. ST MARY'S CHURCH GARDENS



St Mary's Church Gardens and the view of Seaforth Docks. Once the borough's biggest burial ground the church was destroyed in the blitz of 1940 and demolished. **Jesse Hartley**, designer of the Albert Dock, is buried here.

The Hearts of Gold Bootle Community Heritage Trail is part of the Sefton at 50 Hearts of Gold Heritage Lottery Project which celebrates Sefton's 50th anniversary and highlights Sefton's special people, places, memories and events from the last 50 years and beyond.

The trail was created by fantastic local volunteers and Sefton CVS.

Look out for wooden hearts with QR codes along the route telling you about that point and providing links to further information.

The wooden hearts were crafted by Sefton-based wood sculptor, **Simon Archer.**

To find out about our other Community Heritage Trails in Netherton and Formby scan the QR code or visit:

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Hearts of Gold BOOTLE COMMUNITY HERITAGE TRAIL



Shorter Route Distance: 1.5 miles
Time: Approximately 30 minutes

For a shorter walk start at
King's Gardens and finish at North Park

Longer Route Distance: 2.7 miles
Time: Approximately 60 minutes



1. Bootle Town Hall

Our trail begins at historic Bootle Town Hall which was built in 1882. Sefton's first female Mayor was **Mrs J Jessop** from 1974 to 1975 when the Metropolitan Borough of Sefton was created.



2. Bootle Free Library and Museum

Part of Bootle Town Hall used to be a free public library and museum. '**Bootle's Beetles**' were rediscovered in the 1970s in a drawer which had been screwed shut for years and are now part of the oldest insect collection in Liverpool Museum.



3. Bootle Baths

The front of Bootle Baths can still be seen on Balliol Road. **Margaret (Maggie) Kelly MBE**, the Bootle swimmer, trained at Bootle Baths and represented Great Britain in the Olympics in the 1970's and 80's.



4. Hugh Baird College and University Centre

Bootle Technical College became Hugh Baird College in 1974 in honour of local Mayor **Hugh Baird** in recognition of his dedication to education and training for people in Bootle.



5. King's Gardens

King's Gardens is where you will find the Bootle war memorial and the statue of Edward VII.



6. South Park

Behind King's Gardens is **South Park**, home to a vibrant community garden and play area. The Queen visited South Park on her Silver Jubilee tour in 1977.



7. The Oldest House in Bootle and Christ Church

The oldest house in Bootle is the **Earl of Derby hunting lodge** at 1 Merton Road built in 1773. Across the roundabout you can see the beautiful **Christ Church** built in 1864.



8. Derby Park

The park was built in 1895 and is a beautiful example of an urban Victorian park. Part of the **Derby Park Conservation Area**, it is listed on the national register of historic parks and gardens.



9. Poulson Statue and Medicinal Garden

The memorial commemorates **William Poulson** and **Mary Poulson** who both worked tirelessly for less fortunate people in Bootle. The medicinal garden at the base of the statue is in reference to their support of Bootle Borough Hospital.



10. Derby Park Bandstand

At the heart of **Derby Park** is a beautiful Victorian Bandstand. In 2012 over 2,000 people attended a special opening ceremony for the newly refurbished bandstand which has held many special events over the last 50 years.



11. The Tannery and Waterworks Street

The story of Bootle's underground springs and lake has attracted a lot of attention over the years. The old **Bootle Tanning Company** building stands at the junction of Well Lane and **Waterworks Street** and made good use of the local water in its production of leather.



12. Ash Street Memorial

The **Ash Street War Memorial Garden** remembers the people who died when the Co-op air raid shelter suffered a direct hit on May 7th 1941.



13. Alex Greenwood Mural

Aged just 22, Bootle born **Alex Greenwood** was the youngest member of England's female football squad at the 2015 World Cup. The mural is by Liverpool artist, John Culshaw.



14. The Triad

The striking Triad building was completed in 1974 and used to be home to some of the Girobank offices and the tax office among others.



15. St Mathew's Church

Across the road from North Park you can see St Mathew's Church. **The Parish of St Mathew and St Leonard** has been serving the Bootle community for many years and is home to vibrant community groups and activities that support residents in Bootle.



16. North Park

North Park was home to a boating pond and paddling pool up until the 1970's. If you look closely you can still see their outline. It is also home to a skate park, Bootle Leisure Centre and North Park Community Garden and Kitchen.



17. May Logan MBE - The May Logan Healthy Living Centre

Lillian May Logan was awarded an MBE in 1977 for services to the community after spending her life supporting local children and helping to improve the welfare of local people.



18. The Strand

The Strand shopping centre opened in 1968 and many shops are still fondly remembered. Some familiar names include: **Stationery Box, TJs, Freeman Hardy Willis, NEMs, DER TV Rental** and **Woolies** to name but a few.



19. Red Rum Club Mural

The **Salt and Tar** events space on the side of the canal is home to a mural featuring local band, **Red Rum Club** by Liverpool artist Paul Curtis.



20. Lock and Quay

Next stop is the canalside pub and community hub, the **Lock and Quay**. From here you can explore Bootle's extensive canal network on the canal footpaths or in a canoe.



21. Leeds to Liverpool Canal

The canal is 127 miles long and **The Canal and River Trust** have great local activities to explore and learn about Bootle's industrial history.

