

## Additional points for a longer route and other points of interest nearby

### A. ST OSWALD'S CHURCH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

St Oswald's is a Church of England church which is home to many community activities including **Sewing Connection** who run a local community sewing group that created a fantastic Heritage Lottery-funded triptych showcasing Netherton's local history. This now hangs in the NAC in the library.



### B. NETHERTON PARK NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

Over a period of 35 years **Netherton Park Neighbourhood Centre** has progressed from its small beginnings, after the closing of a local school, to what it has become today. It is the focal point of the estate for many people, enhancing education, training and support for the community. The charity is run by fantastic local volunteers.



### C. COPY LANE PARK

The park is on the site of the former Copy Farm which gave Copy Lane its name.



### D. PINFOLD WOOD

Pinfold Wood sits on a narrow strip of land to the north of Netherton, near Netherton Lane. Further to the north is Broom's Cross Road.



### E. ST HELEN'S CHURCH AND SEFTON VILLAGE

**St Helen's Church** is a beautiful church dedicated to St Helen. The church is Grade 1 listed and is said to have been founded in 1170 by the Molyneux family, the local landowners.



### F. SHY LOWEN HORSE AND PONY SANCTUARY

Situated on Buckley Hill, **Shy Lowen** has been serving the local community and beyond for over 25 years. The heart beating at the centre of Shy Lowen is the **Care Committee** made up of fantastic **young volunteers** aged between 11 and 18. Shy Lowen celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2024.



### G. RIMROSE VALLEY

Reclamation of the site started in 1993 and it now boasts two sites of special local biological interest one at Brookvale Local Nature Reserve and at Fulwood Way to the east.



### H. NETHERTON COMMUNITY GARDEN

The **Feelgood Factory Netherton Community Garden** project developed wasteland into a growing space and garden for the community to share.



### I. MARIAN GARDENS

**Marian Gardens** is situated on the site of the former Bootle Grammar School for Boys. The school was located just behind Marian Square and the gardens were laid out in 1992.



**The Hearts of Gold Netherton 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 Bootle and Formby scan the QR code or visit:

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# Hearts of Gold NETHERTON COMMUNITY HERITAGE TRAIL



**Shorter Route Distance: 1.6 miles**  
**Time: Approximately 35 minutes**

**Longer Route Distance: 2.4 miles**  
**Time: Approximately 50 minutes**



### 1. The NAC

The Netherton Activity Centre (NAC) has been a cornerstone of the community since its transformation from Warwick Bolam High School into a leisure facility in 1989, officially opening the new NAC in 2011. As well as providing many sports, fitness and well-being activities it is also home to **Jake's Sensory World**, which supports children and adults with disabilities, **Merseyside Blind Football Club** and **Sefton Libraries**.



### 2. Eden Vale Community Pub

The Eden Vale Community Pub has served the community in Netherton since 1954. **Flame Spirit** is a local charity set up 25 years ago to raise funds for local children with life-threatening and life-limiting conditions and their families. Starting in 1986, the Eden Vale also organised an annual carnival in Netherton from Litherland Town Hall to the NAC.



### 3. Feelgood Factory

The **Feelgood Factory** was founded in 1999, moving into Glover's Lane in 2004. They have created many fantastic community projects over the years to promote health and well-being including the **Netherton Community Garden** among many others. The **Feelgood Factory** celebrated its 20th anniversary in Glover's Lane in 2024 with community events to thank volunteers, staff and visitors.



### 4. Marian Square

Marian Square was built in the mid 1950s for the people of the Netherton Estate which was built to re-home many people from Bootle after the Blitz. Shops over the years have included **Lesley's Wool Shop**, **Conroy's**, **Woolworth's** and **Vernon's** to name but a few. The unusual Marian Square statue was a memorable feature of the square.



### 5. Netherton Swing Bridge

Netherton Swing Bridge is also known locally as **Arthur's Bridge** after the local lollipop man who helped children cross safely here for more than 40 years.



### 6. St Benet's Church and Community Centre

**St Benet's Church** was built in 1975 to support the growing population in Netherton. It also has a thriving community hall which supports local community groups and events.



### 7. St Benet's Chapel

The chapel and presbytery were built in 1793. The chapel was the local school as well as a church and many locals were educated and married here. It is described as "one of the best preserved examples of an early Catholic church in the North West".



### 8. Netherton Village Green

The oldest houses are to be found at the heart of the old hamlet of Netherton, clustered around the green. Netherton was a farming area for several centuries until 1951 when it was incorporated within Bootle county borough and in 1974 Netherton became part of the newly formed Sefton MBC.



### 9. L30 Community Centre

The **L30 Community Centre** is a place of welcome for the whole community. This is a building that hosts many activities including social groups, exercise classes and organised groups, but the magic happens when community members connect, build relationships and share their skills. It is also home to registered charity **Fun 4 Kidz**.



### 10. Canal and River Trust - Levi Tafari Poetry Trail

On 11th May 2024, the Poetry Society and the **Canal and River Trust** were delighted to unveil a new poetry trail in **Netherton**, featuring a poem by Liverpool poet **Levi Tafari**. 'Sefton's Wonderous Waterways'.



### 11. Sefton Amateur Boxing Club

**Sefton ABC**, was formed in 1971 and has been transforming young lives in L30 and beyond for many years. It is a community focused gym based in the heart of the Netherton run by volunteers and serving local young people for over 54 years.



### 12. Emmanuel Baptist Church

**Emmanuel Baptist Church** has served the community in Netherton for over 50 years. It is home to a community pantry and community cafe, supported by fantastic volunteers and hosts many community events throughout the year.



### 13. Killen Green Park

Killen Green Park was created to support the families from the surrounding housing estates when they were built 1960s. The park was revitalised in 2016 by a partnership between **L30s Million** and Sefton Council and now has a play area and skate park.



### 14. Netherton Sports and Social Club

**Netherton Sports and Social Club** has been serving the community for over 60 years. Formerly the **Royal British Legion** there is a **war memorial** here remembering those who have been affected by wars or other conflicts.



### 15. Netherton and Bootle Community Fire Station

The current station is built on the site of the former fire station. The new station was officially opened in 2012 and children from local schools designed a mosaic for the garden - can you spot it? All stations are designated '**Safe Havens**' where any member of the public can go if they feel unsafe.



### 16. St Mark's Church and Wildflower Meadow

A small Methodist/Anglican faith community in the heart of Netherton with a beautiful award winning 1,000 sq mt **wildflower meadow** of native flowers and plants. It was planted by the community and springs to life in the summer.



### 17. Fleetwood's Bridge and the Leeds to Liverpool Canal

The Canal is 127 miles long and the **Canal and River Trust** have great canal walks to explore. One of the many local fundraising events is the Christmas canal jump from Fleetwood's Bridge to raise money for local children.

