

# Dawley Bank Walk

**DURATION: 30 MINUTES AT A STEADY PACE**

**TERRAIN: MAJORITY FLAT**

**PATH TYPES: FOOTPATHS (TARMAC)**

**DISABILITY ACCESS: ADVISE PARKING IN DAWLEY BANK TO SITES IN COMMUNITY CENTRE (MARKER SIGNS 41-43). ACCESS TO BAPTIST CEMETERY (41-39) LIMITED. ACCESS TO MEMORIAL LIMITED (43) OFF MILNERS LANE.**

**SUITABLE: PUSHCHAIRS AND CYCLISTS:**

**FOOD/DRINK STOP: DAWLEY BANK**

**BENCHES: TBC**

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## BAPTIST CEMETERY

- At **marker sign 38** cross over the road and take the footpath up Cemetery Road.
- Opposite the industrial estate you will see a set of gates by **marker sign 39**.



Above - Grounds of Dawley Baptist Cemetery

Above - A prominent grave marker at the entrance is dedicated to 5 Deacons of Dawley Baptist Church

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## BAPTIST CHURCH

- Exit the Cemetery and continue up Cemetery Road passing Powis Place on your right.
- If you glance down Park Road, the white brick factory on the left is the former "Pyjama Factory" (Clifford Williams & Co Ltd) and previously the Malinslee National School.
- At **marker sign 40** take the footpath on your immediate right which takes you in front of the modern Baptist Church.



Above - Dawley Bank Baptist Church  
Courtesy of Shropshire Archives (H Griffiths)

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## DAWLEY BANK

- Continue along the footpath to the front of the local shop by **marker sign 41**.
- Go down hill through the modern housing estate.
- At **marker sign 42** is Dawley Bank Green registered in 2007.

A number of cottages and shops formed Dawley Bank's "high street". Behind the Baptist Church stood S. Jones Grocers, which incorporated a Post Office. Nearby was a wheelwright, Blacksmiths, Shoemakers and a funeral parlour



Above - Dawley Bank  
Courtesy of Shropshire Archives

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## METHODIST CHAPEL

The first chapel was erected in 1818, later replaced by a larger building for services catering up to 400 people in 1840.

Encompassed by a stone wall, the building had three bay rendered front with pediments based on a classic design.



Above - Dawley Bank Methodist Chapel  
Courtesy of Shropshire Archives (H Griffiths)

The Wesleyan Sunday School was erected in 1907 with pupils moving from the former school on Station Road in March 1908.

Six dedication plaques, the Trustees of Lawley Bank School can be seen at the foot of the frontpage. They include William Owen, the so called "Bishop of Old Park", a former coal



Above - Sunday School  
Courtesy of Shropshire Archives

The Bull's Head is the oldest public house in Dawley Bank. There have been successive landlords since the 1800's. They include W. Dunning (Victualler, 1856). Harriet Davis (1879), Benjamin Bailey (1891) and Thomas and Percy Grice (1909-1959).

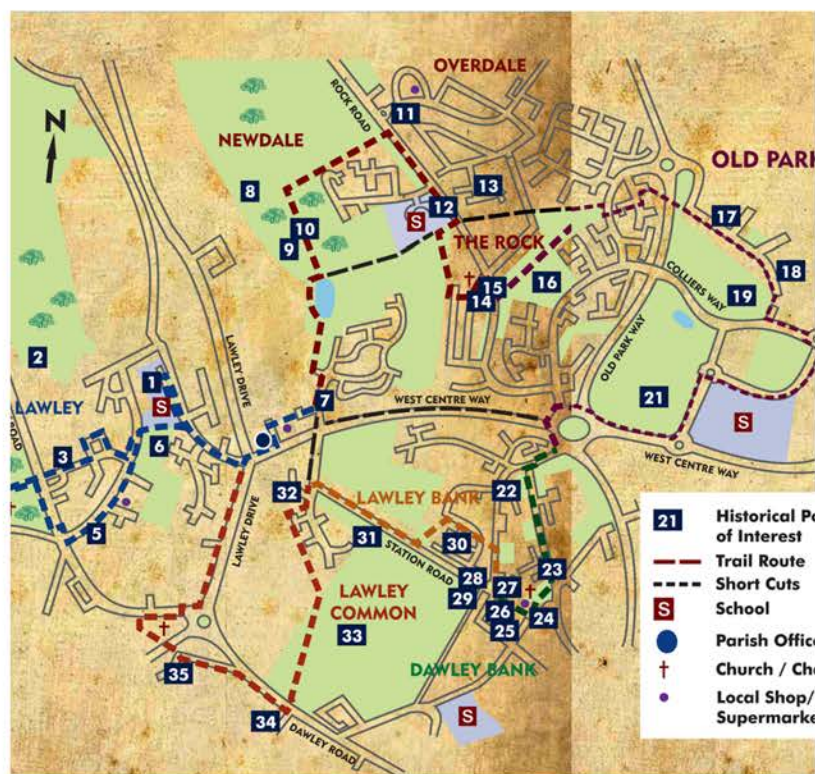
Other public houses were the Red Lion by Park Road, the Queens Head adjacent the local shop and the Unicorn.



Above - Bull's Head



Above - The Red Lion on a calendar for 1962 produced by the Wellington Journal



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