

Newdale & Overdale Walk

DURATION: UNDER 1 HOUR.

TERRAIN: MOSTLY FLAT, EXCEPT FOR INCLINE UP ROCK ROAD.

PATH TYPES: FOOTPATHS/RIGHTS OF WAY AND CYCLEPATHS (TARMAC/GRAVEL).

DISABILITY ACCESS: RESTRICTED TO NEWDALE AND POOL AREA OFF FOR NEWDALE VILLAGE AND RAILWAY LINE/IRONBRIDGE WAY (MARKER SIGNS 12-16) ONLY. ACCESS TO TRAM BRIDGE (MARKER SIGN 15). NOT SUITABLE FOR WHEELCHAIRS.

PUSHCHAIRS/CYCLISTS: SUITABLE, BUT 2 KISSING GATES.

FOOD/DRINK STOP: LAWLEY SQUARE.

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NEWDALE VILLAGE

To start trail, begin outside the Lawley and Overdale Parish Office on Birchfield Drive (facing the office).

- Go left into Birchfield Way and head towards Lawley Square in front of the supermarket. Continue through the Square until you reach **marker sign 11** on Gresham Drive.
- Go left down Gresham Drive until you reach a mini-island. Head left and at **marker sign 12** take the path passing through a play area to Newdale Pool.
- Follow the track around the left hand side of the pool until you reach a cycle path at **marker sign 13**. Pause here and look towards the new houses to your left.



Above - New Dale Farm illustrating the site of the former village, with Overdale in the background



Above - Newdale Pool

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TRAMWAY BRIDGE

To continue the trail,

- At **marker sign 14** take the path left heading into the coppice.
- At **marker sign 15** proceed down the steps to your left and follow the track to Newdale Tram Bridge.



Above - Newdale Tram Bridge

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RAILWAY LINE & NEWDALE HALT

To continue the trail,

- Retrace your steps back to the main path.
- At **marker sign 15**, proceed left following the route of a former railway line.



Above - Newdale Halt Station
Courtesy of Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust

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OVERDALE

To continue the trail,

- At **marker sign 16** use the kissing gate to your right and follow the path behind Charlcote Park.
- Towards the end you'll get a good view of Overdale.

Work on the Mannerley Lane Development began in 1939. The project was halted due to World War Two and recommenced in 1946. Wellington Urban District Council appointed Towers, Wilson and Co to build 2 and 3 bedroom homes, designed by James Hickman and Sons of Wellington.

A shortage of timber supplies for frameworks resulted in the use of pre-fabricated steel from K.J.Sommerfield of Trench, a radical new concept at the time. The first homes were occupied by 1948. Suggested street names for the new housing estate included Dale View, Vale View, Ercall View and Jones Crescent.

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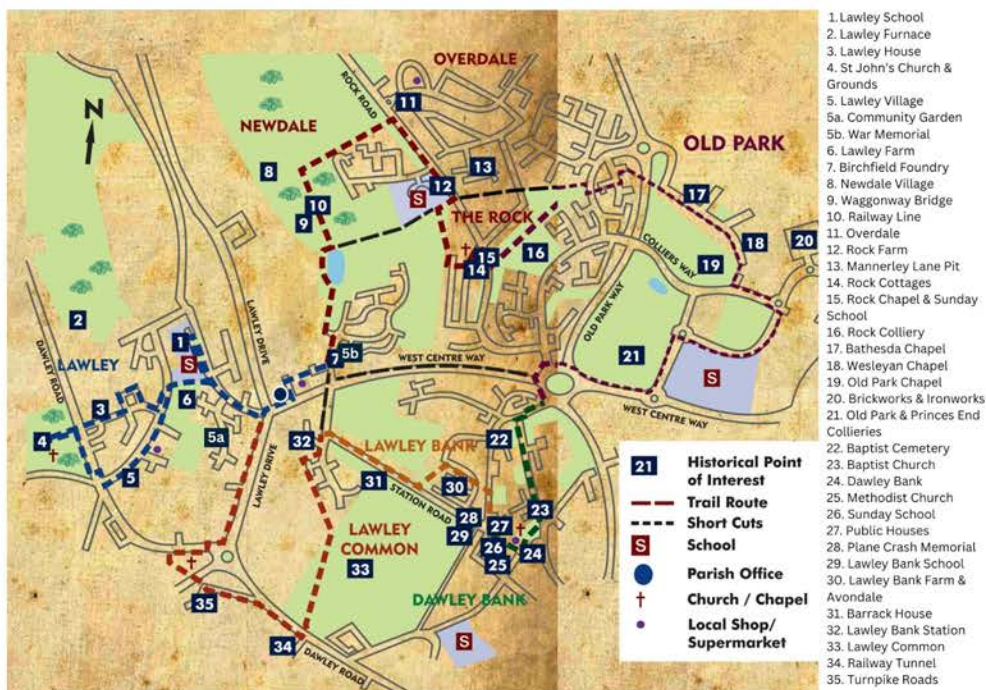
- At the end of the gravel path, take the next path going left down a slight incline to Rock Road.
- At **marker sign 17** proceed right going up Rock Road using the cycle path.
- About half way at **marker sign 18** you'll reach the junction for Marlborough Way and Newdale Community Campus.
- At **marker sign 19** go right via the kissing gate and follow the cycle path.
- At **marker sign 20** take the path to your left. Go through a second kissing gate until you reach Lower Rock Road.
- At **marker sign 21** take the path up to Upper Rock Road.



Above - Rock Road

Short Cut

- If you wish to return to Lawley Square - continue down the cycle path back to Newdale Pool.
- Re-take the bridle way back to Gresham Drive and follow the footpath back to the square.



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