

St Mary's Church



St Mary's Church in Kirkby Lonsdale dates back to Norman times and sits in a picturesque setting within the heart of the town. It hosts regular services and is the venue for many recitals and performances. It is also the meeting place for the local campanologists on a Friday evening!

The church is a stone's throw from Chapel Cottage. Just go out of the archway and bear diagonally left and you can see the church.

Devils Bridge



Devils Bridge is popular with tourists and locals alike. Its just a 15 minute walk from Ruskin's View down the steps and along the river (this is signposted). A regular meeting place for motorbike enthusiasts on a Sunday morning. A place to paddle in the summer or sit with an ice cream. It has its tea caravan serving its well know bacon butties. A great place to people watch.

Ruskin's View



This view from the brow behind St Mary's Church is renowned for its natural beauty and inspiration on artists particularly Professor John Ruskin and J.M.W. Turner. Professor John Ruskin was an art critic and social thinker of the Victorian and Edwardian era. An account of his writings about the view and Lune Valley can be found in his book *Fors Clavigera*. John Ruskin was a great supporter of naturalism in art and subsequently of the work of J.M.W. Turner who had also painted the view from the churchyard circa 1818.

You can walk from the cottage in under a minute and sit on the benches and take in the view.....heaven! Just go through the archway and cross through St May's churchyard and the view is signposted.



Andy Goldsworthy Sheepfolds

Sheepfolds is a sculpture project created by Andy Goldsworthy from an initiative by Cumbria County Council which began as part of the UK year of Visual Arts in 1996. There are 5 Sheepfolds in the immediate vicinity of Kirkby Lonsdale which the public are able to visit. For more information about the project, directions and accessibility information for visiting the sites please visit <http://www.sheepfoldscumbria.co.uk/>

(As a young art student I worked with him many years ago-my small claim to fame.)

Walking Around Kirkby Lonsdale



There is always the short 20 minute walk across the road to the back of St Mary's church, down the steps and follow the signs to Devil's Bridge.

There are a number of walks in the local area found in the side board in the lounge. (please put these back for following guests to use).

For those who like the outdoors here are some links to popular walks around the area. If you would like to add to the list of links contact info@kirkbylonsdale.co.uk

www.whittingtononvillage.fsnet.co.uk

www.shepherdwalks.co.uk

Natural England

www.walkingincumbria.org offers more than 160 FREE Cumbria walks to download, details of all the books, maps and walking groups in the country

Cumbria Wildlife Trust has a series of walks throughout summer 2011. Please contact Roger Neale on 015242 41155 for further information.