

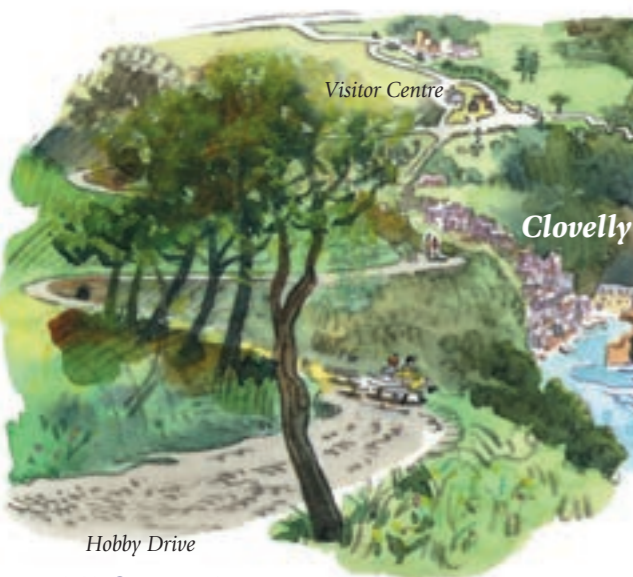
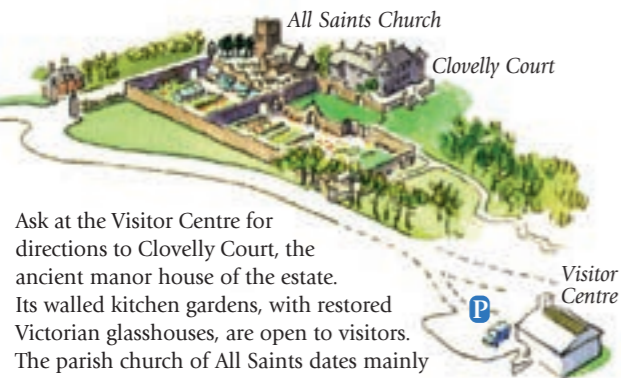
Some more things to do...

Clovelly Court Gardens and church

All Saints Church

Clovelly Court

Ask at the Visitor Centre for directions to Clovelly Court, the ancient manor house of the estate. Its walled kitchen gardens, with restored Victorian glasshouses, are open to visitors. The parish church of All Saints dates mainly from the 13th century and generations of village families are buried in its churchyard.



Wildlife watching

The woodlands that drape the cliffs are home to gnarled oak trees and a variety of birds, butterflies and small mammals. Don't miss the spectacular displays of foxgloves, primroses and bluebells, and the mellow autumn colours.

Traditional crafts

Watch skilled crafts people at work in the stable yard, creating beautiful items such as printed silks and pottery. There is also the opportunity for you to 'have a go'.

Coastal walks

One of the best ways to appreciate the stunning setting of Clovelly is to stroll along the Hobby Drive. As it winds through the woods, it gives magnificent glimpses of the harbour and Bideford Bay. The coastal path in the opposite direction also gives breathtaking views. On its way to the dramatic Hartland Point, it passes the carved shelter named Angel's Wings; Gallantry Bower, a 350ft headland and Mouth Mill Cove, once the haunt of smugglers. Please see our Coast Walks brochure for further information



Boat and fishing trips

Take a fishing trip, cruise the coastline, or join an excursion to Lundy Island. For details, please ask at the Visitor Centre.

Stay a while

There is so much to do in Clovelly, why not stay a while? The two hotels have en-suite accommodation and excellent bar and restaurant food (both are open to non-residents). Some cottages offer bed and breakfast. For an accommodation list call 01237 431781 (24 hrs) or look under 'hotels' on our website www.clovelly.co.uk



A unique place

What other village has no cars and no individually-owned houses? Clovelly is owned by one family (one of only three since the Norman Conquest). Caring for the village is a costly business, especially as the buildings are all repaired with traditional materials. Your admission fees help with the maintenance of the village, and play a vital role in keeping Clovelly so special.

The Visitor Centre

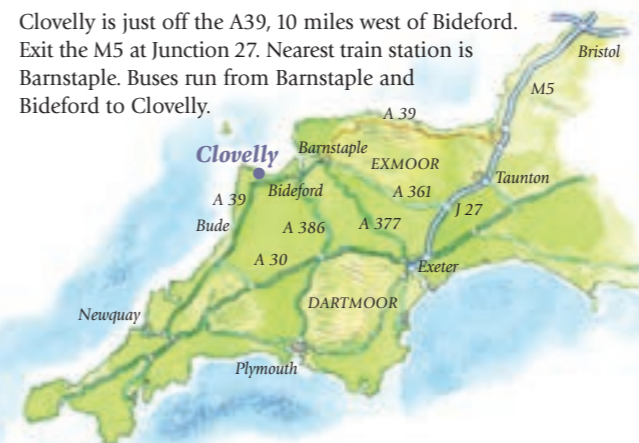
Modelled on a traditional Devon long barn, the award-winning Visitor Centre houses a café and souvenir shops – so that the village remains uncommercialised. To make the most of your visit, start with the film show (20 mins) which tells the fascinating story of Clovelly and is well worth seeing.

Admission fees and how to find us

The entrance fee covers parking and other facilities provided by the Clovelly Estate, as well as admission to the film show, Fisherman's Cottage, Kingsley Museum and Clovelly Court Gardens.

Admission (2024)* adult £9.50; child (7-16) £5.50; family (2a, 2c) £25.00; under 7s free
*Prices correct at time of printing

Clovelly is just off the A39, 10 miles west of Bideford. Exit the M5 at Junction 27. Nearest train station is Barnstaple. Buses run from Barnstaple and Bideford to Clovelly.



Please note that the High Street is steep and can be slippery – so do wear sensible footwear. The street is not suitable for wheelchairs. However, the Visitor Centre, donkey stables, craft workshops and Mount Pleasant are all wheelchair accessible and make an enjoyable outing in themselves.

Further information

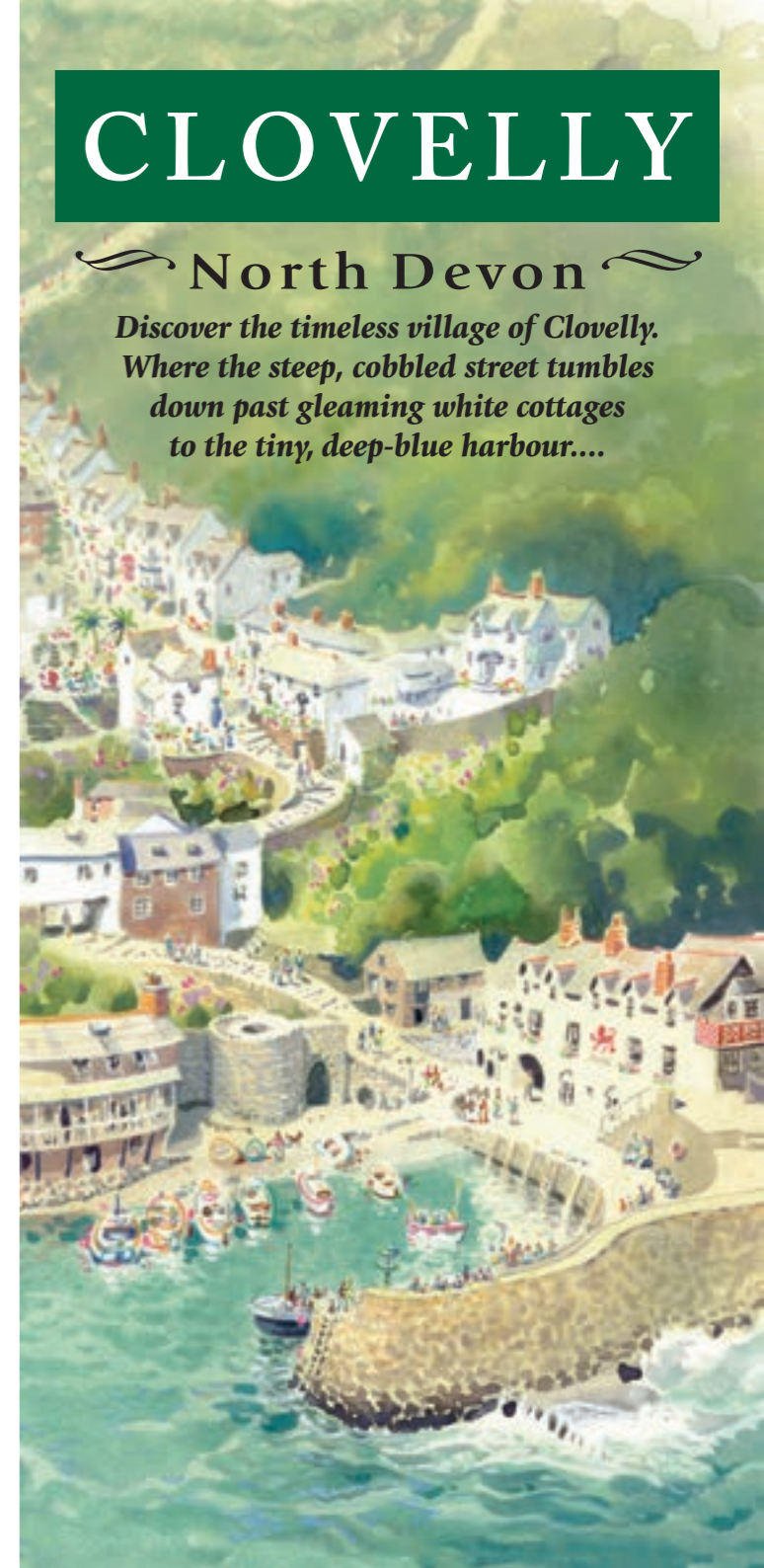
For information, brochures or accommodation lists (24 hr service), please contact: Clovelly Visitor Centre, near Bideford, North Devon, EX39 5TA, Tel: 01237 431781. Or visit our website: www.clovelly.co.uk,



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North Devon

Discover the timeless village of Clovelly.
Where the steep, cobbled street tumbles
down past gleaming white cottages
to the tiny, deep-blue harbour....



"Suddenly a hot gleam of sunlight fell upon the white cottages, with their grey steaming roofs and little scraps of garden courtyard, and lighting up the wings of the gorgeous butterflies which fluttered from the woodland down to the garden."

This is how author, CHARLES KINGSLEY, described Clovelly over 150 years ago. Yet the village has changed so little over the decades that his words could have been written today...

However, Clovelly offers much more than just breathtaking scenery. You can discover fascinating history, wonderful walks, traditional crafts – and the famous Clovelly donkeys.

And don't forget that many of Clovelly's treasures are hidden down the tiny side streets and alleys, so do explore...



Donkeys and sledges

The street is too steep for motor vehicles, so for centuries donkeys were the main form of transport. Although they are no longer used for heavy loads, Clovelly still has its resident donkeys, and children can enjoy rides in the summer. All goods in the village are now transported by sledge – from groceries to furniture and building materials!

You can see the donkeys on most days in the village, or at their stables (2).



Step into the past

Clovelly's impressive quay dates back to the 14th century, as do many of the cottages. The famous cobbled street, known as 'Up-along' or 'Down-along', was built from pebbles hauled from the beach.

Watch the film show in the Visitor Centre to discover more (1).

Seafaring traditions

Clovelly was once a bustling fishing port, famed for its herring and mackerel. Although fishing has declined, it is still a part of village life. In past centuries, this coastline was rife with smuggling, wrecking and piracy. It is also notorious for shipwrecks – so, since 1870, Clovelly has had its own lifeboat.

Find out more by visiting the Fisherman's Cottage (9). For details of fishing trips, please ask at the Visitor Centre.



Shipwrecked Mariners' Society 175th Anniversary commemorative plaque at the end of the quay (23).

Inspiration for Kingsley

Charles Kingsley lived in Clovelly as a child and returned many times as an adult, staying at what is now known as Kingsley Cottage. He wrote 'Westward Ho!' while in Clovelly, and the village also inspired him to write 'The Water Babies'.

Find out more by visiting the Kingsley Museum (10).



Filmed here: 'The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society'

So much to see

1. Visitor Centre and Jubilee Fountain

Film theatre, self-service café, shops, picnic area and car park.

2. Donkey Stables

See crafts-people at work (seasonal) and buy hand-made gifts

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4. Mount Pleasant

A grassy picnic spot with war memorial and spectacular views

5. Queen Victoria Fountain

A stone fountain built in 1901 as a memorial to Queen Victoria

6. New Inn

A 17th century hotel, decorated in 'Arts and Crafts' style

7. Methodist Chapel

A delightful, flower-adorned chapel dating from 1820

8. St Peter's Chapel

Opened in 1846 for those unable to walk to the parish church

9. Fisherman's Cottage

See how a fisherman's family lived in the 1930s

10. Kingsley Museum and Shop

Find out more about Charles Kingsley and his times in Clovelly

11. General Store

Makers of a unique selection of handmade crafts and gifts

12. The Donkey Shop. A working craft shop

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13. Art and Craft Shop

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14. Cottage Tea Rooms

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15. Oberammergau Cottage

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16. The Look-out

Sit and enjoy the view, where villagers used to watch for returning boats

17. Temple Bar Cottage

Here the street passes under the kitchen and dining room of a cottage

18. Quay Shop (seasonal). Takeaway snacks

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19. Crazy Kate's Cottage

The oldest cottage in Clovelly, named after a fisherman's widow

20. Lifeboat House

Open for pre-booked school and group visits (tel: 01237 431781)

21. Waterfall

The stream that watered Clovelly's gardens cascades onto the beach

22. Red Lion Hotel (and Sail Loft)

Charming 18th century hotel, right on the quay

23. Quay. Shipwrecked Mariners' Society plaque

Tiny 14th century quay, still bustling with activity.

24. Land Rover Service (Easter to end of Oct)

The easy way back to the Visitor Centre

Please check individual opening times at the Visitor Centre

For details of our annual events, please see www.clovelly.co.uk