

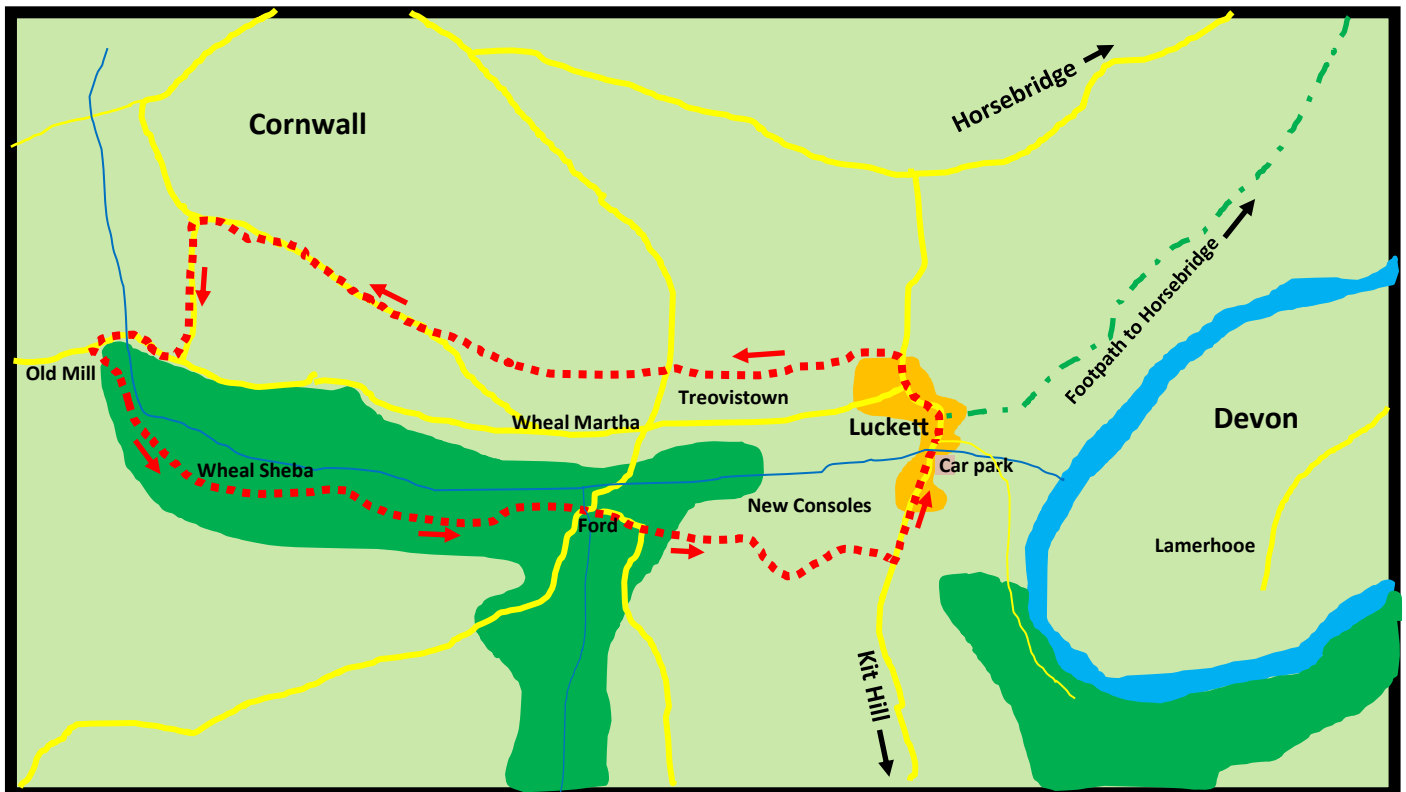
Walk 8 Lockett

This short walk just under 4 miles takes you through the little village of Lockett, once a thriving mining village, and through an abandoned mining set managed by Lockett Heritage CIC.

Wheal Sheba operated between 1849 and 1867 producing mostly copper. New Consoles came in to existence in 1867 taking over the two and a half mile mining set of Wheal Sheba as well as its machinery and buildings. It took out of the ground tin copper wolfram and silver.

Gold was also found but there is no record of a gold rush so must have been a very small quantity. Unfortunately it started to quite quickly run at a loss and by 1869 it was all quiet in the woods. The mine machinery stayed there until the 1930's when it was sold for scrap although I expect much of it would have rusted away in those 60 or so years.

The mine reopened in 1946 for 6 years and in that time did produce some tin and wolfram.



The walk starts from the village car park at PL19 8NJ SX389736, which is somewhat hidden from view. If you are approaching the village from the B3257 near Kit Hill as you reach the centre of the village with the bridge in front of you turn right into a road with a No Through Road sign and you will find the car park behind the hedge.



Starting the walk from the car park go over the bridge and up the road on the other side ignoring all turnings to left and right.



Just after passing the last house in the village turn left through a gate and walk along the edge of the field with the hedge on your left until you reach a kissing gate.

Go through the kissing gate and immediately turn right.





Go through a larger gate. Turn left and stay on this path keeping close to the hedge and field boundaries on your left.

Stay on the well used path to eventually pass a house on your left. Walk out to the road using their driveway.



Go straight across the road and through a metal gate and walk up the side of the field with the hedge on your right all the way to the top .



Before you reach the top turn around and admire the view as you look down on Broadgate engine house part of Wheal Martha which in 1867 changed its name to New Great Consoles mine.



When the hedge makes a right angle turn follow it around to reach a gate in the corner of the field that leads out on to another lane.

Turn right and walk up the lane for about 600m.

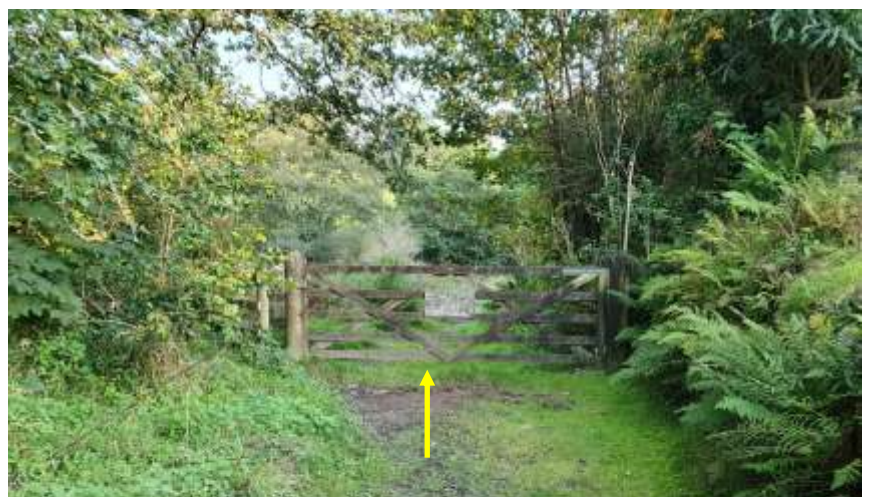
At the first junction turn left and walk on down the hill to another T junction at a place called Higherland. At the T junction turn right and walk down quite a steep hill.



Go over a small bridge and turn left in front of a house called Old Mill Cottage. ..

...and then through a gate.

Follow a wide well used track for 1.25k all the way to a road without deviating left or right. This is a permissive path and part of the Tamar Valley Discovery Trail so look out for the posts with the apple emblem on them. On your way you will quite soon pass on your left the remains of Wheal Sheba and it's chimney completely covered in ivy.





At the end of the track go through a gate and then cross over the ford. Go straight ahead up the hill.

When the road bends sharply right again go straight ahead through a gate and along a wide track still following the TVDT. You are now in the New Consoles mining set



When this track turns sharply right go though the gate ahead and fork right behind the gate to stay on the TVDT.

You will eventually go over a ladder stile.

This area is managed by the Lockett Heritage CIC. The abandoned mining workings and buildings are all part of the Cornish Mining World Heritage site and are now protected scheduled monuments.





On reaching this junction ignore the gate ahead of you and keep right to walk up to...



..another gate with a road behind it. Turn left and walk down the road to your car.