

Walk 1 - Short walks from the village

Start at the Geological Sundial in the square. Check the time and learn a little about the rocks of the Copper Coast from the pedestal.



> Walk 1 (a) - The village

The prettiness of the village strikes all visitors and indeed it has had a remarkable run of successes in the "Tidy Towns" competition, as well as representing Ireland in the Entente Florale of 1990, being gold medal winner in 2002. A number of the houses here are listed for preservation. Walk anywhere to enjoy its charms but do respect people's privacy and desire to keep the village litter free.

Walk 1 (b) - Medieval and modern church

A short walk westward from the village street, past some nice houses brings one to St James churches. The present Church of Ireland dates from the early 1800s and is typical of such churches built for £500 each out of a fund called "First Fruits". The ruins beside it date from several periods. The tower appears to have been rebuilt, because the lower masonry is much better than the rest. It was probably the priest's residence during a time of warfare that ravaged the area between about 1450 and 1550. It is attached to the oldest part of the church (the chancel), probably built in the 1200s to judge from the round headed windows. The main body of the church, the nave, was added later and the entire building fell into disuse after the reformation in the mid 1500s. Burials then took place in the ruins. The churches are sign-posted from the village and beautifully set amongst mature trees. However, the ruins themselves are dangerous and it is safer to view them only from the outside.

