

FILEY BAY INITIATIVE



FILEY SEAFRONT STROLL

This is the 8th pamphlet in a series produced by the Filey Bay Initiative as part of an ongoing commitment to the community of Filey

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15. A popular new attraction that stands 12 feet tall and gazes out to sea. Ray Lonsdales **angler sculpture entitled "A High Tide in Short Wellies", known locally as Finlay, was donated by philanthropist Maureen Robinson**



21. Lifeboat House. The 1st lifeboat house was built at the bottom of Cargate Hill in the early 1800's and moved to the present location in 1889. Do go in and have a look round - there is much of interest to see



13. Pumping Station. A new waste water treatment & disposal system was installed in 2000 to ensure safe bathing for all the family at Filey.

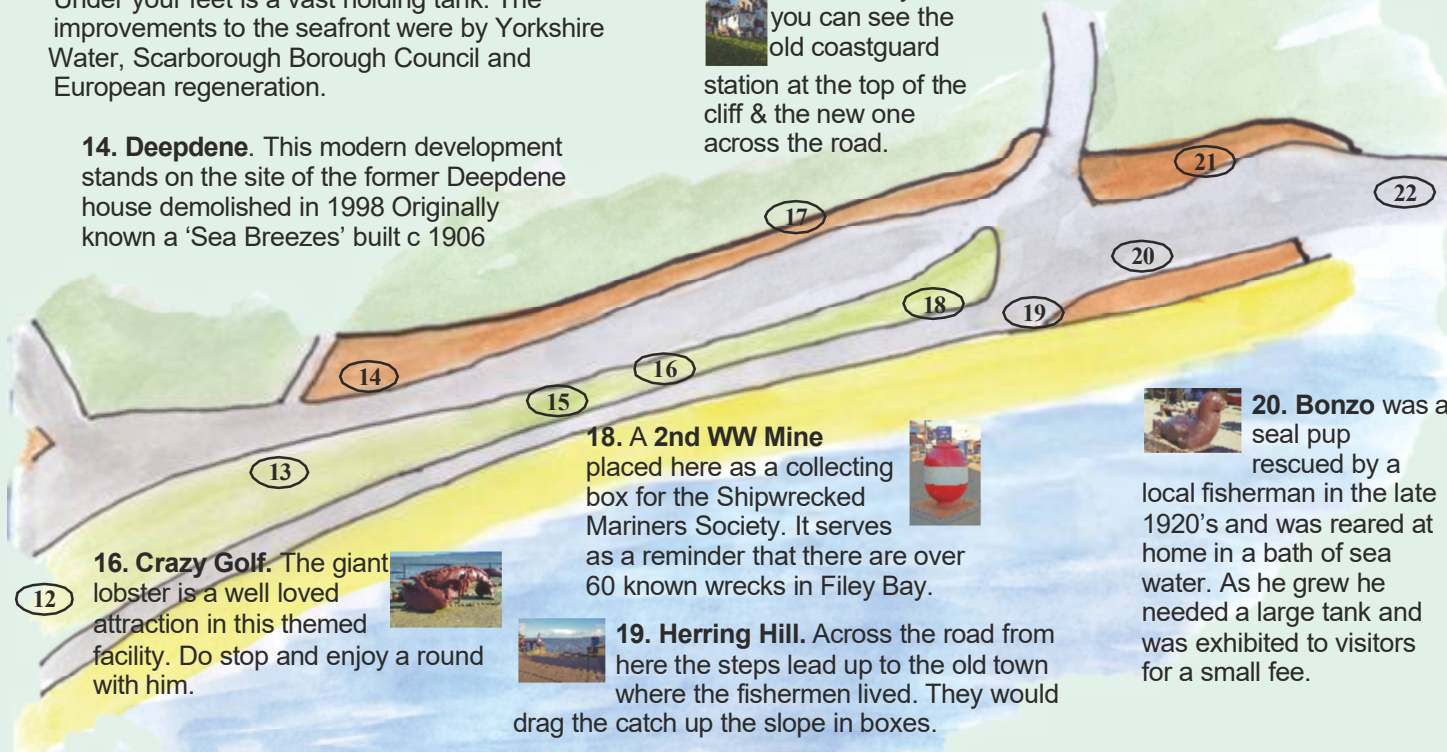


17. Coastguard. Look closely and you can see the old coastguard

station at the top of the cliff & the new one across the road.

Under your feet is a vast holding tank. The improvements to the seafront were by Yorkshire Water, Scarborough Borough Council and European regeneration.

14. Deepdene. This modern development stands on the site of the former Deepdene house demolished in 1998 Originally known a 'Sea Breezes' built c 1906



20. Bonzo was a seal pup rescued by a local fisherman in the late 1920's and was reared at home in a bath of sea water. As he grew he needed a large tank and was exhibited to visitors for a small fee.

18. A 2nd WW Mine placed here as a collecting box for the Shipwrecked Mariners Society. It serves as a reminder that there are over 60 known wrecks in Filey Bay.



16. Crazy Golf. The giant lobster is a well loved attraction in this themed facility. Do stop and enjoy a round with him.



19. Herring Hill. Across the road from here the steps lead up to the old town where the fishermen lived. They would drag the catch up the slope in boxes.

12. Varley Fountain. James Varley (1844-1906): ran the Crescent Hotel on the seafront in Filey for two decades .He contributed a huge amount to the civic life of Filey and was a member of the old Local Board. At the diamond jubilee of Queen Victoria he donated this public drinking fountain . The donor's initials feature in a crest at the top of the fountain and at the base of both columns are curious carvings which seem to show a heron among reeds trying to eat an eel which has wrapped itself around the bird's neck and bill. He was widowed prematurely and lost a son, Harry Varley (1877-88), who was the victim of an unfortunate farming accident.



22. Coble Landing. Filey is one of the oldest fishing towns on the East Coast. Sadly there are now very few cobbles left but it is interesting to watch them come in with their catch.



The Sculpture Trail was designed by Russ Coleman working with local schoolchildren. Look for the ammonite, silver flither trail, hopscotch, fishing boat names, maritime compass water feature and the crazy golf with its giant lobster as you walk along the seafront.



1. Ammonite. This represents the local geology. As well as ammonites you can easily find belemnites and gryphaea (devils toenails) along the shore.

2. Flither Trail.



Can you find all 50 silver flithers (limpets) between here and Bridge Hole? Flithers were used as bait by the fishermen.

5. Beach hut bed. An attractive example of the sterling work of the award winning 'Filey in Bloom' group. Also look for the shipwreck bed and Northcliffe Gardens near Cargate Hill



3. This scale model of Robert Blackburn's **Mercury** airplane was made by local craftsman Chris Robinson. Read the story on the information board at the end of Royal Parade.



Royal Parade. Following the devastating 1953 floods a new sea wall was built of local materials to replace the wooden barriers, and opened by the Princess Royal

8. Ackworth House was built in 1863 for the Filey Bath & Spa Company as a facility for the fashionable visitors. It was renamed in the 1880's and became a lodging house. Then in 1982 it became the private nursing home it is today.



7. Downcliffe Hotel. Built by John Unett (son of J W Unett who built the Crescent) in 1863 as his family home. Now a bespoke hotel.



6. Hopscotch Game. All the named fish are local to Filey. Find a pebble and enjoy a game!



4. In 1911 Robert Blackburn developed his pioneering aircraft on Filey Sands. This **Royal Aeronautical Society Plaque** was presented in commemoration of the centenary of his work.

11. Bridge Hole. This footbridge was built in 1894 by the Cleveland Bridge & Eng Co & has recently undergone extensive refurbishment.



10. The Maritime Compass water feature is based on a Gospel Compass picture in Filey Museum and shows the points of the compass and the names of the sea areas.



9. As you walk along you will see several names of **Filey fishing boats**. The 'Trio' was crewed by Tom Johnson & his family & sank off Spurn Head in 1895 with no survivors.

