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Easy Walk 5

Coastal Curiosities - Low Newton

Explore Low Newton and the nearby coast and find out about some curious buildings along the way.

1. **St Mary's church** (often open for visitors and worth a look in) was built in the 1870s as a Mission Church to serve the community, which would otherwise have to travel to Embleton church.

Follow the road towards Newton Point (good for butterflies in the summer!) to a cattle grid and pick up the coastal path.

2. **Football Hole** - there is a fine view of the beach as you crest the dunes.

Turn southwards along the beach and pick up a path leading up onto to a rocky headland where views open up further north towards Beadnell Bay. Pass Black Kirk Rock (does the outcrop look like an old church?) and out to the end of **Newton Point** 3. where a fantastic view opens up across the haven towards Dunstanburgh Castle further down the coast.

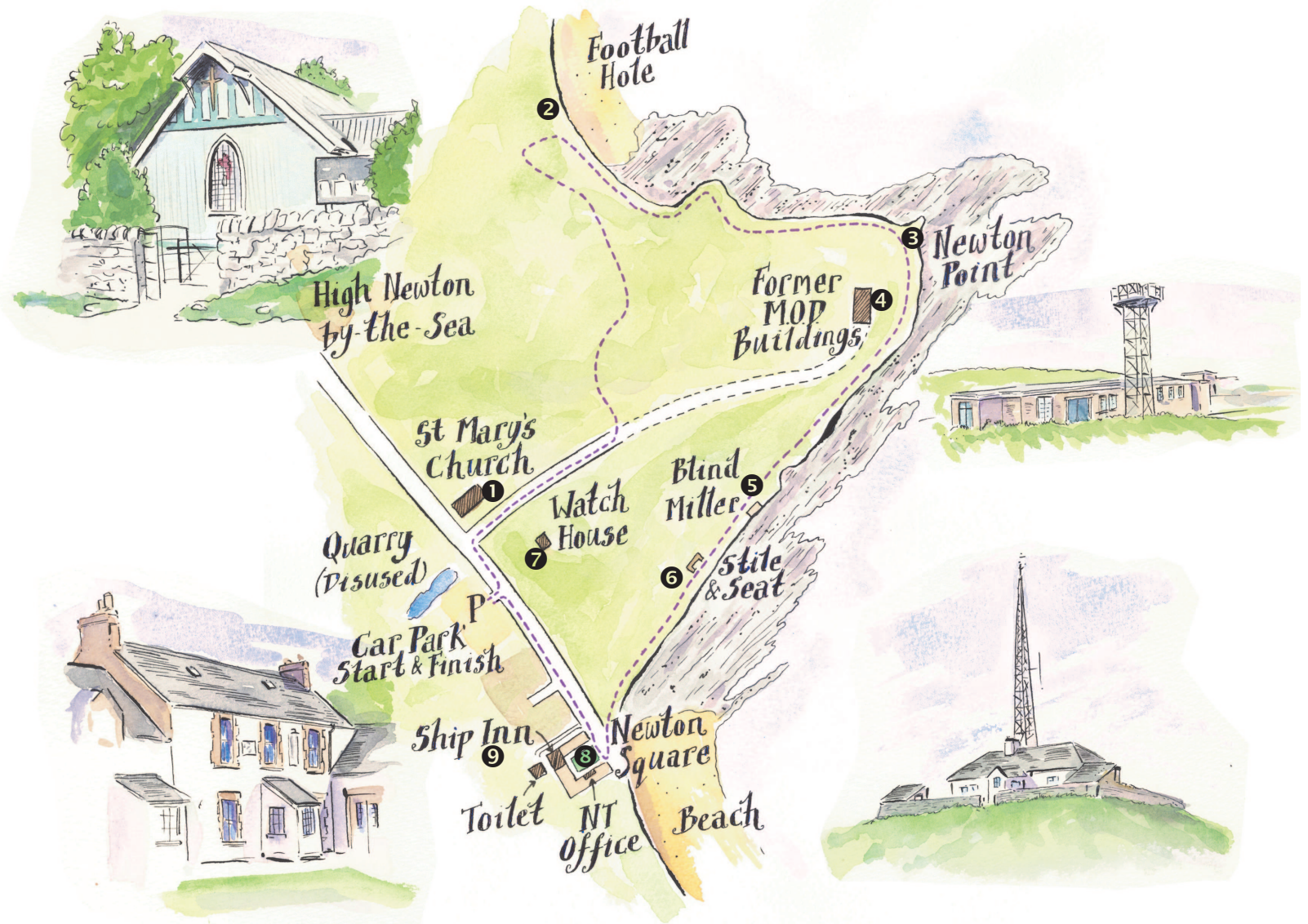
4. **The "M.O.D. buildings"** - a former LORAN station from the Cold War era. The fenced site, with two low ranges of buildings - technical and accommodation blocks, originally had tall radio masts and was part of a chain of sites which transmitted a navigation signal out across Eastern Europe to guide the V-Bomber force. The later TACAN tower at the site is still a prominent landmark.
5. Just below the path at the top of the beach the foundations of an isolated building can be seen just above high water mark. The site is known locally as **Blind Miller**. At low tide you can see the sheltering reefs offshore which provide the Haven for fishing boats using the beach landing.
6. Stile and artistic bench tucked in behind the field wall - look for the remnants of a former Rocket Life Saving Apparatus practice post re-used in the fence at the head of the beach!
7. View of **Old Coast Guard watch house** - built in the 1820s as part of a chain of similar stations around the coast. A permanent watch was kept on shipping. The flagstaff that was originally used for signalling to vessels patrolling offshore has gone but the modern radio mast still provides part of the Coast Guard communications network.



8. The Square -

fishermen's cottages around an enclosed work space. A farm complex was later developed to the south (now converted to accommodation). The former Coast Guard boat house stands at the top of the beach. The boat was used to patrol the shoreline in search of sunken cargo left by smugglers. The Coastal Warden's office has information and old photographs of Low Newton.

9. **The Ship** may now beckon and there are public toilets around the back of the square. As you return up the hill to the car park you will pass the former Coast Guard cottages on the left and the former Rocket House next to them. This was built in the 1870s to house the Rocket Life Saving Apparatus used by the local brigade volunteers to rescue the crew of ships wrecked on the rocky shore.



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