

Scotch Piper Inn 'K' on map

The picturesque thatched Scotch Piper Inn can be found on Southport Road and is reputed to be the oldest inn in Lancashire with origins dating back to 1320. Lydiate, along with Maghull were part of the larger parish of Halsall until the mid 1800's and were administered as part of the Diocese of Lichfield. There are several historical monuments to be found in Lydiate. The first place of worship in Lydiate, St Catherine's Chapel, was built by the Ireland family in the 1400's. It was dedicated to St. Catherine, the patron saint of Lawrence Ireland's wife, Catherine Blundell. The Chapel now stands in ruin but some artefacts can be found in Our Lady's Church.

The Ireland family held the lordship of Lydiate from 1420 to 1673 and they were also responsible for a second feature of the parish, Lydiate Hall. This was built in the 16th Century and was home to the Anderton and Blundell families after the Ireland's. By 1940 the hall was a complete ruin.



St Catherine's Chapel 'J' on map

Two major features of industrial northern England can be found in the area. The Leeds-Liverpool Canal meanders through Lydiate and the dismantled Cheshire Lines Railway runs in the neighboring parish along the west boundary of Lydiate.

The name Lydiate is derived from the Anglo-Saxon word for swing gate, 'hid - gear' and it is mentioned in the Domesday Book as having a wood a League long and two Furlongs wide. The north eastern parts of the Parish were once a Viking settlement, called Eggergarth. Book, probably because it was not sufficiently valuable.

ABOUT THE PARISH

Mill House '10' on map



Canal Cottages '12' on map



4 mile circular walks. Descriptions of the walks are included to help with and enhance the walk. Additional walks within the Borough can be found in the Walking and Cycling Guide produced by Sefton Council. Lydiate is well served by road; it lies 5 minutes from the end of the M58 and is served by numerous bus routes from Liverpool, Southport and Ormskirk. Merseytravel buses such as nos 231, 300 and 311. Lydiate is no longer served by train but there is a station in near by Maghull that provides links to Liverpool, Ormskirk and Southport. Bus route no.231 connects Lydiate with Maghull Station. More details are available from Traveline on 0871 200 2233. All these buses stop at the Village Green.

Lydiate is located in the Metropolitan Borough of Sefton, on north Merseyside. It is 9.8 miles (15.8km) from Liverpool and 10.5 miles (16.9km) from Southport. The Parish is largely rural, it has a village centre and boasts a wide and varied number of amenities. These include local shops, public houses and a number of farms with shops and cafes selling local produce for people to enjoy. Lydiate has great access to other outdoor activities such as rambling. There is a large network of public footpaths throughout the Parish and with the close proximity of the Leeds Liverpool Canal access to the countryside is readily available to local residents and visitors alike. The map overleaf details the parish and highlights its public footpaths and two



Lydiate Hill Bridge 'M' on map

This guide is to highlight the local features of the Parish and encourage Lydiate residents and visitors to make the most of them.

LYDIATE PARISH

For further details about these and other paths and walks in Sefton see the website or contact the Rights of Way Officer www.sefton.gov.uk Tel - 0845 140 0845



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Parish of Lydiate



DISCOVER LYDIATE AND ITS PUBLIC FOOTPATHS

INCLUDES 2 NEW WALKS TO ENJOY

Try cycling!

It is a great way to see the scenery in Lydiate and Sefton.

There are some fantastic routes in the borough a map is available and cycles can be hired at various places around Sefton.

Cycling Information and Maps - **0845 140 0845**

Cycle Hire - **01704 500996** (for Southport)
- **0845 140 0845** (for all other areas)

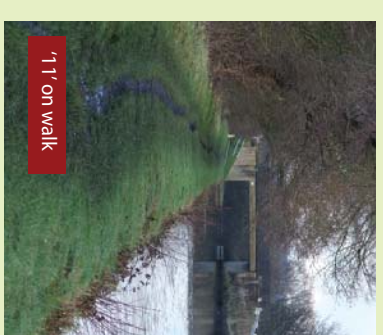
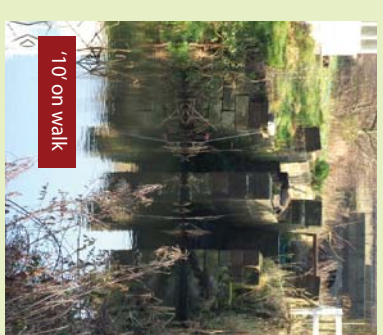
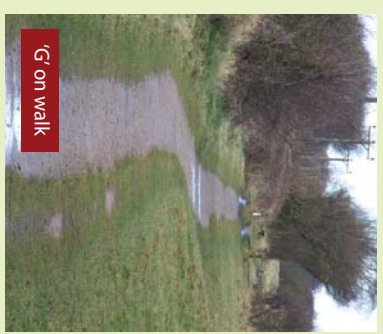
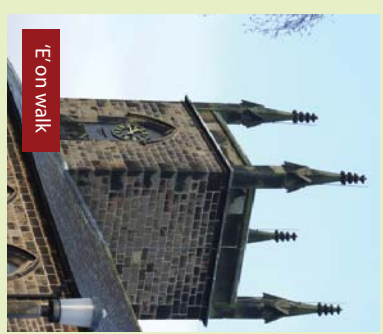
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SOUTHPORT CYCLING TOWN

TOWER AND STEEPLE WALK

- Starting at Lillies Bridge, go down the steps, follow the footpath along the canal to Sandy Lane. Continue along Sandy Lane to Pygons Hill Lane.
- Part way along the path you can see a fault line in the earth's crust that runs through the area.
- At the top of the hill in the ground to the side of the path is a tile with the inscription. From this spot six churches can be seen - Find them! They are clockwise from Christ Church, Aughton to your left, St Michael's, Aughton, St Helens's, Seton, this is the steeple between the pylons behind you, Our Lady's Lydiate, St Thomas, Lydiate and St Cuthbert's, Halsall. Depending on the time of the year, you will have to move from the spot to find them all!
- Turn left into Pygons Hill Lane and then right onto the footpath signed to Back Lane. Crossing the brook, turn right and the path from the gate heads diagonally across the field to the tree on the left of St Michael's spire.
- Follow the path's waymarkers to Back Lane, along the side of the cottage. Turn left onto Back Lane and left onto the next footpath.
- Continue along this path, shortly ahead on the left are the ruins of Welsh Hall, a medieval moated site. Follow the waymarkers through the grounds and the horse paddocks. NB: there are several stiles along this section.
- After leaving Welsh Hall straight ahead you can see the wind farm in Liverpool Bay as you walk down to Rimmer's Bridge over the canal.
- You are now in the old area of Eggegarth. On the left is a manure wharf. This was used by Liverpool Corporation who brought the horse manure and street sweepings out by barge to the farmers who spread it on the fields.
- Turn left onto the Canal Towpath.
- Continue along the towpath. Just after the Sudell Brook crossing on the right is a house with a conservatory; this was the old Eggegarth Water Mill!
- Leave the towpath at Jackson's Bridge, No 19. Cross the bridge and follow the path down the other side of the canal.
- Continue passed the cottages, in the 1800's one of these was a 'beer house' called the 'Bug 'r'n' Bucket'; along the field edges back to Lollies Bridge. The steel work for this bridge was designed by Dorman Long, he also designed the Tyne Bridge in Newcastle and Sydney Harbour Bridge.



LYDIATE HALL WALK

- Start at the side entrance to Our Lady's RC Church on Hall Lane and walk along the Lane away from Southport Road.
- Half way up the lane are three buildings on the right, the end one is the old St Josephs School. It was built in the mid 1800's
- Turn left at the triangular island onto Eager Lane, continue until the bend in the road, join Footpath No. 5.
- As you join the path the area to the right is where the Vikings settled. It was known as Eggegarth.

- Continue along Footpath No. 5 through the rear garden of Church View Farm to Southport Road. Turn right out of the farm, cross Southport Road and head down Church Lane. At the corner of Church Lane is St. Thomas Church this was built in 1840 from sandstone quarried in Aughton.
- Church Lane leads to Hollands Farm, Footpath No. 1. At the gate turn right and then left to go behind the barns and onto the stone track at the rear. This path was part of the route used as a link from the market town of Ormskirk to the sea.
- Turn left on Acres Lane, continue along the road until you reach a small track on the right hand side, Intake Lane. This leads onto the Trans Pennine Trail. This section is on the old Cheshire Lines Railway that opened in 1884.

- Continue along the track bed for 800m, then turn left off the track and back onto Acres Lane. Turn left on the road and join Footpath No. 20. To the left is the remainder of the woodland that is mentioned in the Domesday Book.
- Just before you reach Southport Road, on the left through the trees is the remains of Lydiate Hall. The out buildings have been converted into a farm shop and café.
- Turn right on Southport Road, on the right you can see the remains of St Catherine's Chapel.
- Next door is the cruck framed Scotch Piper Inn.
- Continue along Southport Road, at Lollies bridge access the canal bank by the steps through the gate onto Footpath No. 8.

- Follow the path along the canal until the next bridge, Lydiate Hall Bridge. It was known as Biliys Bridge, there are cylinders of concrete by the bridge that were left over from the war, they were used during the war to block access across the bridge in the event of an invasion. From the top of the bridge if you look in over your right shoulder towards the fields you can see amongst the trees the only Pill Box in Lydiate.
- Follow Footpath No. 6 across the horse gallops to a rise in the ground, at the top of the rise there used to be a windmill!
- At the end of the path turn left, this leads you back to the start.