

**Falmouth Civic Society** invites you to sample some of the town's rich history by joining our **Walking Town Trail**.

Take a stroll along the main streets and through squares using this easy to follow map that highlights noted principal buildings and monuments.

How long the trail takes is up to you and it can be combined with browsing our shops and restaurants. The trail can be started at any point.

Numbers do not refer to a suggested route.

**1. The 'Seven Stars' public house: c1800**

This traditional pub served the old market adjacent to the Moor. It contains a Listed pub interior.

**2. Jacob's Ladder: 1791**

111 steps built by Jacob Hambleton to access his property above from his business on The Moor.

**3. Old Town Hall: c1710**

A fine brick building. Built as a Congregational Chapel. Later purchased by Martin Lister Killigrew and presented to the Corporation.

**4. Municipal Building, Library and Art Gallery: 1894**

Funded jointly by Cornish philanthropists Passmore Edwards and Octavius Alan Ferris. Designed by W H Tresidder.

**5. Packet Ship Monument: 1898**

Erected to commemorate the service which operated world-wide from Falmouth between 1688 and 1850. The Packet Ship Service made the town prosperous.

**6. Royal Cornwall Polytechnic Society Hall: 1834/5**

The Polytechnic Society was founded by the Fox family in 1833. The Hall was designed by George Wightwick and built in 1834. George IV bestowed Royal Patronage in 1835.

**7. Bell's Court**

(Now Beerwolf Bar/Bookshop/Courtyard Deli)

Originally C17 houses. Bell's Court became the site of the Packet Agent's Office, and later of the small original Maritime Museum and the Working Men's Club.

**8. St George's Cinema: 1912-1948** (Now an arcade)

When opened it was the second largest cinema in the

country. It has an impressive ornate facade, including the recently restored carving of St George and the Dragon which was organised by the Falmouth Civic Society.

**9. Customs House: 1814**

This building with its impressive portico next to Custom House Quay has recently become a restaurant.

**10. National Maritime Museum Cornwall: 2003**

Designed by Long & Kentish Architects with timber cladding on the waterfront to reflect an older dockside aesthetic. Visit the top of its tower for a good view of the town and harbour.

**11. King Charles Parish Church: c1662**

Dedicated to 'King Charles the Martyr' by Charles II. Paid for by Sir Peter Killigrew, it has been extended and altered, the last being in 1896.

**12. Killigrew Monument: 1737**

A plain granite obelisk to Sir Peter Killigrew was re-erected on this site in 1871.

**13. Arwenack Manor: 1567** (Private)

(Rebuilt after the 1646 Civil War Siege)

The remains of the Killigrew family's large Elizabethan house are just visible. The Killigrew family were responsible for the early development of the town of Falmouth from the small settlements of Smithick and Penny-come-quick.

**14. Grove Hill House: 1789** (Private)

Built for George Croker Fox. Grove Hill and Arwenack Manor were 'the only private residences that claim any attention in the vicinity of Falmouth' (Richard Warner, 1808). The exterior is little changed since then.

**15. Prince of Wales Pier: 1903**

The much extended Old Market Strand Quay. A good place for views of the river.

**16. North Quay and Customs House Quay: c1670**

Constructed by Peter Killigrew to augment port trade and built as strong structures of granite and killa dry-stone rubble on bed rock.

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