A Walk from Braunton Museum/Countryside Centre

To St. Brannock's Church (C of E) Walk 2

Time 30mins + return

Take care: keep to pavements – crossing roads – especially with children and dogs accompanied please by a responsible adult

- Museum/Countryside Centre. Collect a card from here if this your first walk. Walk to the main road crossing the entry road to the car park by The Green Newsagents. The Newsagents is the former Stationmaster's House when the car park was a busy station
- Cross the main road at the Pelican crossing. This road had gates where road traffic queued alongside small herds of cattle when trains ran through to Ilfracombe
- Turn right along the pavement. Take care as the pavement is narrow by the jewelers past the playground to Caen Primary School Built in 1873 in a Gothic Revival style. On another walk we will learn about an earlier school in the village. Turn left into Cross Tree a pedestrian precinct leading through to Challoners Road. Rev. William Challoner was a 17th C. vicar and benefactor in Braunton
- Turn left past the Parish Hall and library to the Pelican crossing Pelican crossings were introduced in 1969
- Cross over the main road and turn right proceeding and turning left into Bias Lane. Look back and imagine where Bias Lane might have led before the main road was built in the 1920s
- At the end of Bias Lane turn Left and continue up East Street. We are now in old Braunton. Note the names of the cottages. Here there was too a studio ceramics pottery in the mid 20th C. Pass the rear of the Methodist Chapel, the Agricultural Inn, Myrtle Farm Cottage and Broadgate House – known as the Hall, a former Manor House dating back to the 14th/15th C and featuring a plaster fireplace dated 1626, one of three Manors in Braunton with Manorial rights. Take care as there is no pavement at the top of East Street.
- At the Cross roads turn left into Church Street. Take care as the cross roads can be busy. Please use the narrow pavement in Church Street. Before the main road was constructed in the 1920s this was one of the main streets in Braunton. Note several houses converted from shops
- As you proceed down Church Street there is a wealth of historical detail and clues of the past. See what you can find. No. 28 has a band of decorative stone above the ground floor lintels which is allegedly from St. Michael's Chapel
- Opposite The Black Horse a 400 year old public house which a holds a famous annual Boxing Day Tug of War turn left into the churchyard under the archway. You will have to read the notes to another walk to read about this interesting building.

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- The South porch entrance to the Church is just by the War Memorial. What is unusual about this Memorial? The Lady Chapel is within the Church to the right of the nave. Do go in if it is open.
- The box containing the tokens will be in the Church porch. Collect a token, closing the lid and return to the Museum or Countryside Centre to stamp your card

We do hope you have enjoyed your exploration of Braunton. We would love you to make a donation using the QR code, by card on www.brauntoncaenrotary.co.uk or cash at Braunton Museum or Countryside Centre

Rotary's campaign to eradicate Polio: Key Milestones

- **1979:** Vaccinated 6 million children in the Philippines during Rotary's first health grant project.
- **1985:** Launched **PolioPlus**, pledging $120 million in the first private-sector global health campaign.
- **1988:** Co-founded the **Global Polio Eradication Initiative** alongside the World Health Organization, UNICEF, and the U.S. CDC.
- **1994:** Certified the WHO Region of the Americas completely polio-free.
- **1995:** Mobilised volunteers to help immunise 165 million children in China and India in a single week.
- **2000:** Reached a record 550 million children with the oral polio vaccine, and certified the WHO Western Pacific Region polio-free.
- **2007:** The Gates Foundation partnered with Rotary, initially offering a 1-to-1 match for $100 million and in **2013** increased to a 2-to1 match up to $50 million per year from Rotary matched with $100 million dollars from Gates
- **2012:** India is officially declared polio-free, marking an historic turning point.
- **2020:** The African region is certified wild polio free
- **2021:** The introduction of the new oral polio vaccine type 2 (n OPV 2) is rolled out, Rotary supporting the deployment of nearly 1 billion doses across vulnerable regions to combat vaccine derived outbreaks
- **Today:** Wild polio virus remains endemic only in Afghanistan and Pakistan, as at mid-September 2026: 23 cases in Afghanistan and 3 in Pakistan.
- **Rotary continues its global fundraising and vaccination support**

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