

Ravenglass is situated on the tranquil west coast of Cumbria. The Romans built a fort here to help protect Hadrian's Wall to the north. Therefore, Ravenglass is the beginning of the Roman Western Frontier. The walls of the Bath House still stand today and can be reached on foot by following the signs from the village car park.

However, Ravenglass is more than just a railway station. It is a very interesting place with its main street, which narrows at both ends to help contain the animals that were brought here to the market, and the many varied cottages, all with a tale to tell.

to see who was in town today. As the sun sets over the dunes its reflection in the calm water of the estuary makes for a beautiful and spectacular sight. Don't forget your camera!

Today Ravenglass can still offer the visitor a warm welcome with good food and drink at one or other of its hotels, pub or tea rooms. There is a small PO/shop in Main Street and a gift shop just off the street in what was the Butcher's shop. Accommodation is available for all tastes in the hotels and guesthouses for those who wish to stay a little longer! There is



also a camping and caravan site in the village for those who like to bring their own accommodation with them.

Take time to enjoy this unique village with its old cottages, washing lines on the beach, an abundance of wildlife, flood gates to guard the village from the forces of the sea and more.

Where was Gibraltar Row? What did Heywood House used to be? Where is the "secret window"? Who was Louis Herbert? These, and many more questions are answered in the "Heritage Trail" leaflet produced by the Ravenglass Village Forum and available for a small charge from retail outlets locally.

Many visitors find that Ravenglass and the surrounding area has a certain magic, which pulls them back, time and time again. Come and experience this magic for yourself.

The ancient village nestles along the estuaries of three rivers, the Esk, Mite, and Irt, on the edge of the Irish Sea with the Lakeland fells rising majestically behind. Ravenglass is the only coastal village within the Lake District

National Park and the

majority of the village is classified

as a conservation area. It is close to the stunning valleys of Eskdale and Wasdale. England's highest mountain, deepest lake, smallest church and Britain's favourite view are just a short drive away.

Many years ago before the rivers began to silt up this was an important port with vessels trading from across the world. Ravenglass, along with its craftsmen, dealers, farmers and fishermen all prospered. Nowadays the village is better known for being close to Muncaster Castle and the home of the Ravenglass and Eskdale Railway.



In 1208 Ravenglass was first granted a Charter to hold a market in Main Street and a fair each summer on St. James's Day. There was a cross in the street but that was taken away many years ago. Today there is a plaque to mark the spot where it is thought to have been.

The Millennium Garden, tucked away behind the Old Reading Room, is a beautiful spot to sit and enjoy the peace of this ancient village. It was created out of a piece of wasteland that is part of the village green. Originally it was one of the many openings to the shore but had to be enclosed to prevent flooding. The scheme was co-ordinated by the Ravenglass Village Forum with the

help of other local organisations. Children from the village designed the cobble mosaic and the seats.

Whilst in the garden look out over the estuary and imagine you are back in the days when this was a busy port with boats of all shapes and sizes bringing in their wares. Imagine the horses and carts trundling along the street, traders calling out their greetings and children running



*Ravenglass - Where the Fells meet the Sea*



