

# CASE STUDY: BARTON AND BARROW CLAYPITS HERITAGE TRAIL



## OVERVIEW

<b>Location</b>	Along the south Humber bank between Barton upon Humber and Barrow upon Humber
<b>Team Members</b>	Barton & Barrow Claypits Group, Wren Kitchens, Barrow Parish Council, Humber Nature Partnership
<b>Duration</b>	2019-2021

## 1. REASONING

This five-mile route along the coastal path between Barrow Haven and Waters’ Edge Country Park was devised to help people learn about the heritage and nature of this area. After the nineteenth century brick and tile manufacturing industry on the Humber’s south bank went into decline, the pits left by the clay extraction subsequently became internationally important habitats for bird species such as bittern and marsh harrier. The intention of this project is to benefit the wellbeing of residents and visitors, and to encourage people to understand, protect and value our rich local heritage.

Image to the right: Representatives from Wren Kitchens Ltd, Barrow Parish Council, The Barton & Barrow Claypits Group and Humber Nature Partnership at the start of the Barton and Barrow Claypits Heritage Trail.

## 2. APPROACH

Project partners Wren Kitchens, Barrow Parish Council and Barton & Barrow Claypits Group provided resources including cash contributions and assistance with the design elements of the trail by local media students. It was also supported by Waters’ Edge Country Park & Visitor Centre, Grimsby Institute | University Centre Grimsby, Estuary Student TV and shrinkmap.uk, and co-ordinated by Humber Nature Partnership.

## 3. OUTCOMES

A scenic nature trail along the Humber bank is now open. The walk has great views over the estuary, and local people, as well as those from further afield, can enjoy learning about the area’s little-known heritage. The heritage trail incorporates watercolour designs by Lincolnshire illustrator Cheryl Cullingford.

