

Holywell Walk 2

Greenfield Valley Walk

3 miles/4.5 km

- 1** Starting from the Clock in the Centre of the High Street. Walk up the street and turn left into Tower Gardens. Walk through and down the steps to the subway and into the Car Park. Cross directly over to enter the Greenfield Valley Heritage Park. Walk down under the bridge and along the former railway line
- 2** Follow the disused railway track down the valley ignoring all tracks and paths coming in from either side. The bank to your right is Wat's Dyke a 7th Century barrier between England and Wales. After crossing a bridge you reach Basingwerk Abbey turn left and walk towards the Visitor Centre
- 3** The Visitor Centre is at the entrance to Basingwerk Abbey. This was built by the Cistercians in the 12th Century. At the centre you can pick up a leaflet which will help you understand the history of the park through which you are about to walk
- 4** Turn left before the former Spring Gardens School which was brought down from its original site in Holywell. This was the first purpose built school in the Holywell area. Continue through the gate on to the tarmaced road and immediately fork left slightly uphill alongside the high wall and passing the bandstand on your right. Also on your right is the stream which originates at St Winefride's Well
- 5** At the reservoir take the path that goes ahead towards the picnic area. At the ornamental "gate" go ahead to explore the old buildings and the weir. Return to the "gate" and turn right to head the to the right hand corner and the disused railway track. When you reach the site of the former St Winefride's Halt take the right hand track signposted St Winefride's Well.
- 6** Go down to the road and turn left along it to the Well. After visiting the Well (small charge) continue up hill passing St Winefride's Chapel and take the entrance to St James's Church and follow the path to the road and back to the town centre.