

Points of interest

Church of St Thomas

St Thomas's church in Bradwell is Grade II* Listed and was originally built in the 14th century, of which the chancel and the font still exist. The brick tower dates to 1743 and has eight bells that are rung weekly. The medieval timber porch, originally part of Shopland Church, was added in 1960. There are fine brasses and a 16th century horse-mounting block.



Chapel of St Peter-on-the-Wall

This remote, atmospheric chapel was built in AD654 on the ruins of the abandoned Roman fort of Othona by St Cedd, who had travelled from Lindisfarne to spread Christianity. The Grade I listed building holds regular Church of England services and is also used by the Othona Community, a nearby Christian spiritual community founded in 1946.

Bradwell Nuclear Power Station

Construction of Bradwell Nuclear Power station started in 1957, with electricity being generated by 1962, enough to power three large towns. Decommissioning started in 2002, making it the first UK nuclear plant to be closed on a planned basis. The protective cladding over the two Magnox reactor buildings was completed in 2016.



RAF Bradwell Bay

RAF Bradwell Bay was built in 1940 to strengthen Britain's east coast defences against the Nazis. The airfield started as a grass landing strip before being turned into a Royal Air Force station with concrete runways and hangars. It closed in 1946. The Bradwell Bay Preservation Group is raising money for a museum near the poignant war memorial.

Refreshments

The Kings Head	01621 776224	@kingsheadbradwell
The Green Man	01621 788468	greenmanbradwellonsea.co.uk
St Cedd's Cafe (seasonal)	01621 776611	eastlandmeadows.co.uk

More locations available at [visitmaldondistrict.co.uk/food-and-drink](https://www.visitmaldondistrict.co.uk/food-and-drink)

BRADWELL & ST PETER'S CHAPEL WALK

Coastal Walk

Spectacular waterside walk taking in one of the district's most important historic sites – the ancient, lonely Chapel of St Peter-on-the-Wall



Easy, level circular walk. Some muddy sections after rain



3.5 hours



6.5 miles



Chapel of St Peter-on-the-Wall

How to get here



Village Hall, South Street, Bradwell-on-Sea, CM0 7QJ



D1 (to Maldon), DaRT 4 (to Burnham and Southminster station)



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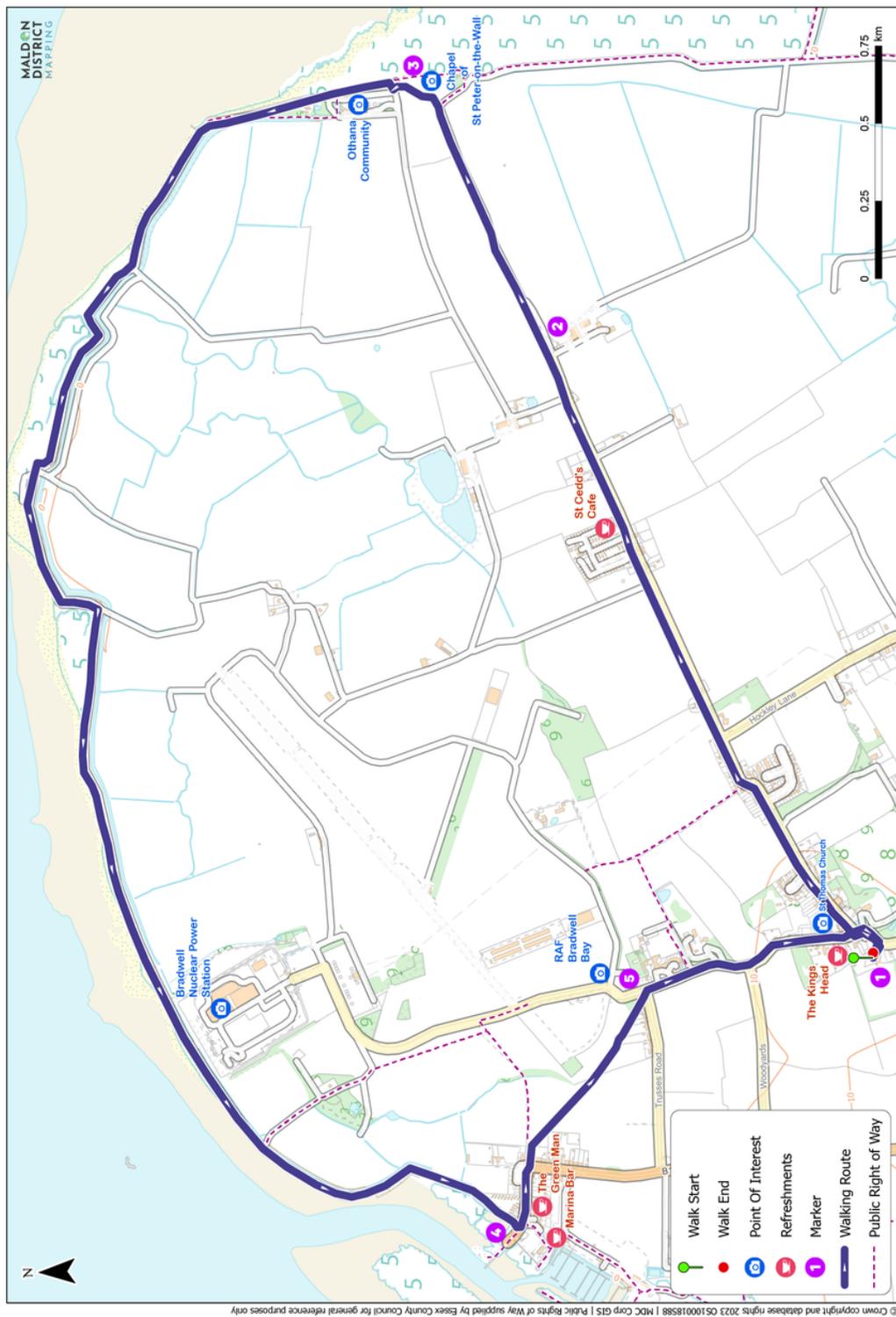
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Route

- Exit the **Village Hall** car park and turn left. Follow the road around into the village. After 100 yards (when you reach **The Kings Head**), cross the road and turn right into East End Lane. You pass **St Thomas'** churchyard, the 18th-century **Caidge Row** cottages on your left and the village school on your right. Continue ahead on East End Lane (an old Roman road) for 1⅓ miles, passing **Eastland Meadows** caravan park (with **St Cedd's Café**).
- After passing **East Hall Farm** on your left, in 150 yards the tarmacked road takes a sharp right-hand bend into **Eastlands Farm**. Continue ahead here into the unmade public car park. At the eastern end of the car park, go through the gate and take the wide path for about ½ mile, which heads down to the **Chapel of St Peter-on-the-Wall**, clearly visible in the distance. St Peter's is usually open to visitors, and it is recommended that you pause to absorb the unique atmosphere of this historic place of worship. On exiting the chapel turn right, then immediately half right onto a wide, grassy track which heads towards the seawall. The track takes you over part of the site of the Roman fort of **Othona**.
- Ascend some steps up onto the top of the seawall, turning right to follow this along the shoreline. Continue ahead along the seawall for 3⅓ miles. Along the way, you should be able to see the **London Array** (one of the largest offshore windfarms in the world), the north Essex coast towards Clacton, Mersea Island, **Bradwell Nuclear Power Station** (now closed) and **Bradwell Marina**. At low tide, particularly on the northern section of the seawall, there are several places where you can descend onto the quiet beaches, which are surprisingly sandy. Take care to watch out for the incoming tide, however.
- As you approach the clubhouse of **Bradwell Quay Yacht Club**, take the footpath (which borders on a fence) down from the seawall and turn left on reaching Waterside Road. You will soon pass 16th century pub and former smugglers' haunt **The Green Man** on your right. After 200 yards, the road takes a sharp right bend. Look out for a footpath sign here just to the right of the **Old Post Office** on the corner of the road. Take this path ahead, which runs between hedges. After 60 yards, go through the barrier on the edge of a large field. There is a fork of paths here - take the right-hand fork, which is a cross-field path heading towards a line of trees. After 350 yards (on reaching the line of trees), continue ahead on another cross-field path heading towards houses. The path soon follows the right-hand edge of the field, with garden fences on the right.
- After 300 yards, you will reach a T-junction of roads. Cross over Trusses Road and take the road heading south towards Bradwell village. If you have time, you might wish to make a short detour (of about 200 yards each way) at this junction to head north to see the **RAF War Memorial**, which is situated outside the entrance to the disused **Bradwell Bay** airfield. Resuming the walk route, you will soon pass **Down Hall** (a residential care home) on your left. Continue along this road for ½ mile, entering the village, passing **The Kings Head** on your right. Continue ahead past the pub and retrace your steps around the right-hand bend to the **Village Hall** car park.