

# GIANT QUOIT WALKS

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This summer walk, from Crowan to Clowance Wood, starts and ends at Crowan church car park SW64453433

From Crowan church, the route passes Manor Mill, then follows the railway line. After walking through wooded Crenver Grove and then along a stretch of quiet, leafy road, you go through the Old Clowance Estate, past the Sustrust office, and back up the footpath to Crowan.

3.95 miles (6.35 km)

### 1.The start:

**Park at Crowan church.** Head off down the hill from the church, turning left onto a footpath beyond Manor Mill. Machinery was used to grind corn at this old, water-powered mill until just after World War II when it became a pottery. The mill was later used for textile weaving.

### 2.

**At Manor Mill,** Harry and May Davis set up Crowan Pottery, which closed in 1962. They produced mainly high-quality, very durable stoneware that was often decorated. Their work is extremely collectible today.



Manor Mill

### 3.

A bridge carrying the Helston branch line crosses the road west of Manor Mill. This railway, from Gwinear Road to Helston, operated between 1887 and 1964. Follow the railway line and turn right underneath it towards South Trenoweth Farm.

This report of Sir John St Aubyn's funeral procession in 1839 appeared in the *West Briton*.

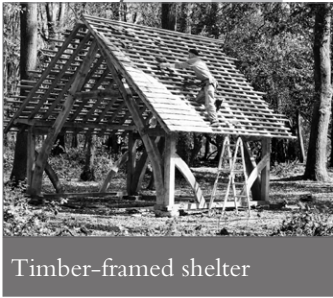
"It started from Clowance. To Crowan church there was a double line of spectators, which reached all the way from the house to the church. The numbers estimated from 20,000 to 35,000, but it was quite impossible to tell how many were present. The greatest decorum was preserved, and the whole of the procession entered the church without the slightest movement on the part of the immense throng."



- Key
- The walk
- Car park
- Church
- River
- Road
- Minor road
- Track
- Old railway
- Good view
- Key historic building
- Eco building & education
- Houses
- Wood
- Trees
- Bracken
- Field system
- Field system
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### 5.

Turn right at the SW corner out of the estate and continue on the road to Clowance Wood Farm where you turn right into the estate again. The footpath passes the grass-roofed office of Sustrust with a good view of Fox Grove. Now managed as a nature reserve, this historic woodland covering 16 hectares was laid out by one of Capability Brown's students. The route back to Crowan is along the track running between Bold Gate and Best Gate (be aware that dogs must be kept on a lead in front of Clowance House). Many of the historical features and original woodlands have been removed or overshadowed by the timeshare development here.



Timber-framed shelter

0.075 0.0375 0 0.075 0.15 0.225 0.3 Miles

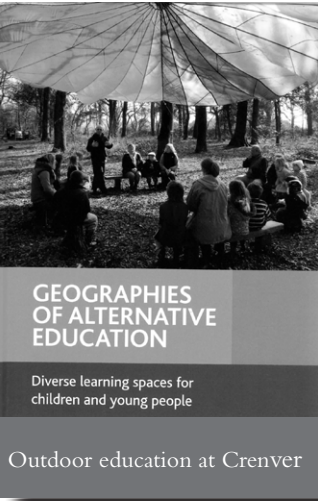
### 4.

Cross the B3303 into Crenver Grove. This 14-hectare Cornwall Nature conservation site was saved from development by the Dandelion Trust in 1991. Now managed for outdoor education by Sustrust, its 'School Circle' appeared on the cover of a book describing national outdoor learning spaces (above right).

In the woods, activities include charcoal burning of felled invasive species along with green-woodworking workshops. Students and volunteers built a shelter from coppiced sweet chestnut, like the one in Joe Armstrong's painting, *The Woodcutters* (above left).



The Woodcutters



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