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SPITTAL COMMUNITY

1. COMMUNITY OVERVIEW

Spittal is a small, inland community, covering an area of 11.36km², see Figure 1. It lies to the north of Haverfordwest town and is coterminous with the ecclesiastical parish of Spittal. The Western Cleddau river forms the western boundary of the community and one of Pembrokeshire's main communication routes, the A40 road, runs north to south along the Spittal side of the river valley. Another important road, the B4329 Haverfordwest to Cardigan road cuts through the heart of the community and runs northwest towards the Preseli hills.

Historically, the area lay within the Hundred of Dungleddy, which was created out of the ancient Welsh *cantref* of Deugleddyf and took its name from its position above the confluence of the Eastern and Western Cleddau rivers.

1.1 Landscape and Geology

The community is mostly underlain by sedimentary rocks of Ordovician age. The northern half of the community is mostly composed of sandstones from the Triffleton Group, laid down up to 485 million years ago in shallow seas. The southern half of the community lies over slightly younger Penmaen Dewi Shales, which were deposited in deeper seas around 470-480 million years ago. Rather older rocks, called Lingula Flags, which are 510 million years old and date to the Cambrian period, are found between Spittal village and the Western Cleddau. Either side of the Lingula Flags are volcanic rocks of the Treffgarne Volcanic Formation, laid down by explosive eruptions of magma about 495 million years ago, at the start of the Ordovician period. At the opposite end of the community, north of Scolton Manor, is a band of later volcanic rock, laid down as pyroclastic material and ash about 475 million years ago. The bedrock is generally overlain by deposits put down at the end of the last Ice Age, such as boulder clays.

Spittal is a relatively low-lying community, with its highest point reaching 127 metres above sea level near Froghall, in its northeastern corner. The community landscape undulates gently, declining in altitude from east to west. Along the floor of the Western Cleddau valley at the western side of the community, the land falls to less than 20 metres above sea level. The boundaries of the community are largely made up of rivers or streams, including the Western Cleddau to the west, Spittal Brook to the north, the upper reaches of Cartlett Brook to the east and part of the southern boundary follows Rudbaxton Water.

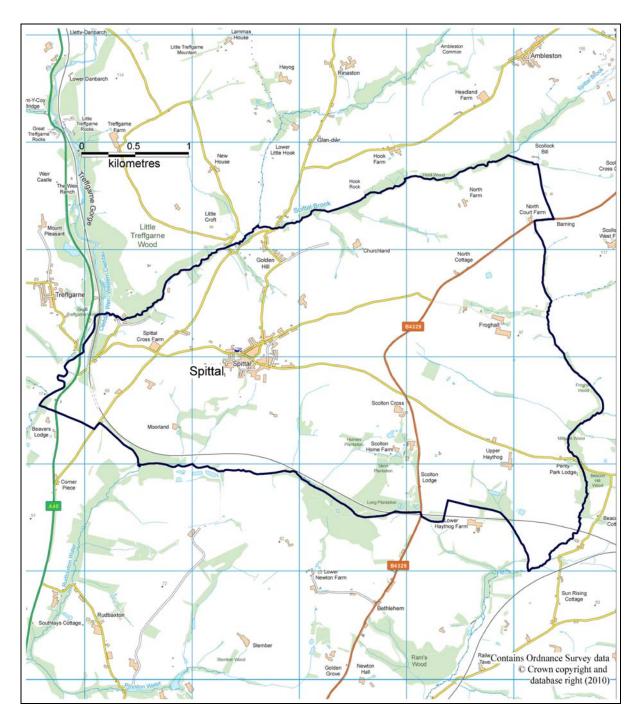


Figure 1: Spittal Community

2. NATURAL HERITAGE (Designations and Attractions)

Spittal Community is located to the east of the Western Cleddau river and some of its tributary streams flow westwards and form the community boundary. The Western Cleddau, Cartlett Brook and Rudbaxton Water are designated as Special Areas of Conservation (SAC) and Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) due to their environmental quality and importance.

Another SSSI is found at Treffgarne Bridge Quarry, where an exposure Cambrian rocks known as Lingula Flags is protected. This is because the exposure produces fossils of trilobites which are diagnostic in these particular beds across Wales and help accurately date the deposition of the Lingula Flags to 510 million years ago.

There is one small area of deciduous woodland which is designated as an Ancient and Semi Natural Woodland. This is found at Froghall Wood, on the banks of Cartlett Brook. It is private and little access is possible.

A small area of common land survives to the south of Spittal village. Spittal Common has changed relatively little since the 19th century in terms of its extent, but it seems to have become increasingly covered by trees and scrub, reducing the amount of open land considerably.

Natural Attractions and Natural Designations within the community are listed in the table on the next page and shown in Figure 2. The numbers in the sequences 30000-39999 and 50000-59999 are the Id numbers used in the Natural Attractions and Designated Areas tables respectively in the project database, see the Part I Methodology report for the Heartlands Hub for further details about these tables.

Spittal			
C	COMM	ON LAND	
3	80088	SPITTAL COMMON	SM9716022460
C	COUNT	TRY PARK	
3	0098	SCOLTON MANOR	SM9891021880
Spittal			
Anci	ent and	l Semi Natural Woodland	
5011	.6	FROGHALL WOOD	SN0081322545
Site	of Spec	ial Scientific Interest	
5012	29	TREFFGARNE BRIDGE QUARRY	SM9596922815
Cwm Gwau	ın; Myı	nachlogddu; New Moat; Maenclochog; Llandysilio	;Clunderwen;
		rston; Hayscastle; Wolfscastle; Camrose; Nolton a	nd Roch; Rudbaxton;
Spittal; Am	bleston		
Spec	ial Are	a of Conservation	
5007	7	AFONYDD CLEDDAU/CLEDDAU RIVERS	SM9720034400

Cwm Gwaun; Puncheston; Ambleston; Spittal; Rudbaxton; Camrose; Nolton and Roch;

Wolfscastle; Letterston; Hayscastle Site of Special Scientific Interest

50067 AFON CLEDDAU GORLLEWINOL/WESTERN

SM9529034470

CLEDDAU RIVER

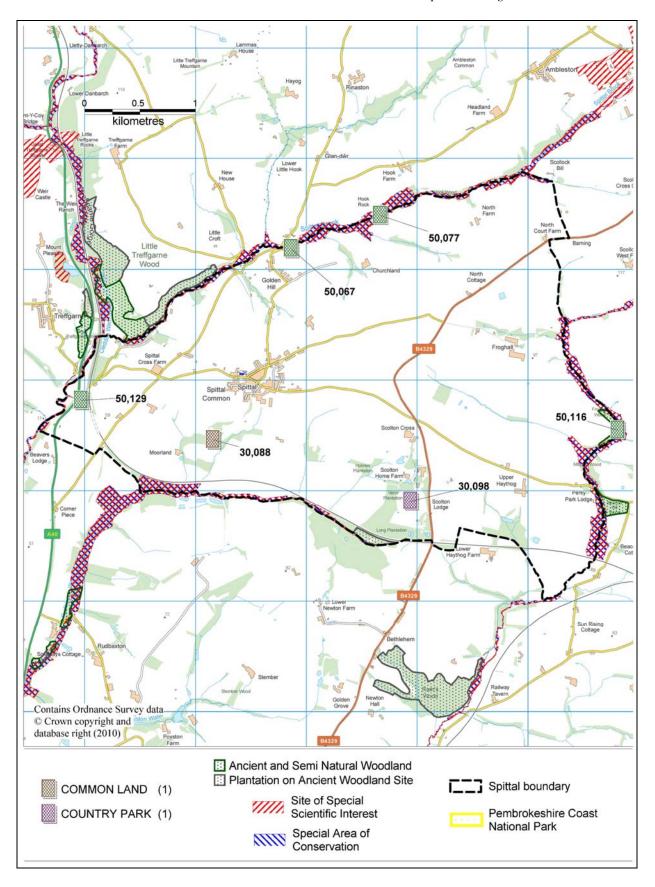


Figure 2: Natural Heritage in Spittal Community

3. HERITAGE (Archaeology, History & Culture)

The Id numbers in the sequences 1 to 9999 and 10000- 19999 are the Id numbers used in the Historic Environment and Cultural Heritage tables respectively in the project database and are referred to throughout the following text. The Part I Methodology report for the Heartlands Hub gives further details about these tables. A printout of the relevant records from the database as it stood at the time of writing this report are included in two gazetteers at the end of this report.

3.1 Heritage Overview

3.1.1 Bronze Age Period (2,200BC – 700BC)

The earliest evidence of human activity in Spittal community may date to the Bronze Age, although it includes only a single burial site. The Bronze Age in Wales began about 2,200BC and marked the widespread introduction of metal tools and weapons in place of the stone tools of earlier periods. This technological advance was matched by changes in society and culture which are represented by a major change in the way that the dead were buried. Whereas earlier, Neolithic communities interred the remains of at least some of their dead in communal tombs, Bronze Age people generally appear to have cremated the dead. The ashes were then buried in funerary urns beneath stone cairns, or earth and stone barrows, or in cremation cemeteries, some of which were marked by standing stones.

There is a single site thought to be a round barrow recorded at Chapel Park (Id number 1858), at the eastern side of the community. This was a large mound when first recorded in 1966, measuring 34 metres in diameter, although it had been reduced to just 0.6 metres high by centuries of ploughing and weathering and by 2003 its diameter had also been reduced to 18 metres. Only a strip across the centre of the mound has been protected, where a field boundary bank has been built across the monument.

There is some doubt as to whether the mound is actually a round barrow. The field is called Chapel Back and a neighbouring field is called Church Back. Local tradition has it that a church once stood on the mound and there are tales that burials have been uncovered here in the past. The site is presently accepted as a round barrow however, and only future archaeological investigation can fully resolve this matter.

3.1.2 Iron Age Period (700BC – 70AD)

Pembrokeshire is well-known for its Iron Age hillforts and defended enclosures, which protected small settlements or farmsteads. Sometimes evidence of further enclosures and field systems also survive around such sites. These generally date to the period c.700BC to c.AD70 and are the first firm archaeological evidence we have of settlement of the landscape, showing that the region was farmed and settled centuries before the Roman conquest. In some instances archaeological excavation has shown that the enclosures have Bronze Age origins, and others have been shown to have still been in use during Roman times.

There are three known examples of defended enclosures in Spittal community. Spittal Rath (Id number 1861) lies close to the parish church. Unfortunately its surface features have been obscured by development and landscaping in modern times, but it is quite likely that archaeological deposits still survive on the site. A small defended enclosure at Spring Gardens (Id number 1872) has been worn down by ploughing to the extent that it is now only visible on aerial photographs. The third defended enclosure in the community is Plenty Park Rath (Id number 1874). This is by far the best preserved of the three, although suffered considerable damage in 1961 when its rampart bank was bulldozed. Fortunately some sections of the rampart still stand up to 2 metres high where they run into a parcel of woodland.

3.1.3 Roman Period AD70 - AD410

The Roman conquest of Wales in AD70 brought the prehistoric era to an end and instigated many important changes to society, some of which resonate to the present day. Pembrokeshire has many tantalising clues demonstrating that the Roman influence on the region was significant, but even today the full extent of Roman activity is not clear.

It is now evident that the Roman road network extended to the west of the regional Roman capital of Moridunum (Carmarthen) but its course has only been identified with certainty as far as Llawhaden, with other intermittent sections apparently visible from the air westwards to Haverfordwest. The relationship between this road and communities further north such as Spittal is unknown, although there is no doubt that the impact of the road network on trade and the local economy must have been significant. Roman settlements have been identified in the neighbouring communities of Ambleston (Castell Flemish) and Wolfscastle (Ford) but no Roman sites have been recorded within Spittal community itself.

3.1.4 Early Medieval Period (AD410 – AD1100)

The Roman period ended in AD410, although the effects of Roman civilisation and administration did not immediately or completely disappear. Contact with the Roman Empire had changed the economy, settlement pattern and communications network of most of the British Isles by the time the links with Rome were broken. Latin had become the language of administration and law, and contact with the wider empire had introduced Christianity into the British Isles at an early date. Irish mercenaries of the Deisi tribe had also been settled in Demetia (southwest Wales) and quickly seized control over the region. They established a ruling dynasty which lasted for several centuries, ruling over a largely Brythonic, Romanised, population. These factors all influenced society during the centuries after the Roman withdrawal.

Relatively little is known about secular society in early medieval Pembrokeshire and for what is now the Spittal area that amounts to knowing that it fell within the ancient *cantref* of Deugleddyf. We know a little more about the religious life during the early medieval period which, in Welsh tradition, is often known as "Oes y Saint" or "The Age of the Saints," for this was a period during which the Christian church grew rapidly.

There is a single feature which has survived from this period recorded in Spittal community at present. An inscribed stone known as the Evali Stone (Id number 1863) stands at St Mary's parish church. It bears the Latin inscription EVALI FILI DENCVI CVNIOVENDE MATER EIVS (The Stone of Evalus, son of Dencuus, Cuniovende, his mother, set it up). The origin of the first two names is unclear, but the name Cuniovende is almost certainly Brythonic, suggesting that the stone was inscribed to commemorate a member of a prominent native family.

3.1.5 *Medieval Period* (*AD1100 – AD1536*)

During the medieval period the Spittal area witnessed many important changes, not least of which was probably the creation of a settlement, the forerunner of the modern Spittal. The village and the modern community owe their name to developments which occurred in medieval times.

It would appear that one of the main medieval pilgrimage routes to St David's passed through the Spittal area. This was an important route, for three pilgrimages to St David's were considered to be of equal value to one pilgrimage to Jerusalem. The patron saint's cathedral also made a considerable profit from the gifts and donations made by pilgrims who made the journey and had a vested interest in ensuring that the tradition was continued.

Sometime during the 1280s or 1290s, Bishop Beck of St David's founded a hospitium or hospice for pilgrims on this route. During the 14th century there was a manor or Knight's Fief here known

as *Hospitale*, which gave rise to the name "Spittal" by early post medieval times. The hospitium (Id number 1865) stood to the south of St Mary's parish church, but fell into ruin after the Dissolution of the Monasteries in the 1530s. By the late 19th century there was virtually no trace of the site, and in 2011 all that remains above ground is a short piece of wall.

In the 14th century, the Hospitium and its surrounding land, which later formed the parish of Spittal, formed part of the Bishop of St David's Llawhaden estate. The Bishop's lands here also included St Mary's church (Id. number 1862), which is thought to have been founded during the 13th century, around the same time as Bishop Beck founded the Hospitium. There were also two further Knight's Fiefs in the area, at *Scaneton* (Scolton) and *Hethoke* (Haythog).

The relationship between the hospitium, church and any settlement which developed in association with them is unknown. The first detailed maps of Spittal village appear in the 19th century and show a settlement which appears to be well-established and has some intriguing characteristics. These include the village green in a focal point in the settlement, suggestive of the village having medieval origins and having been founded in the English style. This is reinforced by the field patterns around the village, which show evidence of a strip-field system, again indicative of there being an organised, agricultural settlement during medieval and early post medieval times. Other features include a house named West Gate at the western edge of the village and a Big House at the northern edge, which may be echoes of manorial organisation and administration in the medieval period.

3.1.6 Post Medieval Period (1536 – 1900)

Estates and landownership

Rural Pembrokeshire saw increasing changes to its economy and society after the reforms of the Tudor period. Medieval Pembrokeshire had been largely controlled by the crown, marcher lords and church authorities, but by the 17th century the old system of lordships and monastic estates had broken down and been replaced by private estates, often in the hands of minor gentry families. These estates were focused on homesteads which were increasingly replaced with country residences and mansions, set in landscaped gardens and parklands and in possession of groups of farms and lands of varying extent.

Most post medieval settlement within Spittal community has been focused on the village, with the surrounding countryside largely composed of farmland with scattered farms. There were few estates based within the community, but the most important historic home found here was Scolton Manor (Id number 1875), which grew out of a medieval manor and was home to the Higgon family by the 16th century. They built the present mansion in 1840, replacing an earlier house. The mansion survives intact and now serves as the home of the Pembrokeshire County Museum.

It was in the interests of the private estates to ensure that the land they owned was well-farmed by their tenant farmers and throughout the 17th and 18th centuries there were gradual improvements in agriculture and an expansion of the land under the plough. Rising populations in the post medieval period made it necessary to produce more food. It was during this period that the pattern of enclosed fields was laid down in the Pembrokeshire countryside.

Nonconformism

Following the Civil War of the 1640s, and the period of Commonwealth government and the Protectorate of Oliver Cromwell, significant changes took place in terms of religious practice and affiliation in rural Wales. Dissenting Protestants, such as Independents, Presbyterians and Baptists were able to practice their religion more freely for over a decade, but the restoration of the monarchy in 1660 saw limitations placed on worship and a period of persecution of dissenters followed. Nonconformism grew in strength in most Welsh communities during the 18th century, but it wasn't until the early 19th century, when the Calvinistic Methodist movement finally broke

away from the Anglican church, that all the main denominations were in place (the Baptists and Congregationalists were well-established by this time).

The 19th century represented the high-water mark of Welsh nonconformism and it was during this century that the nonconformist chapels of Rudbaxton community were first built. The earliest chapel founded here was Zion's Hill Congregational Chapel (Id number 1856), which appeared in 1823, although the present chapel dates to 1893 and remains in use. A Wesleyan Methodist chapel appeared on the edge of Spittal Green (Id number 1867) in 1826, and was rebuilt in 1864. It had closed and been converted into a dwelling by the 21st century. Welsh Baptists were particularly active in 19th century Pembrokeshire and they too established a chapel in Spittal. Salem English Baptist Chapel (Id number 1853) opened in 1826 and continues in use today.

Road and Rail

During the late 18th and early 19th centuries considerable efforts were made to improve the road network in Pembrokeshire by Turnpike Trusts. These established a toll road system in order to pay for the upgrading of existing parish roads or the construction of some new routes. Two turnpike roads pass through Spittal community. One of these linked Haverfordwest and Fishguard and is now followed by the modern A40. The second of these roads ran from Haverfordwest to Cardigan and is now followed by the modern B4329 road. The development of these two routes would have been of great convenience for trade and travel in the early 19th century.

Spittal is also touched upon by the main South Wales railway line, which runs between Fishguard and London. This was conceived as I.K. Brunel's original South Wales Railway, which was built in the mid-1850s. Originally Brunel had intended to construct the line to a terminus at Abermawr, near Fishguard, but even though work had already begun on the line between Clarbeston Road and Abermawr, it was diverted to a new terminus at Neyland. At the start of the 20th century, the Great Western Railway revived the original plan of connecting the main South Wales line with the north Pembrokeshire coastline, this time to a terminus at Goodwick. They constructed a link between Clarbeston Road and Goodwick which incorporated Brunel's earlier, unused track bed. The Fishguard line opened in 1906 and still runs just inside the community's southern boundary.

Industry

Spittal is a rural area which has little association with the industrial traditions of neighbouring communities, such as Wolfscastle where slate and roadstone quarrying have made an impact on the landscape. A small, disused quarry at Treffgarne Bridge lies within Spittal community and it protected as a SSSI for its geological interest (Id number 50129).

The most significant industries in the community area have been associated with agriculture, which has formed the backbone of local society throughout the centuries.

The remains of two mills are found in Spittal, both powered by water drawn from Spittal Brook. Spittal Corn Mill (Id number 1852) was working by the early 19th century and survived into the early 20th century. In modern times the mill building has been converted into a dwelling. Spittal Tucking Mill (Id number 1855) was about 600 metres downstream. There are records of a tucking or fulling mill in Spittal as early as 1562, but it is not known if this is the same site. This mill worked throughout the 19th century and had been turned into a Woollen Factory by the 1880s. It continued to work well into the 20th century but had closed by the 1950s. Most of the complex has been demolished here, though the mill house is still lived in.

3.2 Designated Heritage Sites and Areas

There are 3 sites with Listed Building status in Spittal community, including St Mary's parish church (Id number 1862) and the historic mansion at Scolton Manor (Id number 1875).

There are no Scheduled Ancient Monuments in the community.

3.3 List of Heritage Sites by Period

Further details of these sites can be found in the gazetteer at the end of this report. Use the Id number to find the record in the gazetteer you are interested in.

Spittal			
Bronze Ag	e		
1858	CHAPEL PARK	ROUND BARROW	SM9969923847
Iron Age			
1861 1872 1874	SPITTAL RATH SPRING GARDENS PLENTY PARK RATH	DEFENDED ENCLOSURE DEFENDED ENCLOSURE DEFENDED ENCLOSURE	SM9786722943 SM9798922650 SN0074022550
Early Med	ieval		
1863	EVALI STONE	INSCRIBED STONE	SM9758322913
Medieval			
1865	THE HOSPITIUM	HOSPITIUM	SM9758222837
Medieval;	Post Medieval		
1862 1864	ST MARY'S PARISH CHURCH, SPITTAL ST MARY'S PARISH CHURCHYARD, SPITTAL	CHURCH CHURCHYARD	SM9759022920 SM9758522904
1860 1866	SPITTAL LADY'S WELL; HALL WELL	HISTORIC SETTLEMENT WELL	SM9769522917 SM9764022896
19th centur	ry		
1853 1856	SALEM ENGLISH BAPTIST CHAPE ZION'S HILL CONGREGATIONAL	LCHAPEL CHAPEL	SM9613822997 SM9783423902
1867 1852	CHAPEL SPITTAL GREEN WESLEYAN METHODIST CHAPEL SPITTAL CORN MILL	CHAPEL CORN MILL	SM9769923170 SM9738724035
1870	SPITTAL POLICE STATION	POLICE STATION	SM9768623120

1855	SPITTAL TUCKING MILL	WOOLLEN FACTORY	SM9675823665
19th centu	ry; 20th century		
1854	SALEM ENGLISH BAPTIST CHAPEL, BURIAL GROUND	GRAVEYARD	SM9612422970
1857	ZION'S HILL CONGREGATIONAL	GRAVEYARD	SM9787623930
1869	CHAPEL, BURIAL GROUND SPITTAL V.C. PRIMARY SCHOOL	SCHOOL	SM9774223152
Post Medie	eval		
1873	SCOLTON CROSS; GALLOWS CROSS	GALLOWS	SM9898122636
1859	FROGHOLE; FROGHALL	HISTORIC HOME	SM9983923375
1875	SCOLTON MANOR	HISTORIC HOME	SM9900022042
20th centu	ry		
1868 1871	SPITTAL CHURCH HALL PUMP ON THE GREEN	CHURCH HALL PUBLIC HOUSE	SM9761623057 SM9772623183

3.4 Cultural Sites

A single theme of cultural importance has been identified within the community but this list is not intended to be exhaustive and there are undoubtedly more than can be added.

Spittal		
10163	SPITTAL TREASURE	SM9760023000

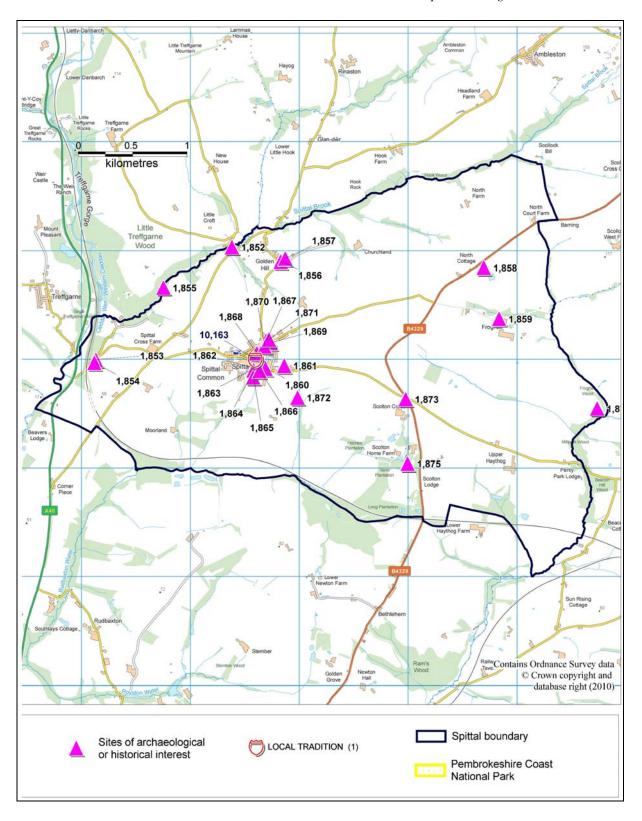


Figure 3: Heritage in Spittal Community

4. INTERPRETATION

At the time of this survey, there are two identifiable examples of heritage interpretation within Spittal community.

The first is the county museum at Scolton Manor, a popular location. This second is a stone set into the outside face of the churchyard wall, on the eastern side of the church, which has an inscription commemorating the hospitium that stood nearby in medieval times.

The Id numbers in the sequences 20000 to 29999 and 80000-89999 are the Id numbers used in the Interpretation and Tracks and Trails tables respectively in the project database and are referred to through out the following text. The Part I Methodology report for the Heartlands Hub gives further details about these tables.

Spittal			
	Interpreta	ation Centre	
	20118	SCOLTON MANOR MUSEUM Pembrokeshire's county museum is based at Scolton manor.	SM9900822052
	Plaque		
	20117	SPITTAL CHURCHYARD A small slate plaque inserted into the wall of the churchyard. It says "The village of SPITTAL derives its name from the HOSPITIUM that once stood nearby to shelter Pilgrims on their way to St Davids ERECTED BY THE COMMUNITY TO MARK A.D.2000"	SM9761622921

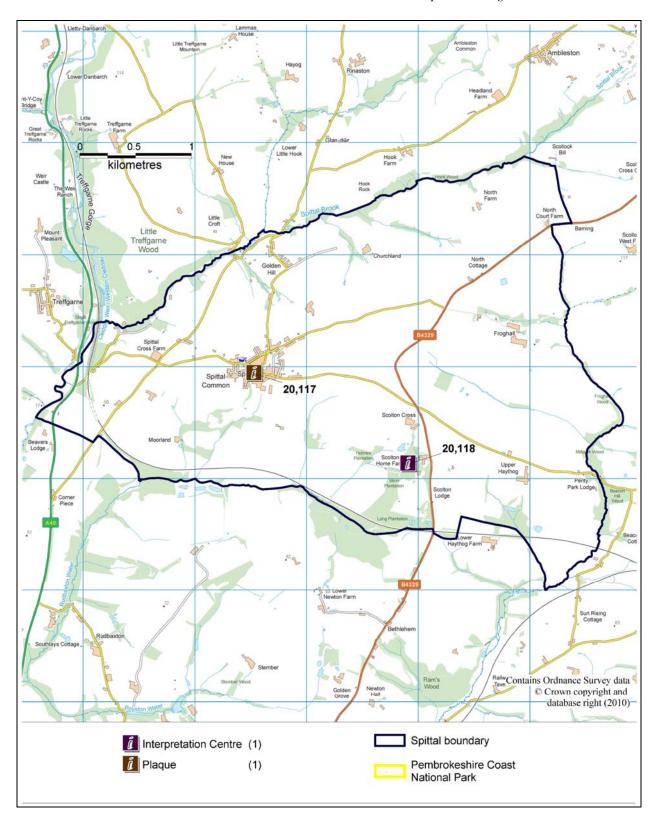


Figure 4: Interpretation in Spittal Community

5. TOURISM-RELATED COMMERCE

At present the level of tourism-related activity within Spittal community appears to be very low, especially when compared with neighbouring areas which are closer to the Pembrokeshire coast or the Preseli hills.

That said, the one visitor attraction that has been identified within the community is an important and popular one, for Scolton Manor is the location of the County Museum. The historic home and its surrounding parkland is also open to visitors and these prove to be a popular attraction throughout the year, especially during the summer months.

Spittal does have good communication links to the main roads and railway, with the A40 and B4239 passing through the community and Haverfordwest town nearby. There is undoubtedly potential for further growth in the tourism sector in this area.

Spittal		
Art gallery		
40663	GILLIAN RICHARDSON FINE ART	SM9792023260
40662	PEMBROKESHIRE PICTURE FRAMING & ART GALLERY	SM9913021790
Museum		
40594	SCOLTON MANOR	SN9892422113
Self Catering		
40653	SCOLTON COUNTRY COTTAGES	SM9890822127

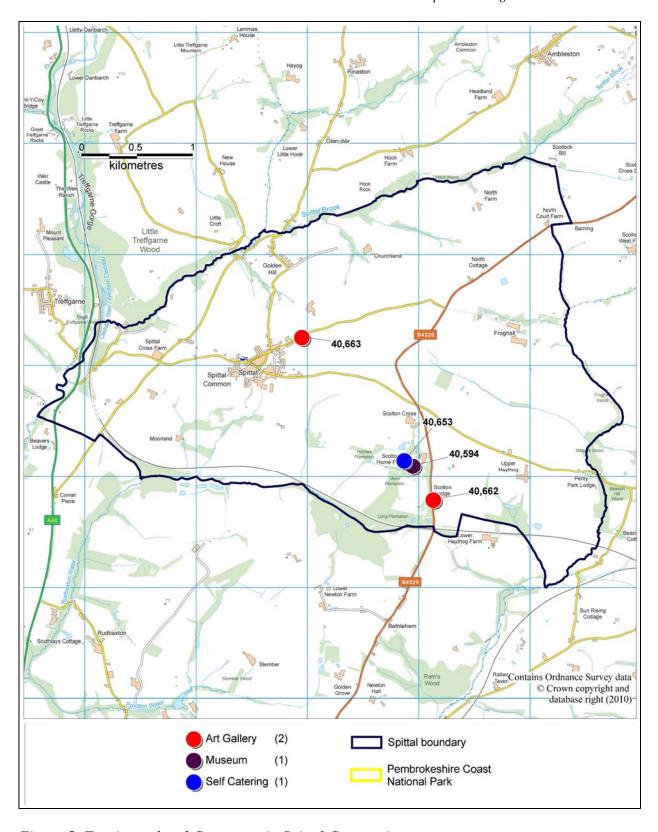


Figure 5: Tourism-related Commerce in Spittal Community

6. OBSERVATIONS

6.1 Strengths

Spittal is an attractive village which has important themes and sites relating to its development along a pilgrims route in medieval times.

The County Museum is based within the community, which attracts large numbers of visitors and holds many events annually.

The community has good communication routes and is easily accessible, as well as being convenient as a base to explore both north and south Pembrokeshire.

6.2 Issues

There is virtually no identifiable on-site interpretation of local heritage.

Walking, cycling and horse riding trails appear to be under-developed and under-promoted in the community.

Signage for local places of interest and trails is poor.

6.3 Opportunities

This report does not make any firm recommendations for action on the basis of an audit of the natural and human heritage of the community. Certain observations can be made however which may help inform future debate.

- **6.3.1 Interpretation plan.** There is clearly scope for greater interpretation of the community's landscape and heritage through panels, leaflets and other interpretive media (including the internet). At present, the interpretation of local heritage appears uncoordinated. An interpretive plan for the community could help overcome this problem in future and help the community make appropriate use of its heritage assets.
- **6.3.2 Branding.** The branding of Spittal in conjunction with other Heartland communities could draw attention to the heritage and landscape attractions of the area. Such a strategy could help strengthen tourism-based commerce in the district, supporting existing businesses and opening opportunities for new ventures.
- **6.3.3 Local walks.** There is a need to create short trails within the community area which are less demanding and of interest to local people and visitors alike, promoting healthy living and wellbeing. There is scope for limited distance local trails, based on the existing public footpath network, focused on places of heritage or environmental interest within the community.
- **6.3.4 All-ability facilities.** A specific opportunity exists to investigate the possibility of developing an all-ability trail or trails within the community to encourage disabled visitors to view this area as an attractive place to visit and explore.
- **6.3.5 Faith Tourism.** Amongst the most interesting heritage sites of the community are its chapels and churches. Efforts should be made to investigate means of allowing public access, of funding

on-site interpretation in order that the rich heritage of the chapels and churches, and their congregations, can be shared with the wider community. Churches and chapels may also offer potential locations for general interpretive material. The Churches Tourism Network helps promote churches and chapels through their website, www.ctnw.org.uk. They also offer courses and resources on how to promote your church or chapel.

- **6.3.6 Genealogy.** Most local chapels and churches have their own burial grounds and are a rich store of genealogical interest. The gravestones themselves also tell us much about the social history of a community. Genealogy is a growing hobby across the world and the descendants of many families who left Pembrokeshire in past times are now seeking to research their family histories. An opportunity exists to encourage the identification and promotion of this outstanding heritage resource.
- **6.3.7** The story of Spittal since the inception of the settlement and its association with pilgrimage, the Hospitium and the medieval Bishops of St Davids is a coherent theme which would merit full interpretation. The subsequent development of the village and some of the historic features, from landscape features such as the parish common and field systems, to buildings such as the church and chapel, all of which are strong additional themes.
- **6.3.8 Profile raising.** Engagement with social media, crowd sourced and user-generated content could be a way of raising the profile of areas like Spittal. Costs are low or non-existent with more reliance on the amount of time people want to give to creating content and their enthusiasm. For instance adding content to the People's Collection and adding appropriate tags to the images may mean that Ambleston is brought to the attention of more people.

7. SPITTAL HERITAGE GAZETTEER INDEX

		Spittal
NAME	ТҮРЕ	ID Number
CHAPEL PARK	ROUND BARROW	1858
EVALI STONE	INSCRIBED STONE	1863
FROGHOLE; FROGHALL	HISTORIC HOME	1859
LADY'S WELL; HALL WELL	WELL	1866
PLENTY PARK RATH	DEFENDED ENCLOSURE	1874
PUMP ON THE GREEN	PUBLIC HOUSE	1871
SALEM ENGLISH BAPTIST CHAPEL	CHAPEL	1853
SALEM ENGLISH BAPTIST CHAPEL, BURIAL GROUND	. GRAVEYARD	1854
SCOLTON CROSS; GALLOWS CROSS	GALLOWS	1873
SCOLTON MANOR	HISTORIC HOME	1875
SPITTAL	HISTORIC SETTLEMENT	1860
SPITTAL CHURCH HALL	CHURCH HALL	1868
SPITTAL CORN MILL	CORN MILL	1852
SPITTAL GREEN WESLEYAN METHODIST CHAPEL	CHAPEL	1867
SPITTAL POLICE STATION	POLICE STATION	1870
SPITTAL RATH	DEFENDED ENCLOSURE	1861
SPITTAL TUCKING MILL	WOOLLEN FACTORY	1855
SPITTAL V.C. PRIMARY SCHOOL	SCHOOL	1869
SPRING GARDENS	DEFENDED ENCLOSURE	1872
ST MARY'S PARISH CHURCH, SPITTAL	CHURCH	1862
ST MARY'S PARISH CHURCHYARD, SPITTAI	_ CHURCHYARD	1864
THE HOSPITIUM	HOSPITIUM	1865
ZION'S HILL CONGREGATIONAL CHAPEL	CHAPEL	1856
ZION'S HILL CONGREGATIONAL CHAPEL, BURIAL GROUND	GRAVEYARD	1857

8. SPITTAL HERITAGE GAZETTEER

1852 SPITTAL CORN	MILL 19th o	century	CORN MILL
SM9738724035	Open Countryside		
Condition:	Converted	Accessibility:	Visible from road/path
Visitor Potential:	Low	Interpretation Pot	tential: Medium
former outbuilding Original Surveyors	s still present in 2011.	The mill is shown o	ngs, with the mill house and the on the 1810 Ordnance Survey rly 20th century. By the late 20th
NPRN:	0	PRN: 1772	24
Listed Building No	umber:	Scheduled Ancien	nt Monument Number:
Ownership: Priva	ite	Management:	Private
Bibliography:			
D. I 1771			
Related Themes:			

1853

SALEM ENGLISH 19th century CHAPEL BAPTIST CHAPEL

SM9613822997 Open Countryside

Condition: Accessibility: Visible from road/path

Visitor Potential: Low Interpretation Potential: Medium

Salem chapel was built in 1827 and rebuilt in 1880. It remained in use in 2011.

NPRN: 11175 *PRN*: 17719

Listed Building Number: Scheduled Ancient Monument Number:

Ownership: Congregation Management: Congregation

Bibliography:

Related Themes: Religious Sites

SH EL, ND	19th century; 20th century	GRAVEYARD
Open Country	vside	
Intact	Accessibility:	Full Access
Medium	Interpretation I	Potential: Medium
0	PRN:	0
umber:	Scheduled Anci	ent Monument Number:
gregation	Management:	Congregation
Genealogy		
	EL, ND Open Country Intact Medium attached to Sale are a good number: gregation	EL, century ND Open Countryside Intact Accessibility: Medium Interpretation F attached to Salem chapel is a long, narro are a good number of interesting graves O PRN: umber: Scheduled Anci gregation Management:

1855

Notes:

SPITTAL TUCKING MILL 19th century WOOLLEN FACTORY

SM9675823665 Open Countryside Condition: Various Accessibility: Visible from road/path Visitor Potential: Low Interpretation Potential: Medium There is a record of a tucking mill in Spittal parish as early as 1562, when one Elizabeth Adams inherited it after the death of James White of Henllan (Pembrokeshire Historian, No.5, 1974 p.62). It is not known if it is the same mill as this example, which is shown as a tucking mill on the 1810 Ordnance Survey Original Surveyors Drawing map. By the 1880s it was known as Spittal Woollen Factory. It is shown on Ordnance Survey maps as a working woollen factory until the 1953 edition of the 1:10560 map, when it is shown as a disused woollen mill. By the early 21st century, the main factory building, at the northern end of the complex, had been removed or become completely ruined and only the mill house and a building to the south survived. A public footpath, PP83/10/1, passes through the mill site. 0 NPRN: 0 PRN: Scheduled Ancient Monument Number: Listed Building Number: Ownership: Private Management: Private Bibliography: Related Themes: Pembrokeshire's Industrial Past

1856 ZION'S HILL CONGREGATIO CHAPEL		th century	СНАІ	PEL
SM9783423902	Golden Hill			
Condition:	Intact	Accessibili	ty:	Visible from road/path
Visitor Potential:	Medium	Interpretat	ion Potential:	Medium
Zion chapel was first built in 1823, but was rebuilt in 1841 and modified again in 1893. It remains in use as a place of worship in 2011. A vestry stands to the east of the chapel.				
NPRN: 111	74	PRN:	17722	
Listed Building Nu	ımber:	Scheduled Ancient Monument Number:		
Ownership: Congregation		Manageme	ent:	Congregation
Bibliography:				
Related Themes:	Religious Sites			

1857 ZION'S HILL CONGREGATIO CHAPEL, BURIA GROUND		19th cer century	ntury; 20th	GRAV	/EYARD
SM9787623930	Golden Hill				
Condition:	Intact		Accessibility:		Full Access
Visitor Potential:	Medium		Interpretation Po	tential:	Medium
The burial ground of genealogical into		n Hill cha	apel has many inte	eresting §	gravestones and memorials
NPRN:	0		PRN:	0	
Listed Building Nu	ımber:	Scheduled Ancient Monument Number:			
Ownership: Cong	regation		Management:		Congregation
Bibliography:					
Related Themes:	Genealogy				

1858

NPRN:

Notes:

305232

CHAPEL PARK Bronze Age ROUND BARROW

SM9969923847 Open Countryside

Condition: Substantial Accessibility: Visible from road/path

Destruction

Visitor Potential: Low Interpretation Potential: Medium

This is the site of a round barrow which has become badly denuded as the result of ploughing in the 20th century. It was recorded as measuring 34 metres in diameter by 0.6 metres high by the Ordnance Survey in 1966, its diameter increased by the mound being spread out by ploughing. A field boundary bank crosses the mound from north to south, and this has protected the central part of the mound from plough damage. When visited by the Dyfed Archaeological Trust in 2003, the mound had been reduced to some 18 metres in diameter, with stones of the cairn itself exposed, many having been pushed into the hedge during field clearance. It seems that the mound of the round barrow is the same mound as that described in a local tradition as the site of a former church which was recorded in 1904 as being long lost and associated with a burial ground which had previously been disturbed by ploughing. Oral history relating to the identification of site as both a round barrow and a church tells of a burial cist or cists being disturbed in the past, and it seems that the traditions may relate to the same event. The fact that the fields here are known as Church Back and Chapel Back in local tradition has strengthened the belief that this was formerly a church site.

Listed Building Number: Scheduled Ancient Monument Number:

Ownership: Private Management: Private

Bibliography:

PRN:

2477

		Spittal
Related Themes:	Prehistoric Pembrokeshire	

1859 FROGHOLE; FROGHALL **Post Medieval HISTORIC HOME** Open Countryside SM9983923375 Accessibility: Visible from road/path Condition: Various Low Visitor Potential: Interpretation Potential: Medium A historic home described by Major Francis Jones in his "Historic Houses of Pembrokeshire." In the early 19th century it was the home of the Rev. David Rees, who was a prominent Pembrokeshire Baptist, buried at Bethlehem Chapel when he died in 1829. NPRN: 0 PRN: 17997 Listed Building Number: Scheduled Ancient Monument Number: Ownership: Private Management: Private Bibliography: Related Themes:

1860

SPITTAL Medieval; Post HISTORIC SETTLEMENT

Medieval

SM9769522917 Spittal

Condition: Various Accessibility: Full Access

Visitor Potential: Medium Interpretation Potential: High

It seems likely that the village of Spittal has its origins in the late 13th century, when Bishop Beck of St David's founded a Hospitium or hospice for pilgrims alongside one of the main medieval pilgrimage routes to St David's. It is thought that St Mary's parish church was also founded by Bishop Beck around this time. By the 14th century there was a manor or Knight's Fief here known as Hospitale, which formed part of the Bishop of St David's Llawhaden estate. The name "Spittal" is derived from this manor. The Hospitium fell into ruin after the Dissolution of the Monasteries in the 1530s. By the late 19th century there was virtually no trace of the site, and by today it has been completely lost.

The relationship between the Hospitium and church and any settlement which developed in association with them is unknown. The first detailed maps of Spittal village appear in the 19th century and show a settlement which appears to be well established and has some intriguing characteristics. These include the village green in a focal point in the settlement, suggestive of the village having medieval origins and having been founded in the English style. This is reinforced by the field patterns around the village, which show evidence of a strip-field system, again indicative of there being an organised, agricultural settlement during medieval and early post medieval times. Other features include a house named West Gate at the western edge of the village and a Big House at the northern edge, which may be echoes of manorial organisation and administration in the medieval period. It is notable that roads run northwards and westwards out of the village towards the corn mill and tucking mill respectively. Both roads overlie the boundaries of the long, linear fields around the village, which suggests that they are post medieval creations, constructed after the strip field system had been enclosed and hedged.

In post medieval times the village seems to have grown around the church and the village green. Early and late-19th century Ordnance Survey maps show this pattern. In 1826 the village acquired a Wesleyan chapel (Id. number 1867) at the northern edge of the green, as well as a National School in 1851 (Id. number 1869) and a police station by the 1880s (Id. number 1870), all signs that Spittal had become the main focus for society and economy in the district. During

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Spittal

Southgate Park and Castle Rise appearing. *NPRN*: 0 PRN: 0 Listed Building Number: Scheduled Ancient Monument Number: Ownership: Various Management: Various Bibliography: Related Themes:

the 20th century, there has been an expansion to the west and east, with new estates such as

1861

SPITTAL RATH Iron Age DEFENDED ENCLOSURE

SM9786722943 Spittal

Condition: Substantial Accessibility: Visible from road/path

Destruction

Visitor Potential: Low Interpretation Potential: Medium

Spittal Rath has been affected by building development and garden landscaping in historic times which has left little clear evidence of its defensive bank and ditch, although it may well still have archaeological potential. It is shown as a circular earthwork on late 19th century maps and measures about 75 metres in diameter. The land here was known as Castle Meadow in earlier times.

NPRN: 305227 *PRN*: 2471

Listed Building Number: Scheduled Ancient Monument Number:

Ownership: Private Management: Private

Bibliography:

Related Themes: Prehistoric Pembrokeshire

ST MARY'S PARISH Medieval; Post CHURCH

CHURCH, SPITTAL Medieval

SM9759022920 Spittal Grade 2 Listed Building

Condition: Intact Accessibility: Full Access

Visitor Potential: Medium Interpretation Potential: Medium

St Mary's church is thought to have been founded during the 13th century and was probably associated with "The Hospital" or Hospitium of St Mary, which is said to have been founded by Bishop Beck of St Davids (who served as bishop from 1280 until 1293). The building is medieval in origin but there have been many restorations and modifications over the centuries which have changed its character. The font is 12th to 13th century in date. There are three fine late 19th and early 20th century stained glass windows in the church. The oldest relic here is an early medieval inscribed stone, the Evali Stone, which once stood in the churchyard but has been kept in the church porch since the late 19th century. It is not thought that the stone was originally erected at St Mary's.

NPRN: 234 *PRN*: 2472

Listed Building Number: 25066 Scheduled Ancient Monument Number:

Ownership: Church in Wales Management: Church in Wales

Bibliography:

Unknown, Unknown, The Pembrokeshire Saints and Stones Pilgrimages: The Bishops Road

Related Themes: Religious Sites

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1863 EVALI STONE	Early I	Medieval	INSCRIBED STONE							
SM9758322913	M9758322913 Spittal									
Condition:		Accessibility:								
Visitor Potential:		Interpretation	Potential:							
the late 19th centur church is probably FILI DENCVI CV Cuniovende, his m	Evali Stone once stood in the parish churchyard but has been kept in the church porch since the 19th century. It is not thought that the stone was originally erected at St Mary's, as the ch is probably a 13th century foundation. The Latin inscription on the stone reads "EVALI DENCVI CVNIOVENDE MATER EIVS" (The Stone of Evalus, son of Dencuus, ovende, his mother, set it up). Of the three personal names on the stone, the origin of the two is uncertain, but the female name Cuniovende is thought to be a Brythonic name.									
NPRN:	0	PRN:	2473							
Listed Building No	umber:	Scheduled Anc	cient Monument Number:							
Ownership: Chur	ch in Wales	Management:	Church in Wales							
Bibliography:										
Unknown, Unknow	wn, The Pembrokeshire	Saints and Stone	es Pilgrimages: The Bishops Road							
Related Themes:	Shedding light on th	e Dark Ages								

1864 ST MARY'S PAR CHURCHYARD		Mediev Mediev	val; Post val	CHUR	RCHYARD
SM9758522904	Spittal				
Condition:	Intact		Accessibility:		Full Access
Visitor Potential:	Medium		Interpretation Pote	ential:	Medium
-	genealogical int	erest. In	modern times it ha	•	ard which has many graves extended to the north of the
NPRN:	0		PRN:	0	
Listed Building No	umber:		Scheduled Ancient	Monun	nent Number:
Ownership: Chur	ch in Wales		Management:		Church in Wales
Bibliography:					
Related Themes:	Genealogy				

1865 THE HOSPITIUN	M Mediev	v al	HOSP	PITIUM		
SM9758222837	Spittal					
Condition:	Destroyed	Accessibility:		No Access		
Visitor Potential:	Low	Interpretation	Potential:	High		
It is said that the Hospitium was founded here in the late 13th David's. It stood on one of the main pilgrimage routes to St I travellers en route to the cathedral city. It was to give rise to Sadly, there is now no trace of the Hospitium, which is said to south of St Mary's parish church, with which it was associate Dissolution of the Monasteries and was a ruin by the end of to century very few fragments could be identified and it was sail remains had been dismantled c.1860 to build a new farmhous				and offered hospitality to age name of "Spittal". stood about 100 metres into decay after the century. By the late 19th		
NPRN:	0	PRN:	2474			
Listed Building Nu	mber:	Scheduled Ancient Monument Number:				
Ownership: Priva	te	Management:		Private		
Bibliography:						
Unknown, Unknow	vn, The Pembrokeshire	Saints and Stor	nes Pilgrima	iges: The Bishops Road		
Related Themes:						

HALL	Medieval; Post Medieval	WELL			
Spittal					
Substantially Intact	Accessibility:	Full Access			
Low	Interpretation F	Potential: Medium			
Lady's Well, apparently known locally as Hall Well when the Royal Commission on Ancier Monuments visited the site in 1914, lies close to St Mary's parish church in Spittal and the soft the lost medieval Hospitium. It was visited by the Dyfed Archaeological Trust in 2011 a found to have been covered by a manhole and in a brick-lined chamber.					
0	<i>PRN</i> : 12	2988			
ımber:	Scheduled Ancient Monument Number:				
te	Management:	Private			
	Spittal Substantially Intact Low ently known lool the site in 191 Il Hospitium. It covered by a reserved by a rese	Medieval Spittal Substantially Accessibility: Intact Low Interpretation F ently known locally as Hall Well when to the site in 1914, lies close to St Mary's all Hospitium. It was visited by the Dyfer acovered by a manhole and in a brick-lim O PRN: 12 umber: Scheduled Ancie	Spittal Substantially Accessibility: Full Access Intact Low Interpretation Potential: Medium ently known locally as Hall Well when the Royal Commission on Ancient It the site in 1914, lies close to St Mary's parish church in Spittal and the site Il Hospitium. It was visited by the Dyfed Archaeological Trust in 2011 and a covered by a manhole and in a brick-lined chamber. O PRN: 12988 umber: Scheduled Ancient Monument Number:		

1867 SPITTAL GREE WESLEYAN ME CHAPEL		century	CHAPEL		
SM9769923170	Spittal				
Condition:	Converted	Accessibility:	Visible from road/path		
Visitor Potential:	Low	Interpretation P	otential: Medium		
Spittal Green chapel was built in 1826 and rebuilt in 1864. It is shown on the 1907 1:2500 Ordnance Survey map, but is not named on the 1953 Ordnance Survey map or later maps. By the 21st century it had been converted into a private dwelling.					
NPRN: 111	76	PRN:	0		
Listed Building N	umber:	Scheduled Ancient Monument Number:			
Ownership: Priva	nte	Management:	Private		
Bibliography:					
Related Themes:	Religious Sites				

1868 SPITTAL CHUR	CH HALL	20th ce	entury	CHUI	RCH HALL		
SM9761623057	Spittal						
Condition:	Intact		Accessibility:		Visible from road/path		
Visitor Potential:	Low		Interpretation	Potential:	Medium		
Spittal Church Hall is a corrugated iron building, which was erected at the edge of the village green before the mid-20th century. It remains in use as a village hall in 2011.							
NPRN:	0		PRN:	0			
Listed Building N	umber:		Scheduled Anc	ient Monui	ment Number:		
Ownership: Chur	ch in Wales		Management:		Church in Wales		
Bibliography:							
Related Themes:							

1869 SPITTAL V.C. P SCHOOL	RIMARY	19th century; 20th century	SCHOOL	1
SM9774223152	Spittal			
Condition:	Substantially Intact	Accessibility:	Vi	sible from road/path
Visitor Potential:	Low	Interpretation Pot	ential: Me	edium
		n 1851 as a National School aced with a new primary sch		
NPRN:	0	PRN: 1772	21	
Listed Building N	umber:	Scheduled Ancien	t Monumen	t Number:
Ownership: Priva	nte	Management:	Pri	vate
Bibliography:				
Related Themes:				

1870 SPITTAL POLIC	CE 19tl	h century	POLICE STATION				
STATION							
SM9768623120	Spittal						
Condition:	Damaged	Accessibility:	Visible from road/path				
Visitor Potential:	Low	Interpretation F	otential: Medium				
remained open we	ll into the 20th centu	* *	1889 Ordnance Survey map. It sure is not known. This attractive in 12011.				
NPRN:	0	PRN:	0				
Listed Building N	umber:	Scheduled Ancie	Scheduled Ancient Monument Number:				
Ownership: Priva	nte	Management:	Private				
Bibliography:							
Related Themes:							
Notes:							

PUMP ON THE	GREEN	20th co	entury	PUBL	IC HOUSE
SM9772623183	Spittal				
Condition:	Intact		Accessibility:		Visible from road/path
Visitor Potential:	Low		Interpretation Po	otential:	Low
This village pub w 1976 Ordnance Su					ury and first appears on the
NPRN:	0		PRN:	0	
Listed Building No	umber:		Scheduled Ancie	nt Monur	nent Number:
Ownership: Priva	ite		Management:		Private
Bibliography:					
Related Themes:					
Notes:					

1872 SPRING GARDE	ENS Iron A	ge	DEFE	ENDED ENCLOSURE
SM9798922650	Open Countryside			
Condition:	Damaged	Accessibility:		No Access
Visitor Potential:	Low	Interpretation Po	tential:	Medium
worn down its upst	tanding earthworks, leav	ving just a hollow.	The en	enturies of ploughing have closure measures about 40 litch, with an entrance in the
<i>NPRN:</i> 919	87	PRN: 1424	40	
Listed Building Ni	umber:	Scheduled Ancien	ıt Monui	ment Number:
Ownership: Priva	te	Management:		Private
Bibliography:				
Related Themes:	Prehistoric Pembrok	eshire		

1873							
SCOLTON CROS GALLOWS CRO	/	ledieval	GALI	LOWS			
SM9898122636	Open Countryside						
Condition:	Destroyed	Accessibility:		Visible from road/path			
Visitor Potential:	Low	Interpretation	Potential:	Medium			
	Scolton Cross has traditionally been known as Gallows Cross and it is said that the manorial gallows was located here, where convicted felons were executed.						
<i>NPRN</i> : 329	54	PRN:	4575				
Listed Building No	umber:	Scheduled Ancient Monument Number:					
Ownership: Unkr	nown	Management:		Unknown			
Bibliography:							
Related Themes:							
Notes:							

PLENTY PARK RATH Iron Age DEFENDED ENCLOSURE

SN0074022550 Open Countryside

Condition: Damaged Accessibility:

Visitor Potential: Interpretation Potential: Medium

Plenty Park Rath was a fine example of an Iron Age defended enclosure, but it was damaged in 1961 when much of its rampart bank was levelled with a bulldozer. Nevertheless, the form of the enclosure is still clearly visible and parts of the rampart bank still stand up to 2 metres high in the woodland at the eastern side of the site. The enclosure measures over 80 metres in diameter and had an entrance through its southwestern side.

NPRN: 304486 *PRN*: 1343

Listed Building Number: Scheduled Ancient Monument Number:

Ownership: Private Management: Private

Bibliography:

Related Themes: Prehistoric Pembrokeshire

SCOLTON MANOR Post Medieval HISTORIC HOME

SM9900022042 Spittal Grade 2* Listed Building

Condition: Intact Accessibility: Restricted Access

High Visitor Potential: Interpretation Potential: Already Interpreted

The early history of Scolton Manor is obscure, although it is possible that the Higgon family resided at Scolton during the 17th century. The Higgons were certainly here during the early 18th century, but by the middle of the century the old house had burned down and the family moved to Haverfordwest. The Higgons returned to Scolton in 1840 and built the present mansion. They sold the house and grounds to Pembrokeshire County Council in 1972 and it has since been developed as the Pembrokeshire County Museum.

NPRN: 30223 PRN: 7240

Scheduled Ancient Monument Number: Listed Building Number: 11984

Ownership: Pembrokeshire County Management: Pembrokeshire County Co

Council

Bibliography:

Jones, F, 1996, Historic Houses of Pembrokeshire and Their Families

Related Themes:

Notes:

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9. SPITTAL CULTURAL GAZETTEER

Notes:

LATTIGE	TREASURE
SHILAL	INLASUNE

SM9760023000

It is said that in 1572 a great quantity of gold and silver buried in a bronze pot, was found at Spittal, possibly close to the site of the Hospitium.

Visitor Potential:	Low	Interpretation Potential:	Medium
Accessibility:			
Bibliography:			
Related Themes:			

10. SPITTAL NATURAL GAZETTEER

			Spittal
30088			
SPITTAL COMMON			COMMON LAND
SM9716022460			
	of common land measuring metres with a further smaller		
Visitor Potential:	Low	Interpretation Potential:	Low
Accessibility:	Full Access	Ownership:	Unknown
Bibliography:			
Related Themes:	Commons, bogs and fens		
Notes:			

			Spittal		
30098					
SCOLTON MANO)R		Country Park		
SM9891021880					
Sixty acres of park and woodland surround Scolton Manor museum. This country park is managed to balance recreaton with conservation. A visitor's centre includes displays on gree issues and the wildlife of the park.					
Visitor Potential:	High	Interpretation Potential:	High		
Accessibility:	Restricted Access	Ownership:	Pembrokeshire County Council		
Bibliography:					
Related Themes:					