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across the cliff top with areas devoted to craft working and at least one cemetery.

Find out more at hartlepool.gov.uk/way-of-st-hild

The Way of St Hild is a new pilgrimage trail linking Hartlepool with Whitby

Due to open in spring 2020, the route will celebrate the importance of Hild to both Hartlepool and Whitby and recognise the contribution she made to the Christian heritage of the North East and further afield.

However, unlike many pilgrimage trails, The Way of St Hild will not rely solely on maps and booklets as the primary source of assistance for walkers, instead it will feature 12 augmented reality waypoints.

At each waypoint, walkers will be able to access a series of subcatergories to find out information about:

- St Hild
- Landscape & Nature
- History & Human Life
- Faith & Spirituality

Each station also features an opportunity for reflection.



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WAYPOINT 2

Seaton Carew

The small; community of Seaton may have been established to the time of St Hild and was probably a fishing village with good provision of food from the sea, as well as simple produce from cultivated fields inland. Looking back at the Headland you may have seen the prominent Hartlepool Abbey, founded in 640 Alby St Aidan, surrounded by low wooden buildings in a green landscape.

WAYPOINT 3 Greatham Creek

Today as you look at the creek and surrounding tidal wetlands, up stream of the bridge, you get a glimpse of what it was like 1400 years ago. Greatham Creek, or Greatham Fleet as it was once named, was part of a great system of ditches, channels, streams and creeks, draining the vast mudflats exposed at low tide.

WAYPOINT 4 Transporter Bridge

The Transporter straddles the River Tees at a point that 1400 years ago may have been where the old river, proper, entered into the vast estuary of mudflats and water channels before discharging into the North Sea. Today it shows how man has continued to look to 'cross waters' safely to allow human traffic to move more freely – keeping their feet dry!



WAYPOINT 5

Saltburn

So much has changed since St Hild's time, 1400 years ago! Today, much of Saltburn's activities centre on recreation and eating, close to where Skelton Beck flows into the sea. 1400 years ago, it would have been an isolated place where people eked out a living by fishing and harvesting anything washed up or gathered in rock pools. It was a hard life trying to feed families back then.