

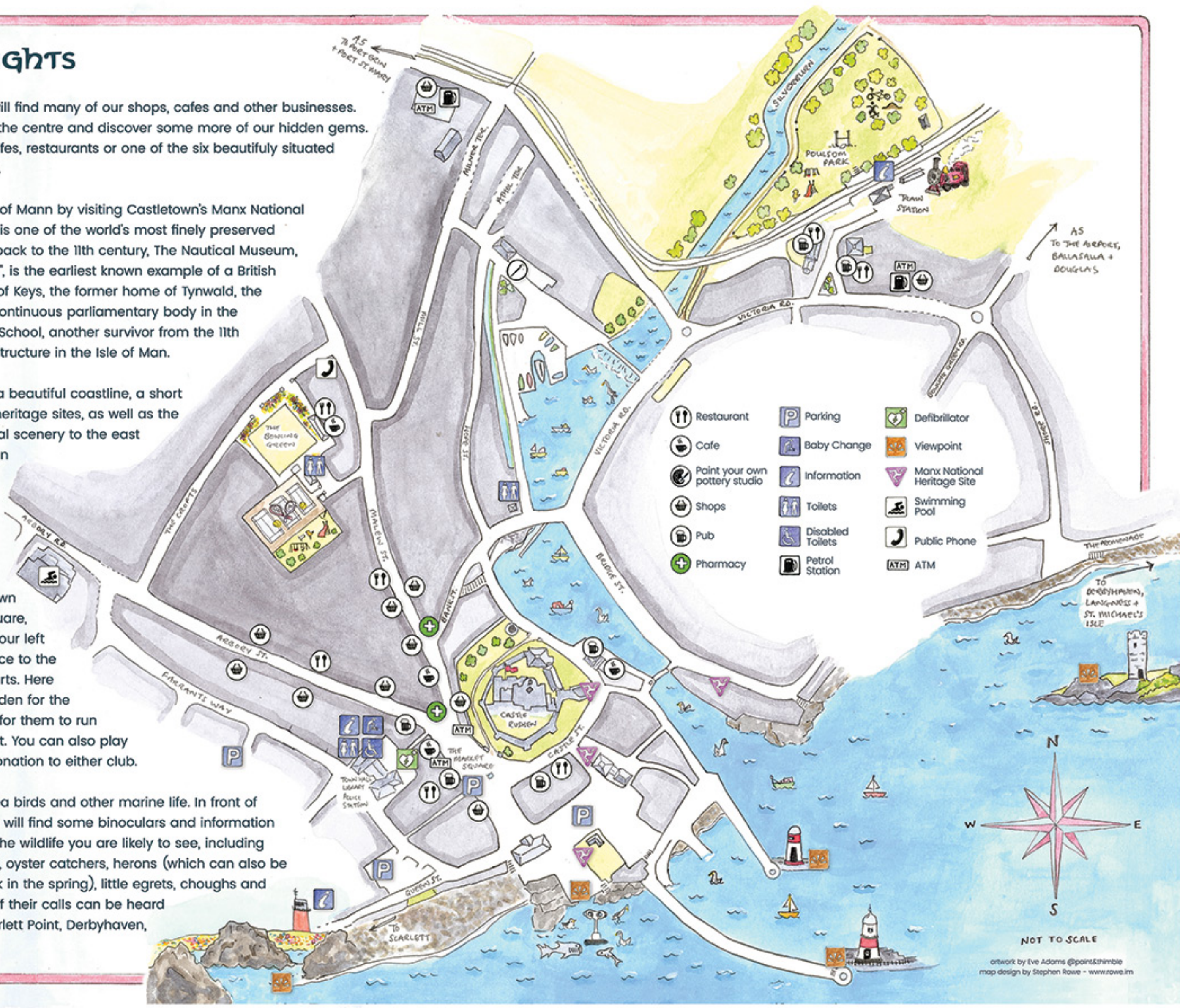
TOWN HIGHLIGHTS

Market Square is where you will find many of our shops, cafes and other businesses. Head a little further out from the centre and discover some more of our hidden gems. Seek refreshment from our cafes, restaurants or one of the six beautifully situated pubs dotted around our town.

Learn more about the history of Mann by visiting Castletown's Manx National Heritage Sites: Castle Rushen is one of the world's most finely preserved medieval castles, and dates back to the 11th century, The Nautical Museum, home of the "The Peggy Story", is the earliest known example of a British Armed yacht. The Old House of Keys, the former home of Tynwald, the Manx Parliament, the oldest continuous parliamentary body in the world. And the Old Grammar School, another survivor from the 11th Century, is the oldest roofed structure in the Isle of Man.

Castletown is situated along a beautiful coastline, a short walk could include all of the heritage sites, as well as the beautiful and dramatic coastal scenery to the east and west. To the north you can find the Silverburn River and Poulson Park, which has a lovely children's play area, skate and BMX facilities. Poulson Park is also a recognised Dark Skies Discovery site. If you head down Malew Street, from Market Square, look for a small car park on your left where you will find the entrance to the bowling green and tennis courts. Here you will find a little secret garden for the kids - an enclosed play park for them to run around to their heart's content. You can also play tennis, or bowls for a small donation to either club.

Castletown is a hotspot for sea birds and other marine life. In front of The Old Grammar School you will find some binoculars and information boards highlighting some of the wildlife you are likely to see, including harbour porpoises, grey seals, oyster catchers, herons (which can also be found nesting in Poulson Park in the spring), little egrets, choughs and pied wagtails. A cacophony of their calls can be heard as you head out towards Scarlett Point, Derbyhaven, and Langness peninsular.



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TOWN MAP
THE ANCIENT CAPITAL OF MANN

SPECIAL EVENTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The recently revitalised Castletown Market takes place in Market Square and the Town Hall every month, where local artists, crafters, food and drink vendors and more, gather to show their wares.

For over 40 years, Castletown Harbour has been the setting for The World Tin Bath Championships, a hugely popular charity event, organised by the Castletown Ale Drinkers Society. Competitors set sail in a unique race across the harbour. A mural of the infamous shenanigans can be found on the Town Hall, in Barracks Square. The date of the event is governed by the tides and will be announced in local media early in summer each year.

The world famous Southern 100 circuit passes through the town. Known as 'the friendly races', the Southern 100 Motorcycle Racing club holds its own meeting every year in July. Racing also takes place on the circuit during the weekends either side of TT week.

Castletown permanently celebrates its folklore with 'Little Castletown' or, 'in Manx Gaelic, Balley Cashtel Beg'. Pick up a map from the Town Hall or many of the local businesses and follow the trails, in search of the many fairy doors hidden around town. A magical experience that leads you around some of Castletown's highlights!

welcome TO CASTLETOWN

Castletown is the ancient capital of the Isle of Man, where heritage and nature combine in a local seaside market town. This map will help you discover all of the best features and attractions of our town! Look for the symbols on the map to guide you.

Why not connect to the free Wi-Fi available in Market Square, or visit the Market Square notice board or Town Hall for information about upcoming events?

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Buses to and from Douglas and Port Erin/Port St Mary come through the town regularly in both directions, along with less frequent buses to Peel and the West.

Full timetables can be found on most bus stops in the town. Paper copies are available at the town hall.

Trains to and from Douglas and Port Erin/Port St Mary call at Castletown regularly during peak season. visit the delightful Victorian railway station, where you will also find a gift shop and details of the heritage railways' special events. For more information you can also search for Castletown Railway Station on Facebook.