



Bengo Trails 1: View Across Beane Marshes

This trail incorporates an important view and three of the designated green spaces given additional protection from development through the [Bengo Neighbourhood Area Plan](#).

It was produced by the [Love Bengo Community Group](#).



Starts (and ends): [Courtyard Arts Centre](#)

Port Vale, SG14 3AA.

Distance: 0.91m/1.47 km

Conditions: Pavements, tarmac surfaces, and grassy areas. A short uphill and downhill section.

Walk north along Port Vale, past [Mill Mead Primary School](#) and cross to the other side. Passing George Street and Russell Street, glimpses of the former railway land can be seen at the end of each road. Turn right into Balfour Street (no pavement here) and walk up to the Balfour Street bridge. The land underneath the bridge runs from Sidings Court (off Port Hill) to the northern end of Port Vale. This **Former Railway Line, Lower Bengo**, has [Local Green Space](#) designation through the Neighbourhood Plan, giving it additional protection from development.



The land is described in the Neighbourhood Plan as ‘a green corridor, recognised as having the potential to offer significant biodiversity gains. Any project to enhance and manage biodiversity on this site, and open up public access, will be strongly supported’.



Return down Balfour Street, passing the [Little Theatre](#) on your left. Turn right into Port Vale, passing the **Millstream Pub**. Just before the **Port Vale Scout Hut**, on the left, is the small, privately owned, **Port Vale Wildlife Garden**. It's a haven of trees and shrubs, attracting birds and pollinating insects. Its **Local Green Space** designation gives it additional protection from development.

From Port Vale, turn left into Beane Road. Half way along, on the right, is the [Beane Marsh Nature Reserve](#) information board. At the crossing point, cross to the other side. From the Beane Road bridge you'll see Neighbourhood Plan View 5: **Beane Marshes towards Molewood from Beane Road bridge**. The Plan says: *'the panorama to the north and north east takes in the River Beane and its floodplain, a rare example of a naturalised water meadow that has significant amenity and biodiversity value and provides a strong landscape setting for Bengoe's historic settlement on the hill'*.



Crossing back over Beane Road at the crossing point, enter **Millmead Park** which has **Local Green Space** designation through the Neighbourhood Plan *'to prevent encroachment from development, and to safeguard wildlife habitat'*. The River Beane (a rare chalk stream) runs through the park, and the path is a cycle route to Hartham Common. Continue around the perimeter of Mill Mead Primary School into a small car park. The Courtyard Arts Centre garden is to your right. [This trail ends here.](#)



[Courtyards Arts Centre](#): Open from 10am-4pm Tuesday to Saturday with teas/coffees available.

Route Map: Bengoe Trails 1 – View across Beane Marshes

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