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Basingwerk Abbey (Sat Nav CH8 7GH)

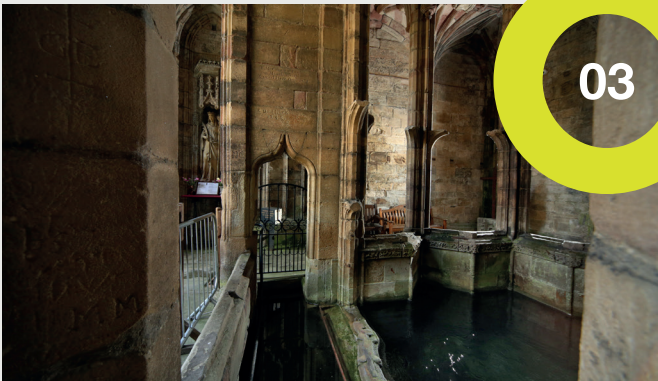
Part of a network of Cistercian settlements that once dotted Wales. Basingwerk Abbey was founded in 1131 and extensively remodelled in the 13thC. Although in ruin, it still gives us an insight into the lives of the monks who called the place home.



02

St Windefride's Chapel and Holy Well (Sat Nav CH8 7PN)

The holy well at St Windefride's has been a place of pilgrimage since at least 1115. It is said to spring from the spot where 7thC Welsh abbot St Beuno brought his niece Windefride back to life, though it's likely that this story may actually have much older pagan origins. If you wish to bathe please check times the pool is open. Strict religious observance is required as the shrine is a holy area.



03

The Chapel

The Chapel itself dates from the late 15thC. Set into the hillside it's a striking and unusual building, richly decorated and exceptionally well-built. On the bottom floor, the spring water bubbles up into a star-shaped basin beneath an elaborately vaulted ceiling before flowing out into a more recent outdoor pool, where pilgrims still visit to bathe in its waters with their claimed healing properties.



04

Greenfield Valley Heritage Park (Sat Nav CH8 7GH)

70 acres of woodland and 2000 years of history with lakes, streams, ancient monuments and historic factories around every corner. Visit the Museum and Visitor Centre to learn more about our amazing history and years of heritage to discover. Find out about agriculture, social and industrial history. With a giant adventure playground, educational activities and a changing programme of events there is something for all ages.



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