



# Clement Wilson Park

## Points of interest

The park is named after Robert Clement Wilson who owned a factory on the site. He developed the grounds around it into a garden for employees to enjoy during their lunch breaks.

Shaw's Bridge took its name from Captain Shaw who built an old bridge in 1655 to transport guns, from Cromwell's army, across the River Lagan. This was replaced in 1698 with a stone bridge, which subsequently collapsed. The present old, five-arch stone bridge was built in 1709.

The Lock Keeper's Cottage is one of the few remaining lock-keepers' houses from the 18th century Lagan Navigation System. There is also a restored lighter and Visitor Centre.

The Burma Road got its name from the fact that it was constructed using rubble from bomb damaged buildings after World War II.

## 1.2 miles, 1.9 km, circular

Starting at the carpark at Shaw's Bridge, cross the old bridge and descend the ramps on your left. At the bottom of the ramps, continue under the modern bridge and follow the old towpath as it follows the River Lagan and disused canal.

Continue along this pathway until you see the Lock Keeper's Cottage on the opposite side. Crossing any of the foot bridges, turn left on the dual use path, leading to New Forge Lane. Continue along this path and cross the John Luke Bridge over the River Lagan. When you reach New Forge Lane, follow the footpath a short distance until you reach Clement Wilson Park, entering through the gates on your left. Follow the path, known as Burma Road, back to the carpark. You will pass under the new bridge, under the road.

