



Alfred Lord Tennyson

Clevedon Civic Society

50th Anniversary Project

Poets' Walk Steps



The Hallam Memorial

Clevedon Civic Society is celebrating its 50th anniversary.

Poets' Walk in Clevedon has particular historic significance and recognizes the many nationally recognized poets who have visited Clevedon over past years.

This celebratory project upgrades the start of Poets' Walk with a series of granite steps which are engraved with words from the famous elegy **In Memoriam A.H.H.** by Alfred Lord Tennyson.

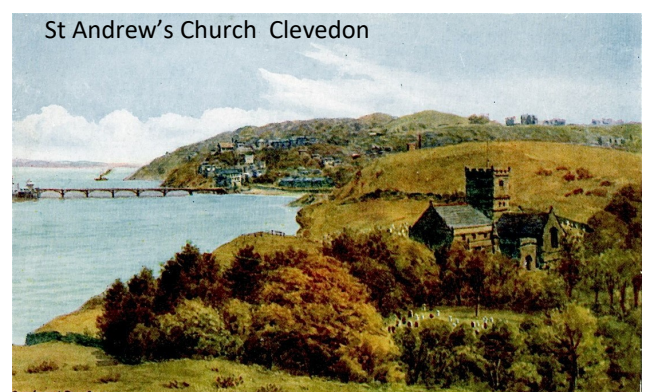
The stanza used on the steps commemorates the return of the body of Arthur Henry Hallam to Clevedon for interment at St. Andrew's Church after he tragically died in Vienna in 1833 aged only 22. Hallam was the grandson of the 5th Sir Abraham Elton, Baronet of Clevedon Court and a close friend of Alfred Tennyson. The elegy, published in 1850, became a favourite of Queen Victoria after the death of Prince Albert in 1861 and rose to further national fame. The Hallam memorial in St Andrew's Church became a popular tourist attraction. More information about Poets' Walk is available on the local history notice board produced by the Civic Society in conjunction with Clevedon BID .

The Civic Society hopes that the engraved steps will resonate with present day visitors and local residents who may wish to find out more about the history of the town.

The Civic Society has sponsored this project from funds accumulated over a long period, mainly generated by its members writing, publishing and selling books of local interest.

Many thanks also to North Somerset Council who have agreed and cooperated with this project.

The steps are now complete and were formally opened on Wednesday 14th Sept 2022



St Andrew's Church Clevedon

CLEVEDON OLD CHURCH

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