

Authority	<b>Vale of Glamorgan</b>	Grade	<b>II*</b>
Community	<b>Cowbridge with Llanblethian</b>	Date Listed	<b>05/12/1963</b>
		Date Amended	<b>16/09/1999</b>
Locality	<b>Cowbridge</b>	Grid Ref	<b>2992 1746</b>
		Record No	<b>13181</b>
Name	<b>Town Walls</b>		
Street No, Name	<b>The Butts</b>		
Street Side	<b>E</b>		

### Location

On E side of The Butts, from rear of Mason's Arms, to bastion at SW angle, thence along N side of Town Mill Road.

### History

Earl Gilbert de Clare, Lord of Glamorgan, is thought to have directed in 1266 the building of protective walls round the boroughs of Cowbridge, Neath and Cardiff. The oldest parts of the present walls in Cowbridge probably date from early C14, and face The Butts; it is not certain how far the walls facing Town Mill Road are original. Rose Cottage and adjoining garden walls have almost certainly been built on the line of the walls, and probably incorporate the Town Walls in their own walling or foundations.

### Exterior

Stone rubble, about 3.5 metres high on average, formerly apparently rising to about 7.6 metres and with an internal wall walk. The walls in the Butts are castellated and have a bastion at their SW angle, circular in plan, with polygonal upper storey and was probably used as a summer-house in the post-medieval period. Doorway through to gardens, to S of Mason's Arms; facing gardens, inner retaining wall to walkway which is turfed. To E of bastion, walls pierced by 2 doorways, a round-headed one to W, and to E, doorway with Tudor head, and to N, facing gardens, stone rubble gate piers with moulded copings.

The walls extend to W, as garden walls on footing of medieval walls (See separate entry under Town Mill Road).

### Reference

D M Robinson, Cowbridge, Archaeology and Topography, Swansea, 1980, pp 44-47.  
 RCAHM (Wales), Glamorgan Inventory, Vol IV... Part II, Farmhouses and Cottages, London, 1988, p 507ff.