

St Cuthbert's House

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Driving to St Cuthbert's House from the south (by the shortest route).

Come north on the main A1 trunk road. You need to start paying attention to these directions as you reach Alnwick, the nearest prominent town. As you pass Alnwick, ignore all signs for Seahouses! (The first turning, which is also signposted for Denwick and Alnwick Castle, will offer you Seahouses in 13 miles. Ignore it!)

A mile or two beyond Alnwick, the dual carriageway ends. You are now on a single-carriageway section (for about 4 miles or so), and on this section you will pass another turning, offering Seahouses in 10 miles. Again, cruise straight past it.

The road eventually becomes dual carriageway again, and you will turn RIGHT off the A1 on this short stretch of dual carriageway. Watch for the minor turning to Brownieside on the L, and get into the outside lane at this point – because your turning is RIGHT a few hundred yards further on, signposted for Preston Tower, Ellingham & Doxford Hall.

Follow the minor road for 1.8 miles, to a T junction at the bottom of a short hill. Turn LEFT

After 1 mile the road crosses the main East Coast railway line at Chathill.

2 miles beyond the railway, in the small hamlet of Swinhoe, turn LEFT at the (slightly staggered) crossroads, for North Sunderland

At a minor junction after 1.2 miles, you give way. Turn RIGHT

Follow the minor road, without deviating. There is one significant point to watch out for, when the road appears to go straight ahead, but in fact the 'main' part goes around a very tight RIGHT bend.

Eventually you enter the village of North Sunderland. St. Cuthbert's House is a large church-like building, one of the first on the left as you enter the village, next door to the house with a large tree in the front garden.

This whole adventure takes 7.2 miles or so from the A1.