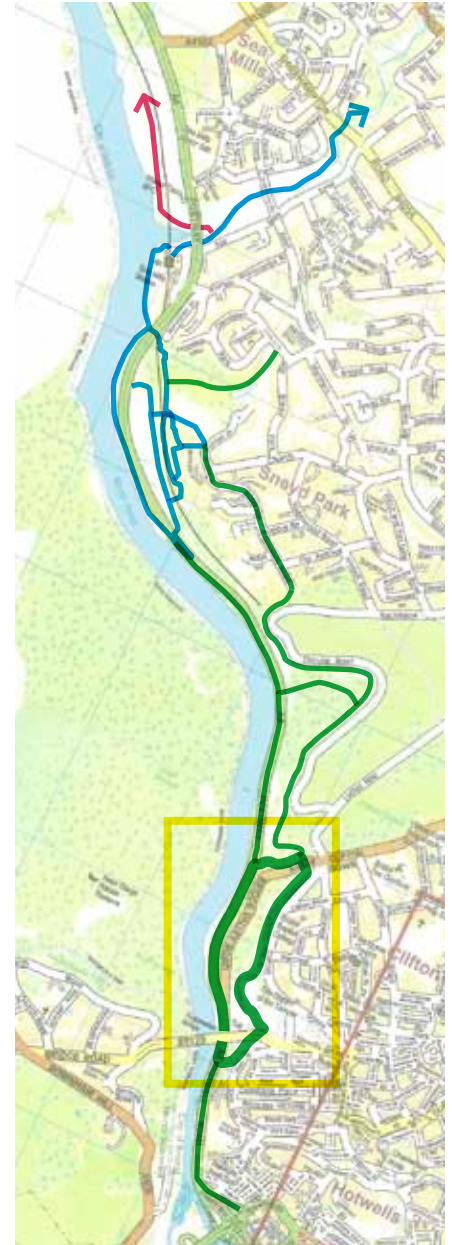
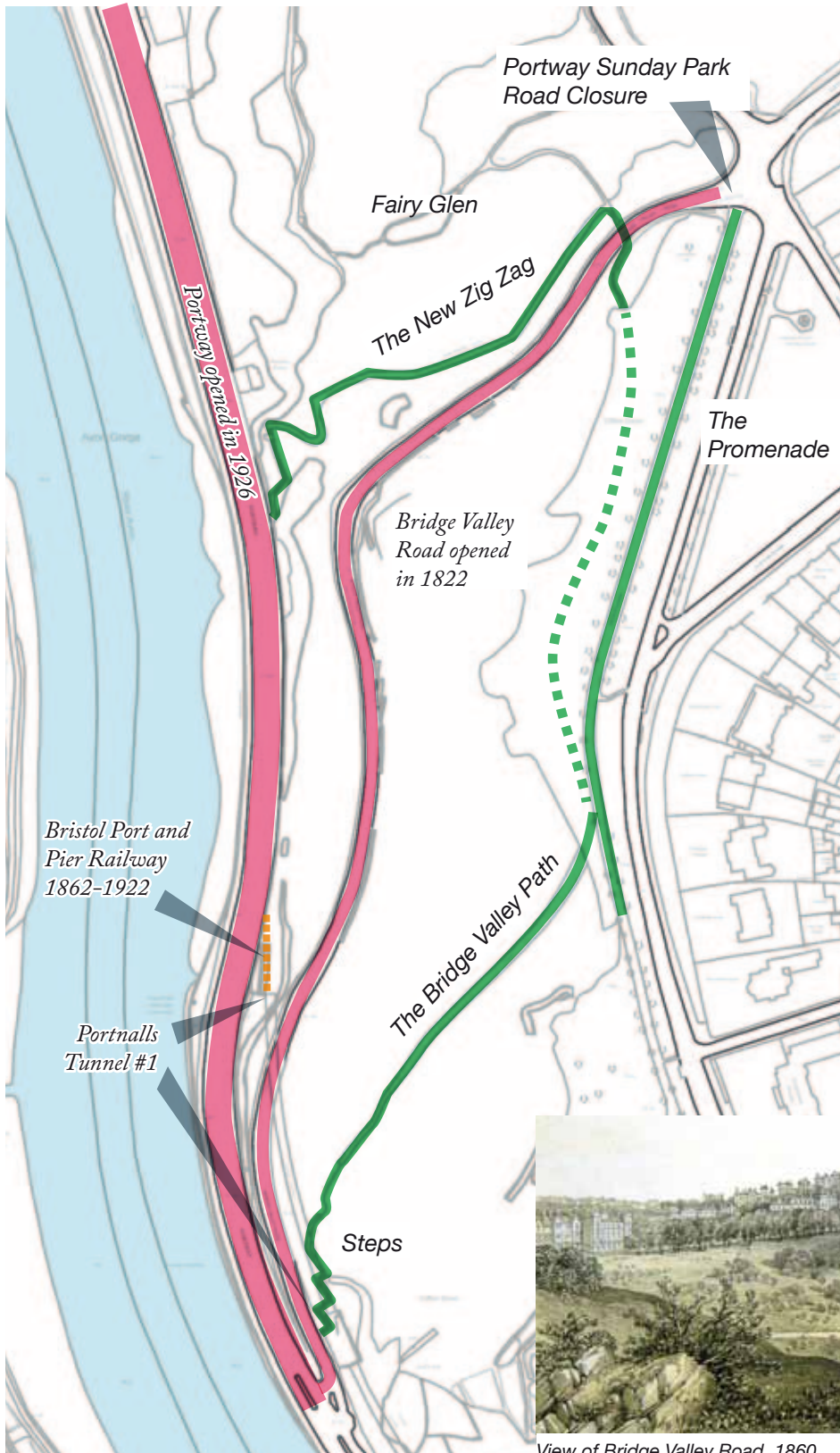


**A Circuit around Bridge Valley Road: 1 mile**

Bridge Valley Road was constructed in 1822, long before the Portway which was opened in 1926. The 1860 view shows that the road swept down to the riverside through a largely open landscape all on an even gradient. It still remains the only link to the Portway free of steps. The circuit suggested here includes the beautiful Promenade Avenue which may have been planted at the same time as the road was constructed, as well the path named here as 'Bridge Valley Path', the course of which is shown on contemporary maps.



View of Bridge Valley Road, 1860