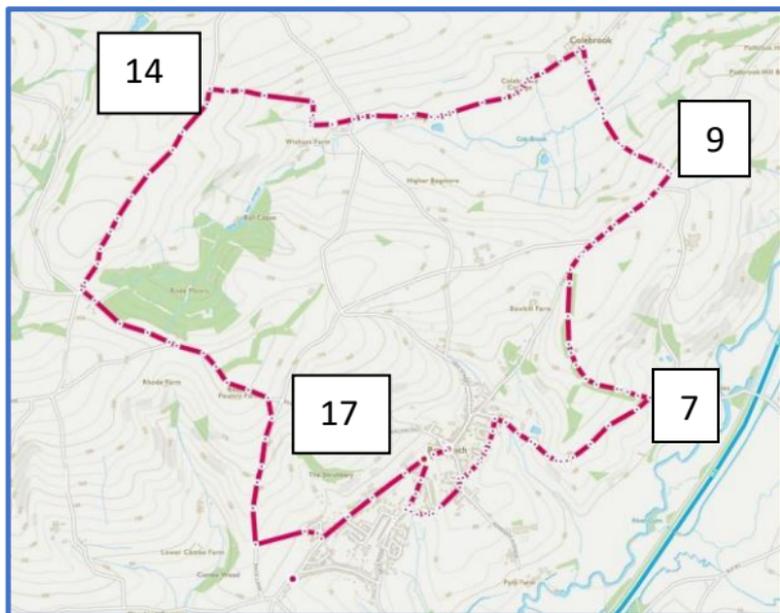




Guildhall/Cholwill Lane/Strawberry Lane/Colebrook Lane/Beacon



Distance – 6.7

Start/Finish Point – Guildhall

Difficulty - 4/5

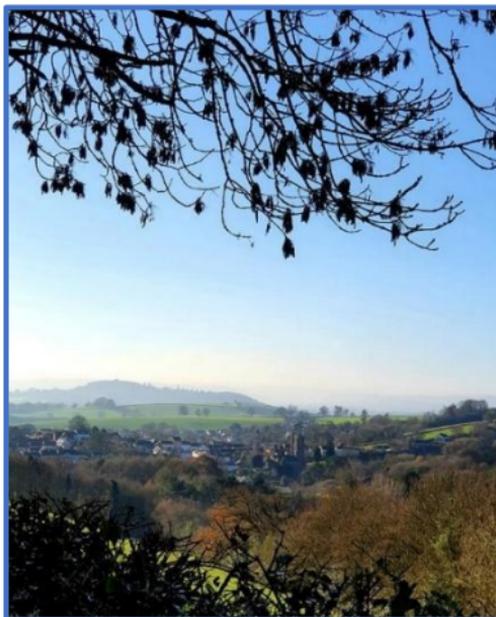
Route –

1. From the Guildhall head down the High Street toward the White Lion pub.
2. Opposite the White Lion take the turning on the left onto Hele Road. On your left behind the tall wall is Dukes House a 17th C and was, in its time, a fruit farm with an orchard that started in the current house's garden and spread into where the Dukes Orchard houses are now. The house was largely rebuilt in the 19th C.
3. Keep walking along Hele Road and just before the bus stop opposite Townlands, turn left following the public footpath sign down Cholwill Lane which leads to Cemetery Lane going past Charwell Wetlands.
4. At the top of Cemetery Lane turn left onto Millway then almost immediately turn right onto

Culver Close. Follow the road until it ends and onto the footpath continuing down the hill.

5. At the bottom of the footpath turn right onto Parsonage Street. Walk along Parsonage Street and on the right, you will see a house called 'Pendennis'. This house is a 17th C construction that was originally a three room cross-passage design that has had two wings added on over time.

6. Walk past the manor house on your left up the hill and continue to the first bridleway (public way) on the left. As you go downhill, the first lane on the left is Strawberry Lane.



7. Turn left and walk up Strawberry Lane. Local rumour has it that the towns

plague victims were buried nearby. Enjoy the great view of the town from the lane.

8. At the end of Strawberry Lane you come out onto the Bradninch to Cullompton road. Turn right onto the road towards Cullompton, taking great care with traffic. Past Trinity Cross and then, just after the turning for Highdown Farm, you will see a footpath sign on the left.

9. Turn left here onto the bridleway called Russel's Lane.

10. Follow Russel's Lane to the bottom where it comes out onto Colebrook Lane.

11. Here, turn left onto Colebrook Lane towards Trinity going past Colebrooke Court and Gingerlands Farm. As you enter Trinity, walk past the turning to the right and just before the road bends to the left, bear right and continue towards Wishay's Farm.

12. This is a great area to see how place names subtly change over time. On Dunn's map of 1765, 'Colebrook' was 'Coldbrook' and as can be seen by the house names its transition over the last few centuries has been Coldbrook-



Colebrooke-Colebrook. Even 'Gingerland' which is a strange enough name in its own right was listed on Dunn's map as 'Gingalen'. On a map from 1753, 'Bradinch' is described as 'Bradinch' or 'Bradnuich' and 'Cullompton' is 'Colehampton'.

13. At the farm sign, turn right onto bridleway. There is a diagonal footpath across the field which

meets the bridleway again further up or you can continue on the bridleway to the road.

14. At the road, turn left and follow the narrow



road to Forward Green. There are some great views along the way.

15. At Forward Green turn left and follow the road onto the main Beacon road. Rode Moors is the area to your left.

16. At the T junction, keep left onto the Beacon road toward Bradninch.

17. At the top off the hill you will see a footpath to the right. Turn right down the footpath known as Singleton's Lane

18. At the end of this lane, turn right onto Back Lane. There are some great views here of

Bradninch with Hembury Fort in the distance to the left and Killerton off to the right.

19. Walking down the hill you will see a gate and a footpath sign to your left.

20. Turn left off Back Lane onto the footpath and go around the edge of the field and come out onto West End Road.

21. Turn left onto West End Road and follow the road back to the Guildhall.