

This walk is one of a series produced in collaboration by Bradninch Together and the Bradninch Town Council. Further details can be found on the 'Bradninch Walks' section of the Bradninch Together website, and on the Town Council's website under 'Walks and Public Footpaths'. The routes and guides were walked and written up by Sue Jackson and David Kennedy. We welcome any comments and suggestions: please send these to the Bradninch Together website via the 'Contact Us' link.



Bradninch Circular Walks Guildhall/Beacon Cross/Castle Hill/Hen Street

Difficulty Ratings

Just about any walk from the Guildhall in Bradninch is going to involve some ascents and descents.

A 1/5 rating indicates this will be an easy, comfortable stroll.

A 3/5 walk will be a non-severe, moderate challenge.

A 5/5 walk will be longer and more arduous, with the possibility of steep climbs and drops, uneven surfaces and mud, overgrown lanes, and stiles.

Always keep to and respect The Countryside Code:
www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/countryside-code

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Distance – 1.5 miles

Start/Finish Point – The Guildhall

Difficulty – 2/5

A nice short walk with a mixture of quiet roads and footpaths.

1. From the Guildhall face the Spar shop, cross the road and go up Beacon Road to the right of the Spar.
2. This is a long walk uphill but well worth it for the views at the top, so take your time and enjoy.
3. You will come to the crossroads called Beacon Cross with Back Lane to your left. Here we turn right towards Trinity. Before moving off, take in the view of the town below, of Paradise Woods ahead, and Killerton to the right. Killerton Hill is an Iron Age hill fort and, as legend has it, the home of a dragon who flies between here and the hill fort at Cadbury near Thorverton.
4. Head along the road towards Trinity. As the road opens up you will see a footpath sign on your right pointing through a metal gate and down the side of a field full of chicken houses. Stop here and enjoy a view of the eastern end of the town and a distant view of Hembury Hill, another Iron Age hill fort.
5. Head down the side of the field to the kissing gate at the bottom. On your right over the hedge is Castle Hill, believed to have been the site of a Norman fortification.
6. Go through the kissing gate and carry on left, down the steep little hill - called Doctors Lane - to Hen Street.
7. At Hen Street turn right and carry on down the road.
8. At the junction with Fore Street, turn right and head up the hill and back to the Guildhall.

