

12. At Beacon Cross you can take in the views again at the gateway before you turn left towards Cullompton and Trinity, although this is missing on the signpost.



13. After half a mile or so you will come to the field footpath sign on the right with a metal pedestrian gate. Take this footpath down towards the town, keeping to the obvious path on the right hand side of the field. There are usually chickens in this field.

14. Go through the kissing gate at the hedge end; turn right

through a second kissing gate into the field (Castle Hill) which slopes down to a stile. Cross the stile or go through the gate, taking care to close it again, and continue down to follow the wall behind the churchyard. It can be wet before the walled section as there is a spring here.



15. Go through a metal gate and onto New Haven. Turn left onto Beacon Road and you will find the Guildhall opposite you at the T junction.

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.

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A Three Beech Trees production



Guildhall / Caseberry / Christ Cross Lane / Beacon Cross

Distance - 4 miles

Start/Finish Point - The Guildhall

Difficulty - 4/5

A lovely clockwise walk, with sensational views and one long steep climb up from Caseberry to Christ Cross Lane over fields.

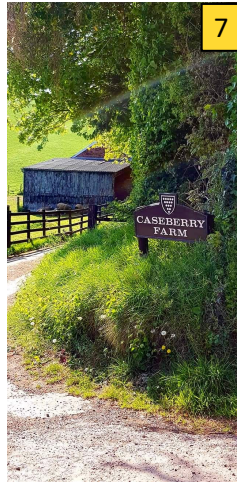
1. From the Guildhall, walk down High Street to the White Lion and keep straight on along West End Road. Go past Passmore Road then, soon after the last house on your right, turn up a slope to the field footpath on the right.
2. Follow the path along the hedge line and continue to the pedestrian gate onto Back Lane.
3. Go straight across the lane and through a kissing gate into the field. Carry straight on to the opening ahead and turn right down a track. In springtime there are bluebells in the copse on your left and you may glimpse a fox or deer in this area.



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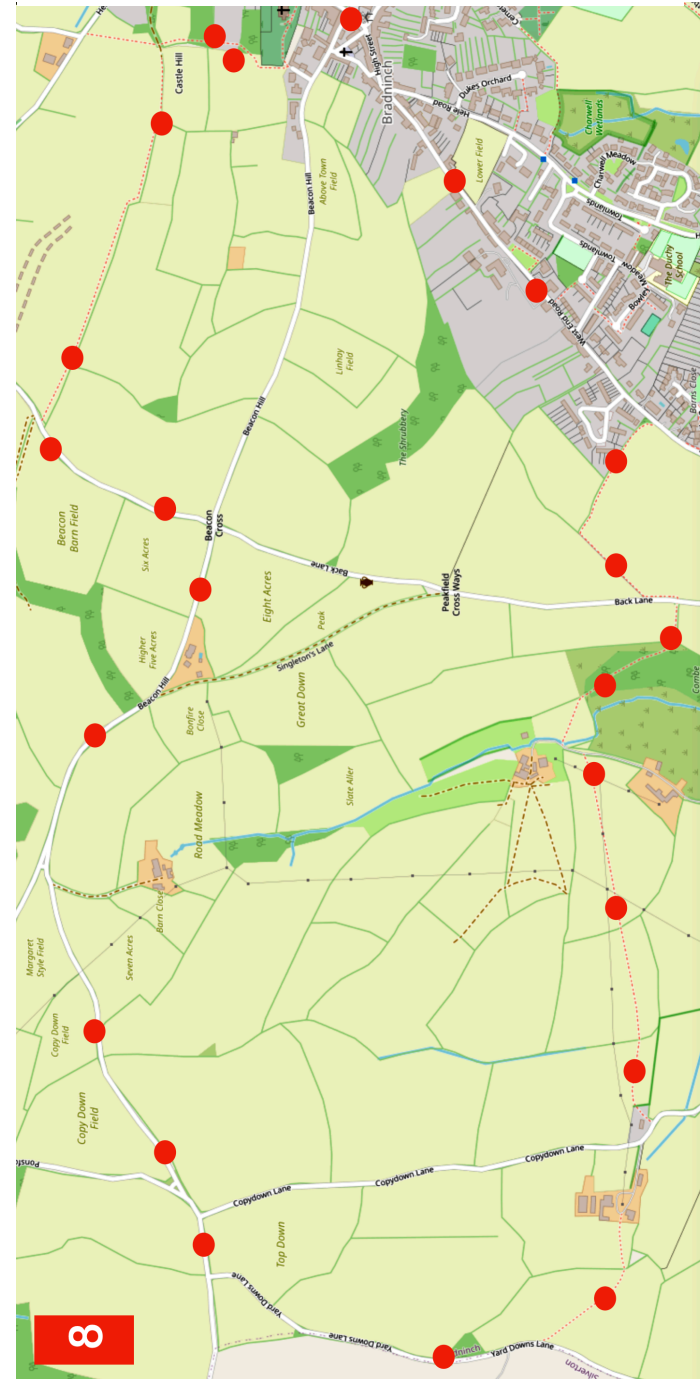
4. At the end of this track continue through the gate across the next field to a farm gate. You will come out onto a private lane (for Lower and Higher Coombe) which has a public right of way between two fields.

5. Turn left onto the lane and after a very short distance you will see a footpath sign and a few steps up to a metal gate. Go through the gate and cross the large field diagonally left, following the line of the telegraph poles, to reach the next farm gate. The gate will be visible once you have crested the rise.
6. Follow the footpath line across the next two fields, walking around the left edge if there are crops growing. In summer there are often lots of wild poppies here.
7. At the end of the third field you will come out by Caseberry Cottages at the foot of Copydown Lane. Turn left onto the lane and immediately right onto the farm drive to Caseberry Farm.
8. Continue straight up the drive past the farmhouse to a large wooden farm gate ahead of you showing the footpath sign. Please ensure that all gates are securely closed unless the farmer has left one open for their own access. Climb the steep slope up to the next farm gate.



9. Go through the farm gate and turn right to follow the footpath to a metal pedestrian gate at the top of a gentle slope. On a clear day you will see the mouth of the Exe estuary and the Haldon Hills to your right and the Culm Valley to your left.
10. Join the lane (Yarde Down Lane) through the gate and turn right, following this lane up to the T junction. It is worth turning round to take in the view towards Killerton Clump behind you - also a good opportunity to take a breather! The wild flowers along this lane are plentiful in spring and summer.

11. At the T junction turn right onto Christ Cross Lane and stop again to take in the far-reaching views, including the Sidmouth Gap. As you walk towards Beacon Hill you will keep having glimpses of gorgeous views to the Blackdown Hills on your left and the Culm Valley and beyond to your right. Continue to Beacon Cross, ignoring any left turns along the way.



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