



Above:  
The Manor House on Parsonage Street

Below:  
The Devon Valley Paper Mill on the river Culm at Hele



## Bradninch Circular Walks

### Guildhall/Parsonage Street/Winham Lane/ Hele Road

Distance – 5.5 miles

Start/Finish Point – The Guildhall

Difficulty – 2/5

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.



The bridge over the River Weaver at Garlandhayes Farm

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1. From the Guildhall go down Fore Street toward Cullompton. At the bottom of the hill on the turning for Hen Street is 'Comfort House' a 15<sup>th</sup> century house enlarged and remodelled in 1681. It is believed by some to be the oldest private dwelling in Bradninch.
2. Turn right down Parsonage Street and follow along this road. You will pass the Manor House first built in 1553 by Peter Sainthill (1524-1571). The hill going past the Manor takes you up to a great view over the Culm Valley before heading down to and over the River Culm.
3. After the Culm, cross two bridges, over the railway and then the M5, and then pass the Bear Trail to the junction with the B3181, opposite the Merry Harriers pub at Westcott. Cross over the B3181 and head straight up the road ahead towards Langford, with the Merry Harriers on your left.
4. Now take the first turning on the right down Winham Lane by Cornerways Cottages.
5. Continue on Winham Lane; where the road forks take the left fork, passing a footpath sign on your left, and go down to Garlandhayes Farm and over the bridge across the River Weaver. Look out for the unusual animals at Garlandhayes Farm.
6. There is now a long incline heading up to Sidmouth Road. Pipers Farm is opposite the junction at the top of the hill. Now turn right and you should have a view of Bradninch over the hedges on your right. This is a public road so be careful.
7. Follow the road for about 1.25 miles down to the junction with the B3181. At this staggered junction go straight over the road. Be careful here as this is a busy and fast road. Head down towards Hele Mill, past the old Whiteways Cider site from where, in the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century, Whiteways supplied 25% of all the cider consumed in the UK; German POWs worked at the site during WW2.
8. Head under the motorway, over the railway line and past the Devon Valley paper mill. Paper has been made on this site since 1762. Follow the road around to the right on to Hele Road.
9. Follow Hele Road all the way to the junction with High Street opposite the White Lion pub. Turn right up the hill and you are back at the Guildhall.

