

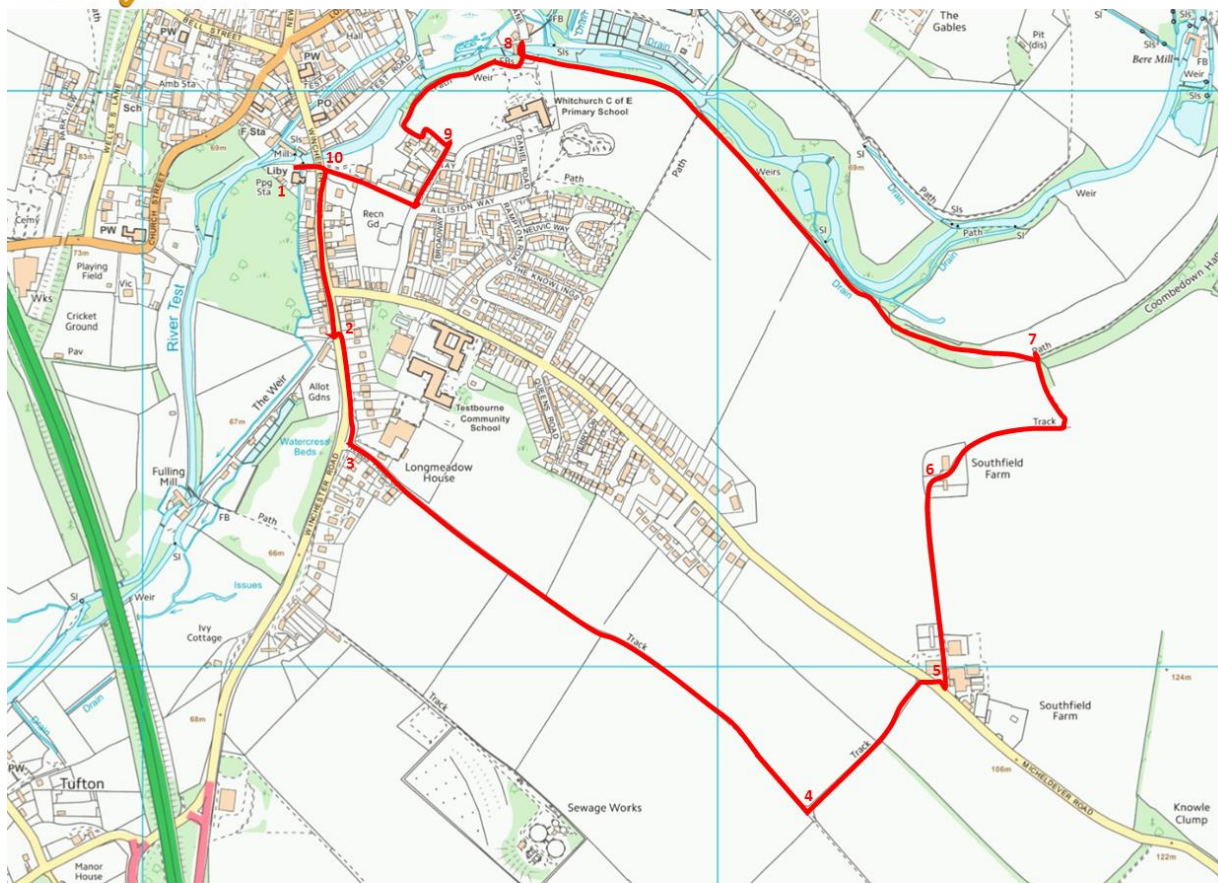


CIRCULAR WALK – FIELDS, THE HANGINGS and the RIVER TEST (1 hour, 2.5 miles)

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Start at the public car park next to the Gill Nethercott Centre and the Silk Mill (1).

At the entrance to the car park, turn right along Winchester Street and walk until you come to the entrance to a road called The Weir on the right. Cross Winchester Street (2) carefully, away from The Weir, and continue to walk south along Winchester Street on the left hand side.

Follow a curved turning to the left, pass the entrance to the Longmeadow Sports and Social Club, and then turn left into Webbs Farm Close (3), heading straight on and upwards along a path through a hedgerow. When you emerge into fields at the top, carry straight ahead along the path, until you reach a junction with a track between fields (4). Turn left along the track and follow it until you reach Micheldever Road. Carefully cross Micheldever Road (5) diagonally to the right, to reach the entrance to a road which runs between barns and down to Southfield Farm.

The road ends as it bends to the right through the Southfield Farm buildings (6) – take the path which runs off to the right and follow it downhill, bending round to the left and then eventually coming to a stile where there are waymarks for the Mill Trail (7). Cross the stile. The wooded bank to the right is The Hangings. However, turn left, immediately pass through a gate and then follow the path to the right of a grassy bank and through trees to a kissing gate.

Go through the kissing gate and straight ahead, with fields on your left, before passing through a gap in the hedge, and continuing along the side the Queen Elizabeth II Field until you exit at the bottom right hand corner and shortly after get to Town Mill (8).

This is a good spot to admire the mill and the river from the footbridge, but do not cross the river. Instead, turn back to pass to the left hand side of Town Mill and follow the path around the perimeter fence of the school playing field, turning right at the end (9) and then taking the right turn in front of some houses, opposite Alliston Way.

The path continues after a kissing gate, running between walls before emerging at Winchester Street (10), immediately opposite the Gill Nethercott Centre car park entrance. Cross the road carefully and then you are back at your starting point.