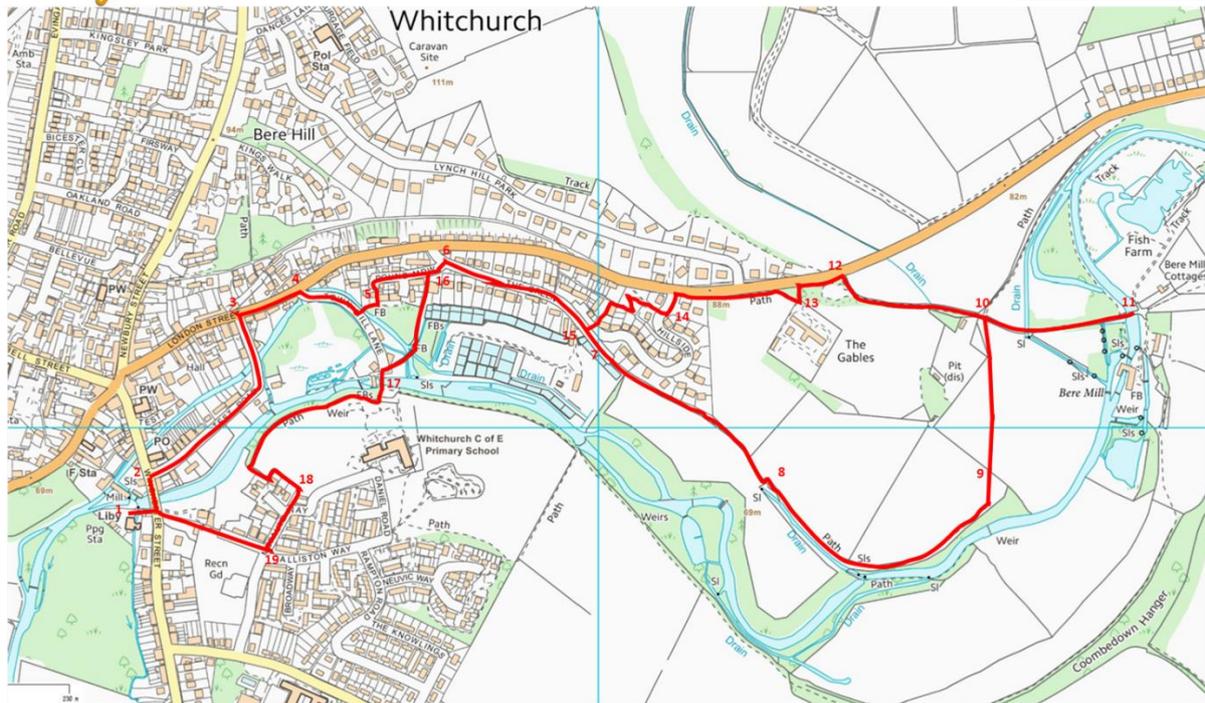




CIRCULAR WALK by THE RIVER TEST to BERE MILL and back via TOWN PATHS
(about 55 minutes, 2.5 miles)



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

Turn left along Winchester Street then, carefully crossing the road, turn right along Test Road (2), which bends to the left, and then turn right along London Street (3). Turn right down Town Mill Lane (4), with a small branch of the river on your left, until you turn left and cross a small footbridge. Turn left on a path between houses (5), then right along Pound Meadow then right at the junction with The Green (6).

Walk along The Green until, at the end (7), take a path between trees straight ahead. Go through a gate and follow the path, with trees on your left and a fence and field on your right. The path bends left and then immediately right, next to a gate (8), and carries on with a fence and a field to your left. You reach a kissing gate and pass through (9) – the path then heads for the far left corner of the next field, where you pass through another kissing gate onto Bere Mill Lane (10).

Here, make a short diversion to the right to look at the river from the brick bridge at Bere Mill (11), then retrace your steps along Bere Mill Lane, passing the point where you first joined it and carrying on until you reach the B3400 (12). Turn left along a path, left again into the

driveway of The Gables, then immediately right (13) along a path which winds around the right hand edge of a field, eventually emerging on London Street. A few yards further on, turn left into Hillside and 20 yards further on, take a path right (14), across the road, and down a zig-zag path to the bottom.

Turn left at the bottom, cross the road slightly to the right passing through a gap with bollards by a wooden house (15), and turn right to walk along The Green.

Go along The Green, bearing left at the junction and within a few yards, turn left (16) on a path between the houses, following it through trees and across small footbridges until it emerges at Town Mill, by the footbridge over the main part of the River Test.

Cross the footbridge (17) and then turn right to follow the path around the perimeter fence of the school playing field, turning right at the end (18) and then taking the right turn passing some houses on the right, opposite Alliston Way (19).

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