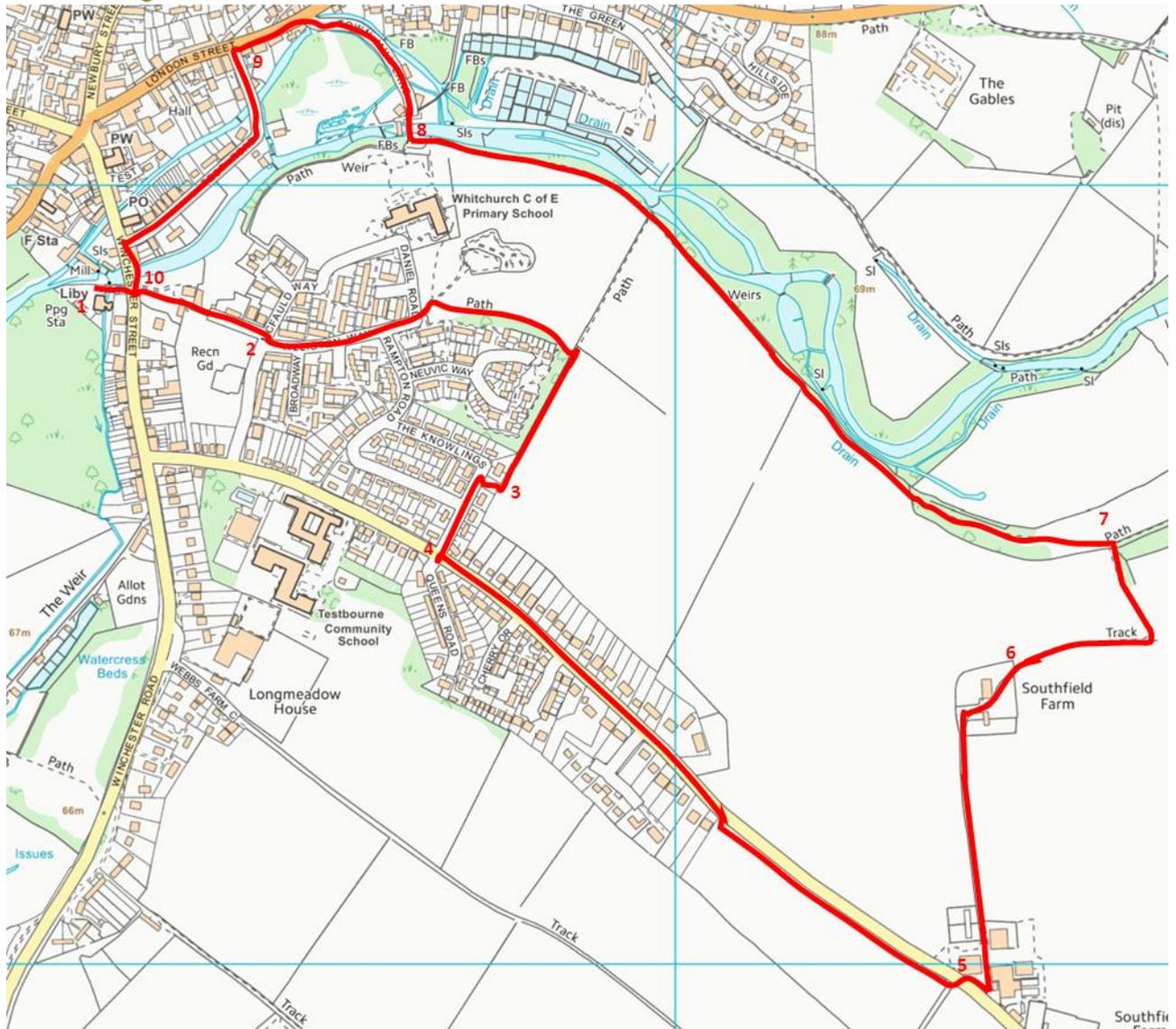




CIRCULAR WALK – FARMS, THE HANGINGS and the RIVER TEST (1 hour, 3 miles)

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

Cross the road to find a path straight ahead of you between walls. Pass through a kissing gate and walk down this road to the end, crossing over to go up Alliston Way (2). At the top, take the path opposite and bear right along the right hand edge of the Queen Elizabeth II Field. At the corner, pass through a gap and turn right - keep to the right hand side of the field until you see a gap between houses at The Knowlings (3).

Go through the gap into the Knowlings, turn left and then left again when you reach Micheldever Road (4). At the end of the houses, where the pavement ends, you can cross the road to the right-hand side and then walk inside the hedge on the left side of a field. At the end, come back out onto Micheldever Road, and carefully cross Micheldever Road diagonally to the right, to reach the entrance to a small road which runs between barns and down to Southfield Farm (5). Turn left down this small road.

The road ends as it bends to the right through the Southfield Farms buildings – take the path straight ahead (6) 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 back along the bottom of the Queen Elizabeth II Field until you exit at the bottom right hand corner and shortly after get to Town Mill (8).

At Town Mill, cross the footbridge and walk straight ahead down Town Mill Lane, which eventually runs to the left of a side stream of the river. The road goes over a small humped bridge – turn left along London Street and walk along until you reach Test Road (9). Turn left down Test Road, which then bends to the right. At the end of Test Road, turn left, carefully cross the road by the bridge (10) and come back to your starting point at the Gill Nethercott Centre Car Park.