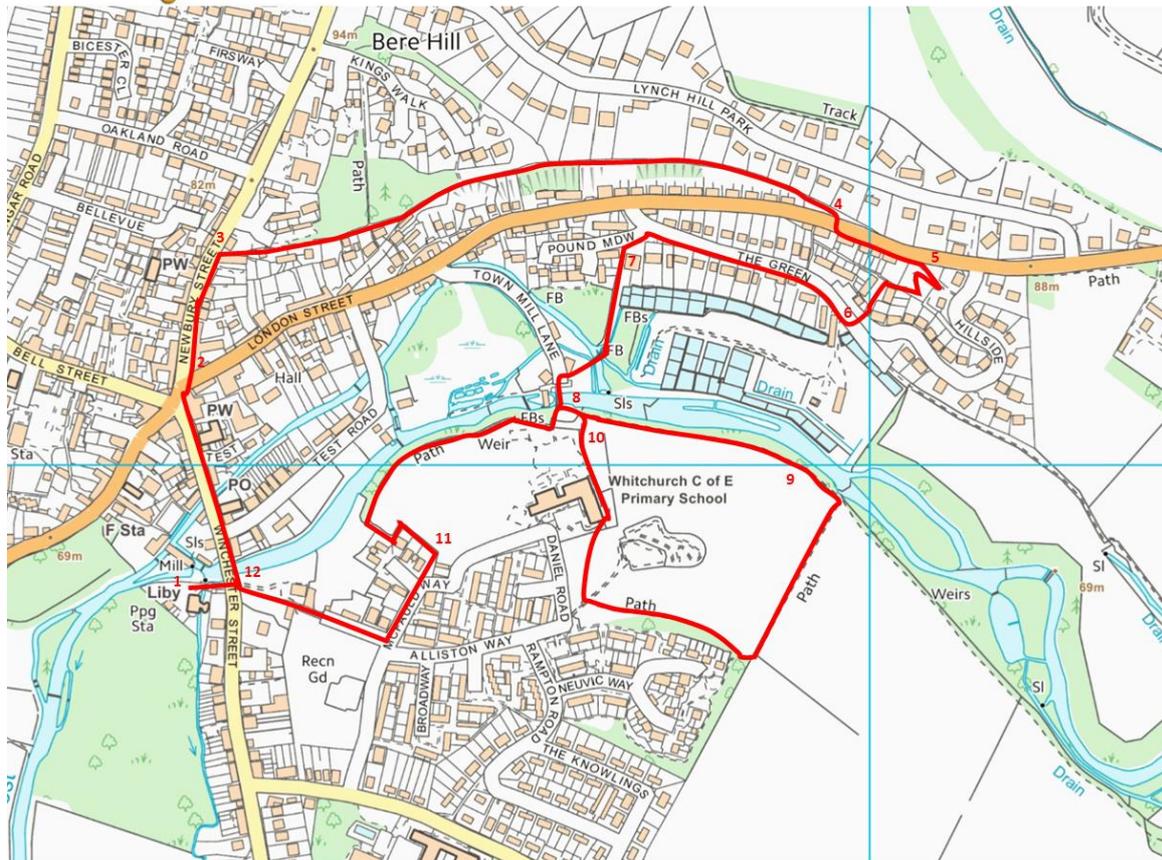




CIRCULAR WALK - SECRET PATHWAYS and the RIVER TEST (about 40 mins, 2 miles)



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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 left along Winchester Street and walk until you reach the centre of Whitchurch at the mini roundabout. Cross the road to the corner at the front entrance of The White Hart Hotel (2).

With The White Hart on your right, walk up Newbury Street until you find a path on the right hand side – Chatter Lane (3). Walk along Chatter Lane, ignoring side turns, as it takes you behind houses and eventually gives you views over Whitchurch to the south. At the far end of Chatter Lane, the path drops to the side of London Street (4). Cross the road very carefully, and continue uphill on the right hand side of London Street.

Before you reach the next road on the right hand side, look for a path (5) which zig-zags down to the right and follow this path down. Turn left at the bottom, cross the road slightly to the right passing through a gap with bollards by a wooden house, and turn right to walk along The Green (6).

Go along The Green, bearing left at the junction and within a few yards, turn left on a path (7) 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 (8).

Cross the footbridge and turn left to follow a path under the trees until, a few yards further on, there is a path to the right into the bottom corner of the Queen Elizabeth II Field. Turn left, and circuit the meadow edge in a clockwise direction (9) before exiting at the corner where you entered (10) and returning to Town Mill. Do not cross the footbridge – instead turn left and follow the path around the perimeter fence of the school playing field, turning right at the end (11) and then taking the right turn passing some houses on the right, opposite Alliston Way.

The path continues after a kissing gate, running between walls before emerging at Winchester Street (12), immediately opposite the Gill Nethercott Centre car park entrance. Cross the road carefully and then you are back at your starting point.