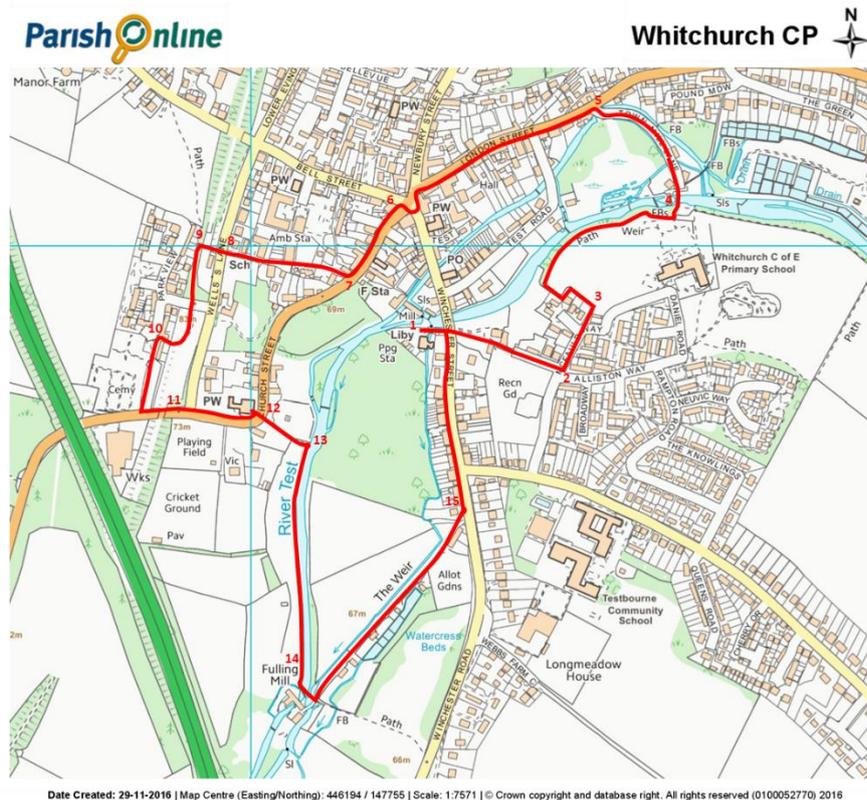




CIRCULAR WALK around WHITCHURCH and the RIVER TEST (about 40 mins, 2 miles)



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, turning left (2) and looking for a path ahead of you which turns left at the boundary of the school playing field (3) and then runs around the outside of the field in a clockwise direction.

The path comes out by Town Mill (4) – bear left and cross the footbridge over the river.

Continue along 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 (5) and walk along until you reach the centre of Whitchurch at the mini roundabout. Cross over to the front of the Co-op (6).

With the Co-op on your right, walk along Church Street and turn into a road on the right called Fairclose (7), opposite the fire station and the petrol station. Follow this, then the path straight ahead uphill, until you reach Wells Lane (8) at the top.

Cross straight over Wells Lane to a path which dips under the old railway line and turn left (9) to go behind the old station house. Follow this path onwards, over a road and eventually round to the right and between houses, then turn left (10) to walk down the road with the cemetery on your right.

At the road (the B3400), turn left under the brick railway bridge arch (11) and continue straight along, crossing over the end of Wells Lane, and passing to the right of All Hallows Church. At the hairpin bend (12), carefully cross the road and take the path between walls which runs straight ahead and down to the River Test.

Turn right (13) and walk along by the river bank, with the river on your left, until you reach the footbridge at Fulling Mill (14). Cross the river, then turn left and walk along The Weir until you reach Winchester Street (15). Turn left along Winchester Street and this will bring you back to your start point at the Gill Nethercott Centre car park.