6 Circular Walks in and around Chard

Walk 3

From Chard to Nimmer

The route is fairly flat throughout and features a pleasant combination of town and country.

The route is described from Chard town centre.

Map ref: ST 326 087. 5.5 miles. 8.5 kilometres. However, if you prefer a shorter walk, start from the Thorndun Park Drive area and pick up the route by the Bowls Club.

Walk up Fore Street and turn into Combe Street, the first turning on the right. Cross Cambridge Street and Zembard Lane and at the top, bear right to pass the Bell & Crown. Walk along Crimchard and turn right, into Glynswood.

Take the footpath between numbers 264 and 262. Cross two residential roads, but turn right, on the next track. Cross Elizabeth Way at the lights and continue along the footpath with the school on your left. Immediately beyond the school field, turn left alongside the play area and continue on the footpath, which soon turns left beyond some houses. Cross an open area, with the Bowls Club on your right.

Keep the hedge on your left and head towards a bungalow, where you go through a kissing gate on its left hand side. The lane leads to a road at Cuttiford’s Door. Cross to a footpath opposite, which bears left to join a road. Turn right and walk down to Nimmer.

Ignore the first footpath on your left, but take the second, by a post box in the wall. Walk between houses, up steps and across a bridge to continue with a little stream on your left. At the road, turn right and pass the sewage works, to bear right at the road junction. Take the next turning on your right and just round a bend in this lane, look for the footpath signed for Hornsbury Mill. Regrettably, this footpath carries a mud warning!

When the footpath eventually reaches a lane, turn right and then right again at a wider road. After just 100 metres take the footpath on the left. It soon bends right then left and you will have the industrial estate on your left. Continue straight along until you reach the houses ahead. Follow the footpath around the rear of the estate until you reach the Scout Hut and the Bowls Club. The access road soon leads to a dog walking area on your right. Cross this and at the far end turn left on to a footpath, from which you can retrace your route to where you began.