Circular 4 – covering parishes of Luppitt and Upottery

Wild and remote in parts, this 12 mile ride links some of the most picturesque villages in the Blackdown Hills. Hartridge and Luppitt commons provide a sharp contrast to the valley pastures. There are magnificent views across the Otter tributaries. Easy riding throughout but beware of traffic on Upottery-Rawridge Road. Ford across River Otter may not be passable at all times.

Riding Directions (clockwise)
Orange line on map e.g. Start Point Hartridge Common (ST 182072)

1. Next R, down green lane, R at road and follow left round & down the hill, across stream and next R up BW over soft ground.
2. Fork R at BW junction, and follow BW & way markers uphill & round to left, past Fairview farm and along to RD.
3. Sharp R up road, R at TJ and follow for one and a half miles past Gullyhayes to next TJ.
4. R at TJ, then R at next TJ, and next fork L and follow road down to Upottery
5. R at village and next L behind PH, keep L and follow RD, becoming unmetalled road for about 1/2 mile
6. R at TJ and keep R following green lane and fording River Otter, then continue along the green lane, then R onto RD till next junction.
7. Cross junction then L at major road (Upottery-Rawridge-watch for traffic).
8. Next R, across River Otter along past Budgells farm, then sharp L & pass between Odle and Tanahort farms & follow till it becomes a green lane and starts descending.
9. Continue onto BW through gates and past Mohun’s Ottery onto metalled road, R at Pounds farm and onto Beacon.
10. ST Beacon keeping right through common land and uphill to start point (1) availing fine views across the River Otter tributaries.