

16. Cross the road and turn left back towards the town centre. You may choose to stay on Hele Road turning right onto Fore Street and The Guildhall. Alternatively....

17. Turn right at the footpath sign, after passing the bus shelter on your right, onto Cholwell Lane passing Charwell Wetlands and into the field ahead. Keeping to the footpath on the left hand side of the field you will go through a gate onto Cemetery Lane.



18. Turn left at the end onto Kensham Avenue leading onto Millway and back to The Guildhall.

A view from Ponsford Lane (see 10.)

This walk is one of a series produced in collaboration by Bradninch Together and the Bradninch Town Council. Further details can be found on the 'Bradninch Walks' section of the Bradninch Together website, and on the Town Council's website under 'Walks and Public Footpaths'.

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Walk Eleven



Guildhall / Castle Hill / Fordishaies Lane / Trinity / Singleton's Lane

Distance - 5 miles

Start/Finish Point - The Guildhall

Difficulty - 4/5

This route uses several footpaths, bridleways and fairly quiet lanes.

1. Cross towards the Spar shop from The Guildhall and turn up Beacon Road to the right of the shop.
2. Turn first right onto New Haven following the footpath sign.
3. Go through the metal gate marked with a public footpath sign at the end of New Haven. Follow the field footpath with the churchyard wall to your right. It's quite a steep downhill and can be slippery if it's been wet. The path continues uphill to a stile. You can opt to open the farm gate but please ensure that it is firmly closed behind you.
4. Continue up Castle Hill to a kissing gate. Go through this gate and the next one to enter the field with the chicken sheds. Go straight up the field to meet Back Lane at the top through a pedestrian gate. It's worth looking back to see the views as you gain height and often nice to have a breather!
5. Turn right onto Back Lane. Soon you will reach Week Cross at the top of Hen Street. Here you want to turn left onto a bridleway known as Fordishaies Lane.

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6. Follow the bridleway to its end enjoying the vistas at various points. Again, this can be muddy if we have had rain and there can be loose stones. Look out for wildflowers in spring and butterflies in the summer.

7. Turn left at the end of the bridleway onto Bagmore Hill.

8. Turn left again, after crossing the Cole Brook, in front of Peterhaies, a white Devon longhouse. Follow this lane round and turn left at the T junction.

9. Head towards Wishay Farm and turn off right at the bend. You can choose to take a field path which is signposted diagonally up the field. Alternatively you

can take the bridleway to the right of the field entrance. If using the field footpath, walk up towards the top hedge line and a farm

gate. Shortly after going through the gate you will come to a stile in the hedge on your right where you join the bridleway. Continue left along the bridleway to the T junction.

10. Turn left onto Ponsford Lane. There are some lovely far reaching views from gateways along the lane. A favourite view is towards the end on the left. Keep going until you reach Forward Green.

11. Turn left here to return to Bradninch along Beacon Hill initially then at the left hand bend, fork right onto the bridleway (Singleton's Lane). You can stop for a breather to take in views across to the estuary, Killerton Clump and Dartmoor on a clear day.

12. Continue down Singleton's Lane and turn right at the bottom onto Back Lane. More great views to enjoy here before walking down the lane to reach the field footpath on your left. (You'll see signs on the left and to your right.)



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13. Turn left through a metal gate into the field and follow the fenced-in path round to the lower gate.

14. Turn left onto West End Road then first right onto Townlands.

15. At the bottom of this road look for the footpath ahead - it is a slight dogleg - between the bungalow and garages. Follow the footpath down to Hele Road.