

10. At the end of the track you will meet Christcross Lane where you need to turn right to return to Bradninch. In clear conditions the views from the lane can be far reaching. The first lane on the right will be Yarde Down Lane and the second is Copydown Lane. From there you can see the Exe estuary, Haldon Hills to the right and over to the left will be Ashclyst Forest and the Sidmouth Gap may be visible too.
11. As you continue towards Bradninch views will open up to the left with some of the Blackdowns and even the Quantocks if you're lucky. You will stay on this lane all the way back to where it meets Beacon Hill.
12. At the triangle where it is signed, bear right onto Beacon Hill. The road up bends right and then left and you will drop down to Beacon Cross. More stunning views across the Culm Valley will be ahead of you and to the side through gateways.
13. Go straight on down the hill at Beacon Cross and down Beacon Road and back to the Guildhall.

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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Guildhall /Worth / Cot Lane / Greenslinch / Christcross Lane / Beacon Hill

Distance - 6 miles

Start/Finish Point - The Guildhall

Difficulty - 4/5

You will be using quiet country lanes (in the main) and bridleways. The route can be wet in places if we have had heavy rainfall. There are some hills but these can be taken at a steady pace and there are lots of viewing points where you can take a breather!

1. Set off from the Guildhall down High Street towards and on past the White Lion and continue along West End Road. Continue straight on down the hill at Higher Hill Cross and past all the turnings; keep heading straight on until you reach the turning on the right for Worth. This will be soon after you see Strathculm Road on your left.
2. Turn right up Worth Lane and follow this lane through to Ellerhayes. As you proceed you will have views across to Killerton Clump and keep your eyes open to the right for three beech trees off Christcross Lane. You will keep having glimpses of the trees and they help to give you a bearing.
3. At the T junction turn right towards Silverton. (Ellerhayes and Killerton are off to the left.) Keep on the right hand side of the road taking care of the traffic. This is the only busy section of the route as it takes vehicles to and from Silverton and beyond. Tractors are likely to be using the road too. Cross to the other side of the road if you can't see oncoming vehicles as they won't see you either.

4. Just before you reach Stockwell Corner you will see a gateway set back on the left. From this opening you can see Silverton Stables, a red stone building to the right, which was part of Silverton Park designed in 1838 for George Francis Wyndham, the fourth and last Earl of Egremont. The main house was dynamited in 1901 but the stable block has been converted into holiday accommodation by the Landmark Trust. You can also see the Raddon Hills from this gateway.

5. Continue to Stockwell Corner, taking extreme care on this narrower section, approaching the junction where you want to take the second turning (just after the Bradninch sign) - it's a narrow uphill lane known as Cot Lane. Again there are lovely views as you progress along the lane with plenty of wildflowers to spot in the hedgerows.



6. Follow Cot Lane to a y junction - there is a triangle of grass at the junction. Here you want to turn left and walk a short distance up to the first right hand turn. There are no signposts so keep following these directions and you'll be fine!

7. Turn right onto a lane which will take you to Greenslinch where there are a few dwellings and farms. Bear right when you reach the house taking heed of any private signs and follow round past the entrance to Greenslinch Barton, keeping to the track.

8. You will come to the bridleway known as Greenslinch Lane (which is unique in being the only lane with that name in Great Britain). The lane is approximately 111 metres long and climbs steadily up to Christcross Lane. The bridleway starts off as quite a wide track as farm vehicles use the lower part for access to the fields. It then starts to narrow and becomes more atmospheric. Look out for the wildflowers and animal tracks.



9. Views to the left off this bridleway are superb so pause at gateways and gaps in the hedgerow or bank to take full advantage. It will make the climb to the top all the more worthwhile.

