



# CHURCH GREEN AND FARWAY CIRCULAR

## Route Summary

A short walk in the Coly Valley along footpaths, green lanes and quiet roads. It starts near the field where a crock of gold was supposedly found and passes through the village of Farway with its thatched cottages.

**Start/End:** The small parking area near St Michael and All Angels Church, Church Green (free)

**Distance:** 3 miles/4.8km

**Estimated time:** 1 hour 26 minutes

**Difficulty:** Category 3

**Nearest postcode:** EX24 6EQ **What Three Words:** ///pricier.carbon.insolvent

**Access:** Category 3 - Some sections are not accessible to mobility vehicles and buggies/pushchairs due to a 2 in 1 gate with a stepover bar, steps and narrow footbridges.

**Terrain:** Tarmac, a very rough stony track, grass and mud.

**Field furniture:** 9 gates (including a 2 in 1 gate), 4 narrow footbridges and 11 steps.

**Total ascent:** 390ft (119m)

**Maximum gradient:** 1 in 8 (12%) ascent for approx 60 metres; 1 in 6 (15%) descent for approx 50 metres.

**Narrowest path width:** 45cm

**Map:** OS Explorer 115 Exmouth & Sidmouth

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## Other useful information:

**Dogs:** Welcome under close control.

**Refreshments:** There are no refreshment stops on this walk, but there is a pub and farm shop within a few miles. To the north, Honiton has a wide range of shops and eating places.

**Highlights:** A short walk exploring the quiet lanes and fields around Church Green and Farway.

## A landscape of history

St Michaels and All Angels Church at Church Green was built in the Norman period and underwent changes in the 14th, 15th and 17th centuries before being rebuilt in 1877. The oldest part is a 12th century arcade.

There is a field nearby known as the Money Acre where, according to a local tale, Humphrey Hutchins ploughed up a crock of gold. He donated some of the treasure to the church for the rebuilding of the north aisle. Money Acre Cross can be found at the top of the hill to the east of the village of Church Green.

## Important wildlife

There are two yew trees in the churchyard of St Michaels and All Angels Church that are thought to be 800 years old. The largest has a trunk girth of 25 feet/7.6 metres.

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## Directions:

1. **From the small car park by the church** turn left and then left again along a minor road heading north.
2. **After approx 360 yards/330 metres look for a footpath** on your right. Go through the gate and head down the field towards a footbridge.
3. **Cross the stream then turn immediately right** and follow the footpath with the stream on your right until you cross a small footbridge onto a minor road.
4. **Turn right and follow the road to a T-junction at Netherton Lodge.**
5. **Keep left and follow the road around to the right** to another junction. The East Devon Way joins the route at this point.
6. **Follow the road around to the left** and continue past Thorn Farm to another junction in Farway village by some old petrol pumps.
7. **Turn right and follow the road out of the village.**
8. **Look for a footpath sign on your right** just before the road starts to climb Farway Hill. Follow the footpath along a track past Lambrook Farm and Cottage to a gate out into fields. Follow the waymarked footpath through the fields until you come to a metal 2 in 1 gate out onto a track.
9. **Turn left along the track.** Ignore the first side turning and go through a metal gate to continue to follow the track. It is rough, wet and muddy in places.
10. **Follow the track until it eventually comes out in a field.** Turn right and follow the hedge on your right until you come to a gate back onto a track. Go through and follow the track to another gate.

- 11. Go through the gate and follow the track to a junction.** Turn right and walk out to a minor road.
- 12. Turn right along the road and follow it past Devenish Pitt Farm,** a well known riding centre, and all the way back to Church Green. At the bottom of the hill before the village the East Devon Way comes in from the right.

This route was originally developed by James Baldwin and checked by Ted Swan. It was reviewed and updated in 2025.