

## **Description of route, page 1:**

- 1. Depart Holy Trinity Church along Southchurch Boulevard towards Lifstan Way
- 2. Turn left along Lifstan Way
- 3. Just before the railway bridge go right up the path and alongside the play area
- 4. Enter Riviera Drive (this is where we join the parish boundary, which runs along the railway line)
- 5. Turn right off Riviera Drive into Ilfracombe Ave (the parish boundary runs along the back fences of the houses on our left)
- 6. Cross Southchurch Rd and walk along Ilfracombe Rd
- 7. Turn left into Stornoway Rd (the parish boundary goes straight through the house opposite and on into Westbury Rd, so we have to take a short detour here)
- 8. Turn right into Oban Rd and right again into Trinity Rd
- 9. Turn left into Westbury Rd and continue as far as North Avenue (as before, the parish boundary runs along the back fences of the houses on our left).
- 10. Turn right into North Ave (Here the parish boundary runs along the middle of the road.
- 11. Turn left into Hamstel Rd and continue up to the McDonald's roundabout (boundary in middle of road).
- 12. Cross the dual carriageway and continue up to the Garon's Sports Centre car park (NOT the golf centre car park). **This is Staging Post 1.**
- 13. Cross the road and enter through an archway into a football field. Follow the hedge line on your left across 2-3 fields (boundary along hedgeline).
- 14. When you reach a thicket of small trees and shrubs turn right and follow along the field edge (we must deviate from the parish boundary here due to a deep ditch that blocks our path!).
- 15. At the southern edge of the field take the path to the left that runs along the edge of Royal Artillery Way.
- 16. Turn left when you reach the foot tunnel under Royal Artillery Way.
- 17. In a short distance there is a footpath off to the right, take this and it leads you onto the golf course (you rejoin the parish boundary here)
- 18. Follow the hedge line between two sections of the golf course and then alongside a farmer's field until you reach the back of a small industrial estate that fronts on to the Wakering Rd (the parish boundary shoots off to the left along the back of the Southend Council nursery, but we can't walk there).
- 19. Skirt around the back of the industrial estate to reach the Wakering Rd, then turn left.
- 20. Walk along the Wakering Rd and enter the Rose Inn which is Staging Post 2.



## Description of route, page 2:

- 21. Depart Rose Inn turning left onto Wakering Rd and walk up to the Silchester Corner roundabout. Turn right here, onto the Southend Rd (we rejoin the parish boundary here).
- 22. Continue in an easterly direction along Southend Rd, taking great care because there are no real footpaths.
- 23. After a few hundred metres you will see a public footpath on the right, take this (here we again depart from the true boundary, which takes its right turn further on, just at the easterly edge of Morley's nursery. Sadly, there's no footpath there).
- 24. Continue across the fields and cross Bournes Green Chase, turning left to walk along Shoebury Rd.
- 25. When you reach Maplin Way North turn right (we rejoin the parish boundary here, it runs along the back fences of the houses to our right in Maplin Way North).
- 26. Walk along Maplin Way North as far as Barnstaple Rd, then turn right into Barnstaple Rd (the boundary runs along the railway line which is behind the houses on our left).
- 27. Cross Thorpe Hall Avenue into Willingale Way, then turn left into Wansfell Gardens (the parish boundary runs along the railway line at the back of the houses on our left until Wansfell Gardens swings round to the right at which point the school fields come between us and the railway line/parish boundary).
- 28. At the end of Wansfell Gardens turn left into Fortescue Chase.
- 29. At the end of Fortescue Chase turn left into Southchurch Boulevard (the parish boundary runs along the railway line on the far side of the school fields to our left).
- 30. Follow Southchurch Boulevard back to Holy Trinity church. WELL DONE!