

## Walk 6 – Chelborough Hill – Description

**Start and finish:** At point **(A)** at Grexy Cross where the road is wide enough for parking.

**Grexy Cross to Chelborough Hill:** Take the no-through road to West Chelborough, continue for approx. 500m to where the road curves to the right. Turn left onto the track to Hemlock Farm **(B)** then right onto a narrow steep bridleway, the Hardy Way, to a small gate into a sloping field. Keep to the right, through a gate, then straight on across this field through a pair of hunting gates **(C)**. Turn right following the line of the hedge and when you reach the next gate it is worth pausing to enjoy the wonderful panoramic views from The Blackdown Hills in Devon to the West, the Mendips to the North and St Alfred's Tower in Wiltshire towards the East.

**Chelborough Hill to Manor Farm:** To continue bear left down the hill towards West Chelborough and join the road where it turns sharply northwards through the small village as far as St Andrew's Church **(D)**, which is well worth a visit, and the marriage guidance notice. To continue retrace the route up the road for a few metres to Manor Farm **(E)**.



**Manor Farm to junction with the Hardy Way:** Take the bridleway through the double gates and up the gravel area in front of Manor Farmhouse. In the top left corner go left through a waymarked gate, behind some outbuildings to another gate. Follow the path which curves to the right above a stand of conifers, and through a gate in the fence ahead **(F)**. Turn right following a tarmac driveway for a short distance and then left, before the cattle grid, onto a stony track into a grassy field from where you can see Halstock and Yeovil in the middle distance to the right. Continue along the edge of the field to a gate and then diagonally across another field to a gate in the far-right hand corner where you briefly rejoin the Hardy Way **(G)**.

**Hardy Way Junction to Evershot/Benville Road:** Once through the gate turn left and follow the footpath in a southerly direction across two fields before climbing a stile, crossing a small stream and over a second stile into a field. Continue walking diagonally leftwards to pass through a gate on the corner of Benville Plantation **(H)**. With the wood on the right continue until reaching a line of trees (relic of an ancient hedge). Turn left and follow the trees until they go right-handed. At this point go across the field and through a gate which leads you into a copse and the field beyond. Keeping the hedge to the left continue to the Evershot/Benville road and turn left **(I)**.

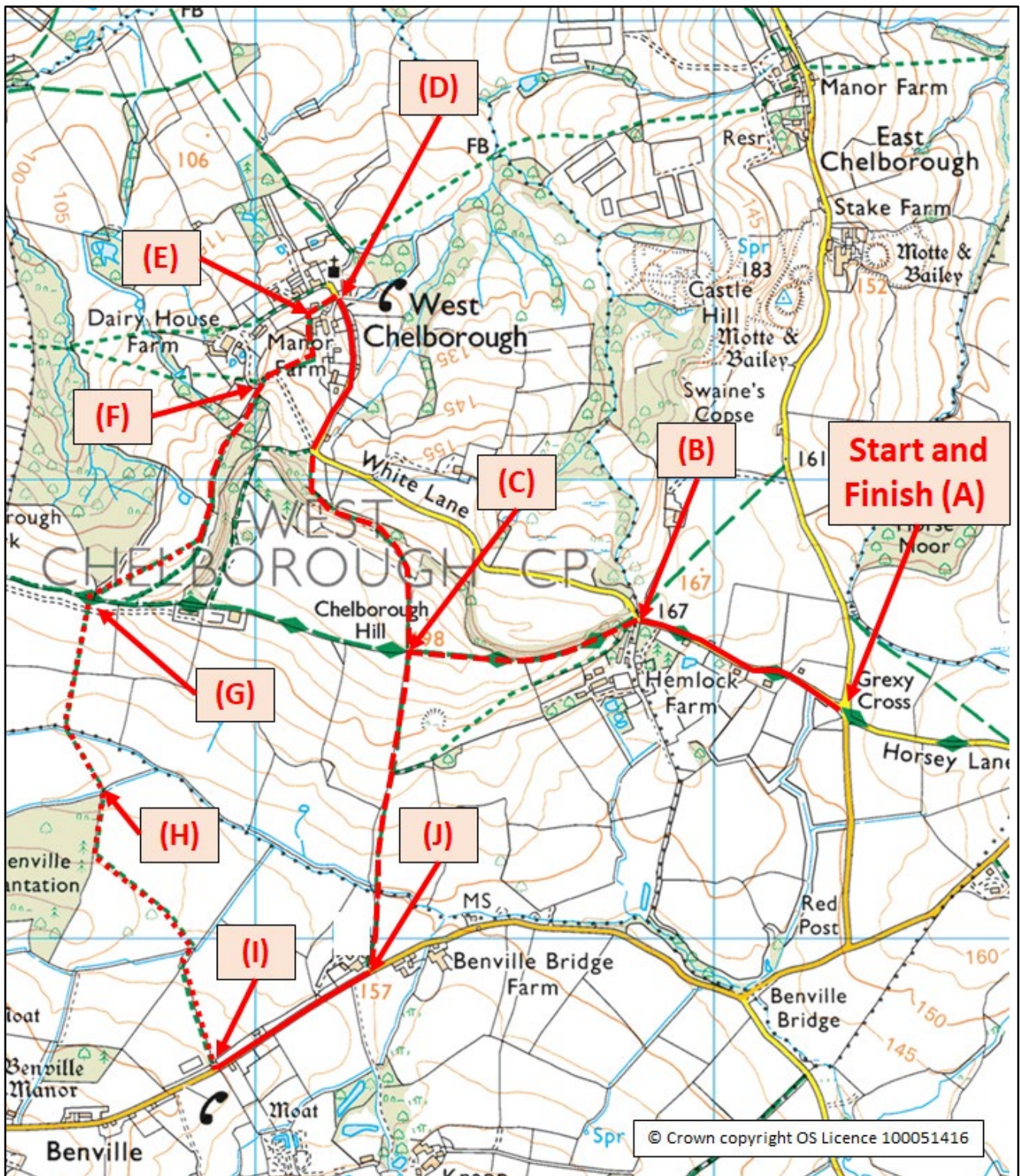
**Evershot/Benville Road to finish:** Continue towards Evershot for approx. 500m and at the far side of a building **(J)**, formerly The Talbot Inn, take a wooded track, often muddy in winter, and cross a stream. Keeping straight ahead climb the hill to point **(C)** to rejoin The Hardy Way and the original route. Turn right past point **(B)** to the start at Grexy Cross. **(A)**.

## Walk 6 – Chelborough Hill – Map

**Distance – 6km. Total Ascent – 140m. Duration - 2hrs. Difficulty – Easy.**

**Clothing – Some sections seasonally muddy and overgrown.**

**History – St. Andrews Church. Connecting Routes – Hardy Way.**



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