

Walk 18 – Corscombe and Chelborough Church Round – Description

Start and Finish: At point **(A)** Corscombe St Mary's Church car park.

Corscombe Church to Newhouse Farm: Turn left past the church and follow the lane downhill. At Ford Glen Cottage take the footpath on the left through a metal gate **(B)**. Joining the Hardy Way, proceed up the field passing the telegraph pole to a stile, then continue diagonally up the next field to cross another stile onto the road. Turn left to Newhouse Farm **(C)**.



Newhouse Farm to West Chelborough: Take the track on the right. Continue to point **(D)** and turn right. Enjoy the far-reaching views and proceed through a gate into the next field. Follow the hedge line on the right, continuing through two more gates and between a copse to the left and a farm building to the right. **(E)** Turn left past the copse along a track which descends steeply to the road into West Chelborough. Turn left and walk through the village to arrive at St. Andrew's church.

St Andrew's Church to Dogwell Farm: St Andrew's is a delightful small church; the tower has the oldest bell in Dorset. Take the track to the left of the church and continue down this bridleway ignoring the footpath on the right **(F)** as the track turns to the left. Continue through a sequence of gates and fields to cross a horse bridge. Proceed along Curry Hole Lane, past the entrance to Harry Fry Racing yard on the right, **(G)** to join the Halstock road.

Dogwell Farm to Mill House: Turn right onto the road, pass Dogwell Farm, turn left onto a drive before the Halstock sign, then right through a small metal gate. Continue diagonally across the field, then turn left along the hedge to the corner and cross three stiles in quick succession. The footpath continues to the right of the manege, through a gate into a large field. Bear slightly right across this field, heading for the middle of a small wood. Ignore the gates on the right and locate a stile into the wood **(H)**. There are several waymarks to a stile on the far side. Cross the stile and continue straight with a hedge to the right before turning left, then through a gateway on the right. Continue with the hedge on the left to cross a stile, then another, heading left to join a track which leads to the road.

Mill House to Corscombe Church: Turn right, follow the road and, where it bears left, continue straight through a metal gate **(I)**. Follow the hedge line on the right and cross a stile into a copse, soon bearing right to cross a bridge over a small stream **(J)**. Keep the hedge line on the right through a small field to cross a stile and turn left onto Common Lane. Take the left fork to continue along Common Lane to arrive in Corscombe. Turn left and continue along the road through the village to arrive at a T-Junction. Turn right and walk up the hill then take the next left to arrive back at the car park.

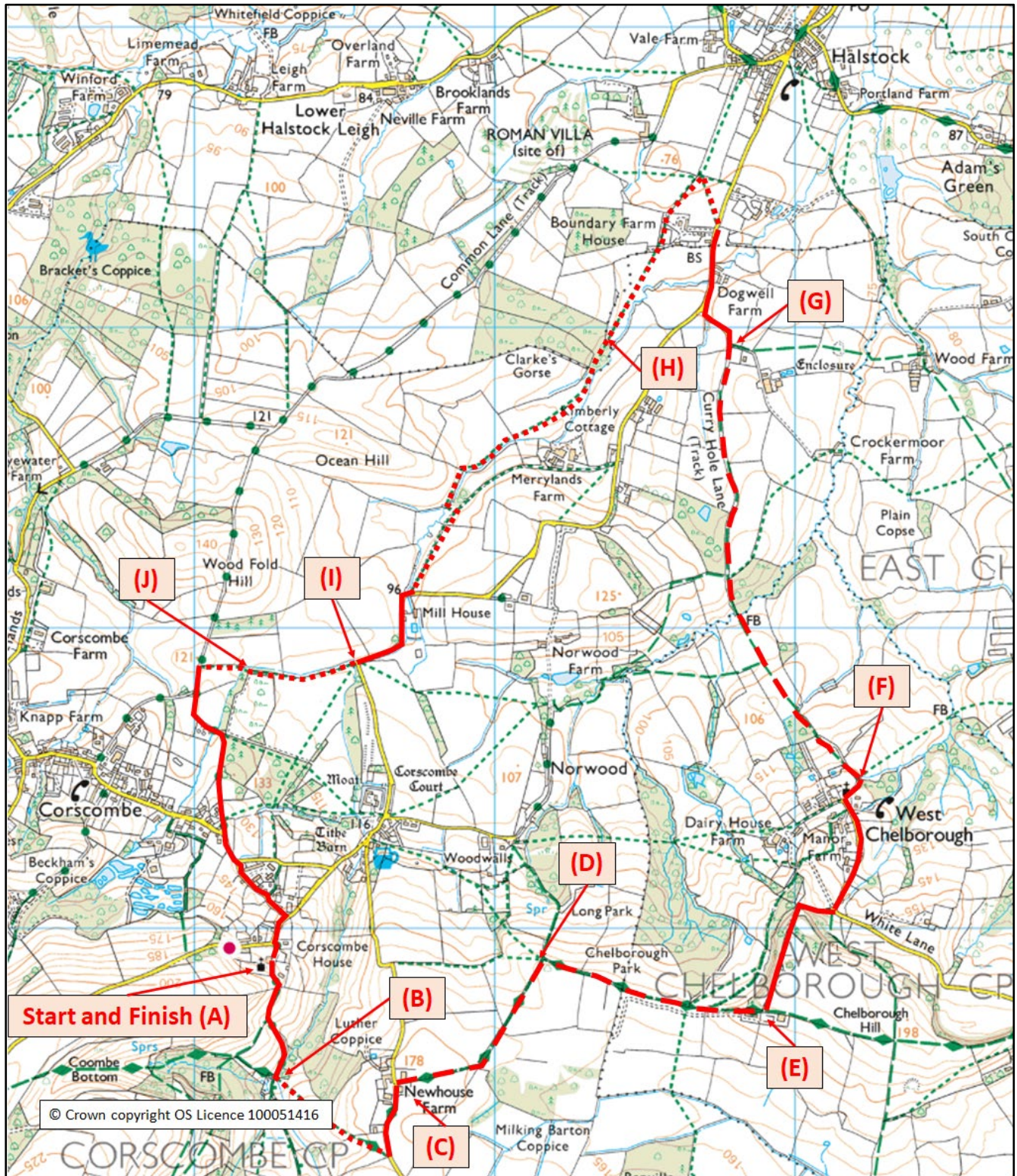
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Distance – 10 km. Total Ascent – 180m. Duration – 3 hrs. Difficulty – Easy.

Clothing – Some sections seasonally muddy.

History – St. Mary’s Church (Corscombe) and St Andrew’s Church (West Chelborough)

Connecting Routes – The Hardy Way



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