

## **Inventory and evaluation of Dartmouth Paths draft**

### **Shortcut across field from A379 to Swannaton Road**

Owned by: DCC

Status: Public RoW

Map reference: from SX869500 to SX868498

Known or assumed use: Leisure. Valued shortcut across field when linking walks from Jawbones and Swannaton Road, with new path from Stoke Fleming and routes into Weeke and Little Dartmouth. Avoids dangerously narrow A379 which has no pavement at that point .

Biodiversity: Variety of birds including swifts and swallows, skylarks, butterflies. Livestock.

Outstanding Views: Distant view of Start Point and the bay on a good day.

Accessibility:

Original stiles were replaced by kissing gates by DCC. No proper path across the field, not good for wheeled access but the ends are a lot easier. The A379 end tends to be muddy, especially when cows have been using the field.

Signage: Shown on DCC interactive map of RoW.

Well signposted at entrance to field perhaps needs sign posting more from the approach from Dartmouth.

Hazards / disrepair: Uneven ground (pasture).

Frequency and type of pollution or litter: No litter seen on several visits.

Length: 0.1 miles

**Aspirational extension** to develop safe route along the route of the A379 from Jawbones Hill to where the path commences further north on the A379. This would run along the inside of the hedge which borders adjacent fields to the west of A379.

### **Path from Jawbones to Dyers Wood**

Status: AONB. Public RoW Restricted Byway.

Owned by: Covered by a Deed of Grant between NT and landowner (15/9/1977), Higher Swannaton Farm.

Map reference: from SX876510 to SX877507. DN 680567

Known or assumed use: Walkers and dog exercisers, residents, tourists, access to allotments.

Biodiversity: Wildflowers, woodland, squirrels.

Outstanding Views: Wonderful views onto river, of BRNC, the town and out to Castle and harbour entrance, Hoodown Woods, Kingswear, river mouth and Gallants Bower.

Accessibility: Steep ascent in either direction, from Jawbones or through Dyers Wood. Field steep but footpaths usually clearly visible.

Outstanding feature: Elevated views over town and river

Signage: Clear signs from Jawbones allotments and across field. Entrance to Dyers Wood from Above Town, NT sign not clear unless approached from Southtown (set back from road).

Hazards / disrepair: Steps through wood broken at one stage. Difficult to negotiate and slippery when wet.

Waste bins: Dog waste bins at gate by Jawbones.

Frequency and type of pollution or litter: Not usual

Suggested improvements: There should be a DCC finger post at the Jawbones end or if the existing one is supposed to point that way it needs realigning (and should probably have two fingers pointing to both the steps path and the Dyers Wood one).

Length: 0.24 Miles.

### **Walks within Dyers Wood**

Owned by: NT

Status: AONB,

Map reference: SX878506

Known or assumed use: Walkers and dog exercisers, residents, tourists. Walks within Dyers Wood extended considerably. Still no route out except down on to Above Town.

Biodiversity: Wildflowers, woodland, squirrels.

History / heritage: Lower part of the wood is an old rope walk, Heritage asset MDV30707 (Devon Heritage Monument ID).

Frequency and type of pollution or litter: Not usual

Suggestions for improvements: **Aspiration:** To develop path from SW part of wood to Swannaton Road.

### **Jawbones from Allotments to Beacon Jubilee Park**

Owned by: DCC

Status: AONB, Public access route. Vehicles restricted to agricultural access. PHI on lower stretch.

Map reference: From SX876510 to SX872506

Known or assumed use: Walkers, dog exercise, tourists. Workers can use it as shortcut from units at Water Tower.

Outstanding views: Good views into town and over river, BRNC. View from Dyers field out to the mouth of the river. Beacon Jubilee Park which has views to the SW to Start Point, SE to the Daymark, to NE to Haytor and Dartmoor. Viewpoints displayed on notice boards at Beacon Park. One display board needs to be re-positioned as it is facing a tree.

Biodiversity: Wonderful site for biodiversity in walls and greenery along the sides. Lots of bird song and occasional butterflies.

Accessibility: Steep ascent up. This path is not easy at all especially on leaving the allotments and the climb up to Beacon Park. It has lots of pot holes mossy in winter easy to slip on over hanging hedges.

Outstanding features: A wonderful Devon green lane. Partly metalled but not improved and large lengths overgrown with grass. No traffic!

Signage: At each end. Not very well sign posted from the Allotments up; better from the Beacon Park down.

History / heritage: Diamond Jubilee Way history board at Beacon. Site of old beacon mentioned in a lease of 1473.

Hazards / disrepair: Worn path slippery sections especially the very steep part pot holes. Recent reports of large vehicles passing along path, probably following SatNav instructions.

Waste bins: Dog waste bin at Jawbones by allotment, another at Beacon Park end. None by picnic benches.

Frequency and type of litter / pollution: Picnickers, car park users.

Suggested improvements: Beacon Park is little used and could be far more accessible to population in Townstal, and future occupants of West Dart development if the aspirational path (v.i). were developed.. Park is overgrown, problem litter at picnic sites with overgrown views and but a valuable site for wildlife, including raptors.

Length: 0.36miles

### **Jawbones to Above Town**

Owned by: DCC

Status: DCA, Public RoW, footpath.

Map reference: from SX876510 to SX877510 via SX876509

Known or assumed use: Walkers and dog exercisers, residents, tourists, access to allotments SE gate. Views of fireworks during Regatta Week. A little used path.

Biodiversity Valuable wildlife refuge: Above Town: old slate walls, lichens, ferns, mosses, wildflowers.

Outstanding views: Glimpses of river between houses, the town and out to Castle and harbour entrance, Hoodown Woods, Kingswear, river mouth and Gallants Bower.

Accessibility: Steep ascent up Jawbones or steps up from Above Town in opposite direction. Uneven steps. There are no handrails along either of the two stone walls near the bottom at Above Town.

Outstanding features: Variety of period architecture, some listed, in Above Town.

Signage: Footpath sign from Jawbones, (confusion with close Diamond Jubilee Way sign pointing in similar direction); unclear faded sign at Above Town leading up.

History / heritage: Blue plaque on author Flora Thompson's former home.

Hazards / disrepair: Wooden hand rail partially broken down steps - a few wooden steps at the top rotten, to be replaced. Surface of steps partially covered by loose chipping stones which can be slippery. Muddy when wet. Overgrown and needs brambles and nettles trimmed back.

Waste bins: Dog waste bin at Jawbones entrance

Frequency and type of litter / pollution: Not usual, snack litter and uncollected dog waste bags.

Suggestions for improvements: Steps to be cleaned – weeds, remove all greenery to improve condition. Rotten wooden tread near the top to be removed and replaced. Improve surface. Litter bin + dog litter bin.

Length: 0.09 miles

### **Public RoWs to access foreshore in bays from Castle Cove, Sugary Cove and Compass Cove**

Owned by: DCC

Status: Public RoW footpath

Map reference: Various

Note: Compass Cove has been closed since a landslide in 2019.

Known or assumed use: Walkers, including SW Coast Path walkers, dog walkers, tourists, bathers.

Biodiversity: Variety of birds: dunnocks, robins, cirl buntings at Castle, sea birds, squirrels. Seals seen at Sugary Cove. Rock pool life at low tide. Variety of sea weed.

Outstanding views: Across to Froward Point from coves, out to sea. Summer moonrises over sea.

Accessibility: Difficult. Steps have wooden rails (Castle Cove) or chains (Sugary Cove), but stops above last few steps to beach.

Outstanding features: Cliffs topped with small trees and wildflowers, Dartmouth slate and geological strata; unspoilt pebbly and rocky beaches.

Signage: Castle and SW Coastpath well signed. Signs down to coves.

History / heritage: Large battery earthworks visible above Sugary Cove, mentioned in 1693. Coves popular with Victorian bathers.

Hazards / disrepair: Uneven steps. Rock fall hazard conspicuous signs at Castle Cove, but not at Sugary Cove (cracks in rocks). Rocks underwater may not be visible to diving swimmers. Vulnerable to climate change.

Waste bins: Waste bin and dog bin by Castle (not sufficient in high season) and Sugary Green.

Frequency and type of litter / pollution: Broken fishing gear frequently washed up. Picnic waste.

Suggested improvements: Broken wooden platform repaired or removed from Castle Cove (No access since 2019).

Length: Various

### **Waterpool Road**

Owned by: DCC

Status: AONB

Map reference: SX875512 to SX866509.

Known or assumed use: Walkers and dog exercise, schoolchildren, shoppers and workers going into town, farm workers and popular residents' and trade vehicle shortcut.

Biodiversity: Fragrant winter heliotrope at Deadman's Cross. Hedges lined with wildflowers, wild garlic, bracken, mosses. Deciduous trees including oaks and sycamores forming green tunnels in places. Opposite slate walls topped with red valerian at Mesha Cottage. Bats, small bank dwelling creatures, squirrels.

Outstanding views: Superb view of town and river from Deadman's Cross. Occasional glimpses of Victoria Road and St Clements on descent. View down Crowthers Hill into town at end.

Accessibility: Steep ascent and descent. Metalled road surface.

Outstanding features: Old byre, slate walls covered in ivy and lichens. Crossed by two springs.

Signage: Signs at crossroads, indicating traffic and pedestrian restrictions and descent ratio.

Hazards / disrepair: Traffic, narrow road. A hazardous tree felled in 2019, remaining large stump on top of crumbling slate wall - sufficient support?

Waste bins: Dog waste at Crosby Meadows.

Frequency and type of litter / pollution: Food wrappers and plastic bottles, dropped by pedestrians or thrown from vehicles. Occasional large pieces of waste materials including plastic sheet blown down from farm and local residencies.

Length: 0.7 miles

### **Bridle way between water treatment plant in Old Mill Creek, via Lower Norton Farm and Norton Chalets to A3122**

Owned by: DCC

Status: Public RoW, Bridle way

Map reference: From SX860519 to SX849514

Known or assumed use: Leisure, farm workers. Short cut from Old Mill Creek to the road exiting Dartmouth. Dog walkers and tourists staying at Norton Park.

Biodiversity: Important route for biodiversity. Trees, woodland, farmland, birdlife, hedgerows & plenty of blackberries.

Outstanding views: Good views across farmland to Lower Norton Wood and area of reservoir within the trees.

Accessibility: Parking at Old Mill creek is limited but car park at Sandquay woods a short distance away. Path is good but undulates with ribs to divert flood water. Upper section from Lower Norton Farm to Norton Chalets is a paved road serving farm and barn conversions. Metalled and in good condition. Occasional buses from Norton chalets stop on A3122.

Outstanding features: Lower section passes from water treatment plant along Devon green lane with hedgerows and banks to Lower Norton Farm. Cottages, farms, outbuildings on the ascent.

Signage: Path sign posted.

History / heritage: Possibly once Mariners' walk route from Dartmouth to Bideford?

Hazards / disrepair: At top of bridle way it emerges onto busy A3122 just distal to steep sided winding section.

Waste bins: None

Frequency and type of litter / pollution: Not usual.

Length: 0.9 miles.

**Aspirational extension** to provide safe route from point on A3122 where the bridle way presently ends, passing east within fields to the north of the A3122, skirting Norton Park chalets to reach a point on the A3122 opposite Little Cotton estate.

### **Southwest Coastal Path and coastal land: Little Dartmouth to Lower Ferry, via Coastguards Cottages, Dartmouth Castle and Bayards Cove**

Owned by: National Trust

Status: Heritage Coast, AONB, NT from Little Dartmouth to Deadman's Cove, National Trail, Public RoW footpath, DAss MDV43355

Map reference: various.

Known or assumed use: Walkers, including SW coast path walkers, dog exercise, tourists.

Biodiversity: Abundant varieties of wildflowers, trees, butterflies, birds including kestrels, deer, livestock. Duck and swan families frequently visit Warfleet.

Outstanding views: Superb views all along walk, of coastline, out to sea, estuary, coves.

Accessibility: Parking at Little Dartmouth and Dartmouth Castle. Mostly downhill from Little Dartmouth, but some steep ascents if starting from Bayards Cove. Path includes metalled roads, tracks, grassland, pavements, contour walking. The lower path along the shoreline from Compass Cove to Blackstone point is no longer passable as the footbridge over a rocky inlet has been damaged by storms.

Possibility of returning to Little Dartmouth car park along track along top of field, or extending walk from Little Dartmouth farm via footpath to Weeks and up the road to car park.

Dartmouth Castle for cafe, toilets

Outstanding features: Bayards harbour and fort. Warfleet former pottery buildings, lime kiln. Access to Gallants Bower woodland and hill fort earthworks, extensive bluebells in spring. Coastguards Cottages.

Signage: SW coast path well marked.

History / heritage: History boards at Bayards harbour, Manor Gardens, Castle, Warfleet and Little Dartmouth.

Hazards / disrepair: Livestock warnings on gates in areas of pasture between Coastguards Cottage and walled path to Little Dartmouth. As one passes the conduit carrying the intermittent stream from a small pond there is a possibility of mud in wet weather approx Grid Ref SX883492 .

Waste bins: At Little Dartmouth and Castle.

Frequency and type of litter / pollution: Not usual, occasional wrappers and bottles.

Suggested improvements: Sign posts informing walkers to take the high route to the coastguard cottages would be useful instead, before Compass Cove, now closed. 20mph speed limit from Warfleet to Castle, or limit vehicle access in favour of pedestrians.

Length: 1.4 miles from Little Dartmouth to Coastguards Cottages. Section from Coastguard cottages to lower ferry, via Dartmouth Castle 1.3 miles.

### **Mayflower Walk 1, Town Trail including Buttermilk, Museum, St. Saviours Church to Bayards Cove**

Owned by: DTC / Diocese of Exeter.

Status: AONB, DCA, DAss MDV108505

Map reference: Area of SX878515

Known or assumed use: Shoppers, tourists, leisure, churchgoers.

Biodiversity: Churchyard wall: lichens, pennywort, erigeron, valerian, achillea, moss, ivy, toadflax. Gravestones covered with lichen. Variety of seabirds.

Outstanding views: Centuries of architectural styles. View of river mouth and Kingswear.

Accessibility: Uneven pavements, paths, steps, cobbles at Bayards harbour. Museum has difficult access up narrow stairs.

Outstanding features: Butterwalk, St. Saviours Church, Royal Castle Hotel, Royal Victoria Park, ancient harbour at Bayards Cove.

Signage: Some new Mayflower 400 signs but not always visible along route. Interpretation panels at key points along the trail refer to events in Dartmouth's rich history. These include, in addition to the *Mayflower* Story, the departure of ships for the 2nd and 3rd Crusades, the wine trade with Bordeaux, the Triangular Cod

Trade with Newfoundland, the Armada, the Civil War, the Flavel non-conformists, and Thomas Newcomen's invention of the steam engine.

History / heritage: 17thC Dartmouth, and leading visitors around the town's historic streets and points of interest: The Museum, Pillory Square, The Butterwalk (1635), St. Saviours Church (1372), Bayards Cove Inn (14<sup>th</sup> century), Bayards Cove Fort (1510) and Bayards Cove (1539), one of the old quays with some ancient buildings. By tradition, the Mayflower and Speedwell were moored in the river near here in 1620.

Hazards / disrepair: Uneven paths surfaces and steps.

Waste bins: At Bayards Cove

Frequency and type of litter / pollution: Litter from shops and takeaway restaurants, cigarette ends at Bayards harbour.

Length: < 1 mile

### **Mayflower Walk 2: Packhorse trail from Park & Ride via St Clements to Coronation Park**

Owned by: SHDC, Diocese of Exeter, DTC

Status: AONB, DCA

Map reference: from SX861509 to SX879518

Known or assumed use: Workers and shoppers walking to town or supermarkets. Schoolchildren. Young people going to skatepark. Route to Leisure Centre.

Biodiversity: Seasonal wildflower beds painted by Dartmouth Green Partnership by Leisure Centre. On route: toadflax, pennywort, confers and deciduous trees by cemetery entrance. Further down: holly, hazels, laurel. Line of old conifers along entrance to Old Mill Lane, rookery. Wide variety of mature trees line road in final descent.

Outstanding views: Final section: view of Long Wood, river, marina.

Accessibility: Downhill from Park & Ride, with side pedestrian paths both sides of road. However, the right hand path is overgrown, would be difficult for mobility vehicles. Busy road is difficult to cross. No crossings. Steep ascent from town.

Outstanding features: Longcross cemetery, includes Commonwealth War Graves. Old stone tower at mini roundabout. Passes St Clements Church and graveyard. BRNC gateway. Former stone farm building and converted barns at Townstal BnB. Community Orchard entrance.

Signage: None visible.

History / heritage: Old packhorse route to river.

Hazards / disrepair: Busy road, no pedestrian crossings. There have been pedestrian accidents on the road.

Waste bins: Only at Park & Ride

Frequency and type of litter / pollution: Occasional wrappers and bottles.

Suggested improvements: Pedestrian crossing, especially near Townstal residential area.

Length: 1.7 miles

### **Mayflower Walk 3: Bayards Cove via South Town, Warfleet, St Petrox to Castle**

Owned by: DTC, English Heritage

Status: AONB, DCA, English Heritage  
Map reference: from SX879511 to SX886503

Known or assumed use: Bayards Cove: locals, tourists, pub and hotel customers. Onward: walkers, dog, exercise, joggers, cyclists, families.

Biodiversity: Seabirds. On route: wildflowers, landmark trees including copper beeches. Ducks and swans at Warfleet. Squirrels, deer. Dunnocks, robins, butterflies at Castle.

Outstanding views: Bayards: Kingswear, river mouth, promontory towards Castle. View of town from mid tide mark, best at dusk. Sea views and Frowards Point from Castle. From church view of Kingswear Castle.

Accessibility: Cobbles are a challenge at Bayards. Onward: variety of access points to water and waterside at Warfleet. Route follows road, so need to mind traffic. During pandemic: current access to Castle beside church, some narrow, uneven steps up. Sloping path option towards church from road. Parking and plentiful seating around castle, although some involve steps. Cafe and toilets.

Outstanding features: Bayard: cobbled harbour, fort, old steps, 14thC hotel, listed houses. Onwards: many listed properties, various architectural styles, lime kiln 500 year old church, castles.

Signage: No Mayflower signs visible at Bayards harbour, or onwards. Castle and SW coastal path is well signed. Good signage to amenities and ferry. History boards at Manor Garden viewing platform, Warfleet and Castle Estate walks at car park.

History / heritage: Ancient harbour and fort at Bayards Cove. G.P. Bidder's former home on route to Warfleet. Former potteries at Warfleet. One Gun Point. St. Petrox. Old castle walls by Castle.

Hazards / disrepair: Cobbles. Traffic along route. Steep and uneven steps between St Petrox and Castle.

Waste bins: Sufficient bins at Bayards harbour. Not sufficient at Warfleet picnic spots. Dog waste bin is not very conspicuous. Waste bins near church, toilets, cafe and castle, but frequently full or overflowing.

Frequency and type of litter / pollution: Bayards harbour: cigarette butts, plastic glasses from pub. Warfleet: picnic wrappers. Castle: litter from cafe.

Suggested improvements: Bayards harbour and fort: prone to flooding at high spring tide, will soon need defence. Toilets at Castle are often rather insanitary in high season (although open long hours).

Length 1 Mile

### **Old Mill Lane / Sandquay Woods**

Owned by: Raleigh Estate

Status: MCTi 2004, DAss MDV77145, DAss MDV43367, Part Permissive Paths.

Map reference: Car Park SX863518

Known or assumed use: Walkers, dog exercise. Young people especially gather here. Mountain bikes.

Biodiversity: Butterflies. Squirrels and occasional deer and rabbits. Wild bees nest in dead tree down Old Mill Lane. Variety of birds including jays, blue tits, great tits, robins, blackbirds, wood pigeons, buzzards, herons, swans, ducks, seabirds. Variety of trees including broadleaf and conifers. Wild flowers: bluebells, primroses, foxgloves. Sheep pasture.

Outstanding views: Halfway down sloping section of Old Mill Lane, splendid view over slate wall down pasture to Dart. Old Mill Creek.

Accessibility: Steep descent / ascent last section of Old Mill Lane. Car park at woods entrance. Sandquay Woods moderately easy, fairly flat and good paths but some challenges for people with mobility difficulties. Optional circuits.

Outstanding features: Hermitage Castle ruin (grade II listed MDV 49960, lime kilns MDV 53846, folly castle, stately trees, ancient well, muddy creek at low tide, stream.

Signage: Signage at entrance to woods (but damaged), markers along optional routes. Could be clearer after entering woods (ie) where the main path forks into 3 different paths perhaps could have an information board there to show routes and difficulty of walk routes.

History / heritage: Once part of renowned 18C walk continuing along Dartmouth Shoreline. Drawn by Turner. Historic boatyard. Raleigh estates owns Sandquay Woods.

Hazards / disrepair: Some uneven walk surfaces through Sandquay Woods. Can be muddy. Traffic along narrow Old Mill Lane, no pedestrian path. Eroded river bank and exposed unfenced river and stream, small children need supervision. The bridge over the stream has a broken plank. Paths have been blocked at times by fallen trees.

Frequency and type of litter / pollution: Dog mess, frequently. Picnic wrappers and bottles. Occasional fly tipping at car park. Evidence of fires lit at the Old Mill castle tower, and food packaging.

Suggested improvements: More dog mess bins. Infill paths where water erosion evident. Repair broken plank on bridge. Improve and replace sign board with credit to Raleigh estates.

**An aspirational extension of the walk, first raised in the MCTi Community Plan in 2004, would reinstate the route continuing through BRNC land (now fenced off) to the Marina and North Embankment area of town.**

### **Dart Valley Trail: Mayor's Avenue Car Park to Old Mill Creek**

Owned by: DCC

Status: AONB, DCA

Map reference: from SX878514 to SX866511

Known or assumed use: Residents and tourists accessing homes and accommodation. Dog exercise, shoppers, walkers. The route used to be the main way in/out from Dittisham to Dartmouth. Used now for leisure/tourism. Workers going from Townstal into town, or residents living in town journeying up to the industrial estate, or Old Mill works (boat-building and water treatment works).

Biodiversity: Old Mill Lane: bees' nest, squirrels, variety of birds.

Outstanding views: Townscape to river and Long Wood as route rises. Views over pasture to Dart from Old Mill Lane.

Accessibility: Steep ascents and descents, including steps through town section.

This walk is all on tarmac road, with an ascent of nearly 300' followed by a descent of nearly 300' to drop down to Old Mill Creek. It is a slow steady climb, not for the faint hearted, and therefore not recommended for those with limited mobility.

Outstanding features: River Dart & Old Mill Creek views. Britannia Royal Naval College & Britannia Holt. Various architectural styles and listed buildings through town route.

Signage: The start of the trail is a very well known route to locals, but for visitors there is no signage at all. Visitors have to either download information from the internet on their phones or use a map TIC is in the corner of the car park, and is the best source for information.

Hazards / disrepair: Traffic along Old Mill Lane. No crossing to Old Mill Lane from Townstal Road.

Waste bins: None seen except at car park.

Frequency and type of litter / pollution: Not usual through town route, occasionally wrappers etc in College Way. Occasional fly tipping along Old Mill Lane.

Suggested improvements: Signage - all the way, particularly at the top of College Way, and indicating shortcut to Old Mill Lane via Archway Cottage steps.

Length: 1.4 miles

### **Churchfields West to Yorke Road (A379)**

Owned by: DCC

Status: Public RoW Footpath

Map reference: from SX868512 to SX866511

Known or assumed use: Walkers, resident access, dog exercise, schoolchildren and workers.

Biodiversity: Walking along Yorke Road to Deadman's Cross, hawthorn hedge full of berries in September, Old Man's Beard, winter heliotrope.

Outstanding views: Best views of Dartmouth and the Dart along Yorke Road between bus stops, where height of the hedge permits. View looking back from Churchfields West is similar. Along the path, the copse is mostly birch and beyond a deep valley under the distant hill of Jaw Bones

Accessibility: The path is narrow and follows the slope of the hill..

Signage: Clear signs stating "Public Footpath" at the beginning and the end of the path in Yorke Road.

Hazards / disrepair: Can be muddy and slippery after rain.

Waste bins; Frequency and type of litter / pollution: Bagged dog-mess thrown into the grass along the path and also left at Deadman's Cross bus-stop along with other litter, despite there being a waste-bin at the beginning of Milton Lane towards the school entrance.

Suggested improvements: Waste bin at Deadman's Cross bus-stop

Length: 0.11 miles.

### **Church Road, St Clements churchyard, Townstal Pathfields to Townstal Road**

Owned by: DCC

Status: Public RoW Footpath

Map reference: from SX869514 to SX866512

Known or assumed use: General access from Townstal to town, children's route to school.

Biodiversity: Churchyard has a great variety of trees, notably a large Holm Oak, a large Lime, yew trees, variety of birds. Notable wild flowers in late September were cyclamen.

Accessibility: Church Road itself is very steep and isn't much used by pedestrians but is accessible by bus.

Outstanding features: Gravestones in churchyard predating the 17<sup>th</sup> century (rare) and the earliest date from the early 18<sup>th</sup>. Several of these along the path to the north of the church display refined calligraphy and

design. Three large nineteenth century gravestones, one displaying a symbolic broken column and two the anchor of Christ. Historic chest tomb MDV 74608.

Signage: On entering graveyard, there is a sign indicating the presence of Commonwealth War Graves. They are at the top of the churchyard and number 16 covering the two World Wars.

History / heritage: St Clement's is Dartmouth's 'mother' church. It was first built at Townstal away from predations which could more easily come from the river in medieval times.

Waste bins: On entering the churchyard

Frequency and type of litter / pollution: Not usual

Suggested improvements: More signs to Commonwealth War Graves.

Length: 0.25 miles

**Diamond Jubilee Way: circular walk from Little Dartmouth to Weeke, Swannaton Road, Beacon Park, Jawbones, Dyers Wood, Above Town, Dartmouth Castle, Coastguards Cottages, Little Dartmouth.**

Owned by: Mainly NT and public roads.

Status: NT in Little Dartmouth to Swannaton Road. Public RoW Footpath.

Map reference: Start/finish SX877491 via SX872506 and SX886503

Known or assumed use: Walkers, tourists, dog exercise, riding (some sections).

Biodiversity: At Castle: squirrels, butterflies, birds including dunnocks, robins, girl bunting. Kestrels seen regularly along coastal stretches. Occasionally seals. A llama at Weekes. Trees and bushes include edible varieties: hazels, blackberries, chestnuts. Wildflowers include honeysuckle, travellers joy, gorse, pennywort, rosebay willow herb, ivies, red campion.

Outstanding views: View of Froward Point and open sea from bench near Coastguards Cottages. Moonrise in summer months. Rolling farmland pasture, to Warren Point. Spectacular undeveloped coast. Start Bay visible from Swannaton turn. Pleasant Valley from Beacon Park and Dartmoor in good visibility. From Jawbones, a view of the town, river and Torquay.

Accessibility: Some steep ascents if starting from town or Castle; there is advice on route guides as to which is easier route. Some areas of rough paths or uneven ground. Contour walking along sheep trails.

Outstanding features: Castles, Compass Cottage, Coastguards Cottages, old walls, sunken lane along a section of Jawbones.

Signage: Route marked both ways at Above Town turn from Out Town. Small signs along route. Signage rather confusing or not clear at farm crossroad near Little Dartmouth (footpath but not DJW sign) and also at Higher Weekes Cottages. DJW history board at Beacon.

History / heritage: Beacon mentioned in a lease of 1473.

Hazards / disrepair: Cattle / livestock: new warning signs in place through pasture after Coastguards cottages. Traffic at A379, small walk section. Overhanging brambles last section of Jawbones unmetalled path.

Waste bins: None at Beacon picnic table area. But dog waste bin at car park and other path to Jawbones.

Frequency and type of litter / pollution: Not much after Castle area.

Suggested improvements: Picnic areas at Beacon Park need renovation.

Length: 3.7 miles

**Aspirational Walk: Permissive path from A379 to Beacon Jubilee Park, 300m around a field**

Owned by: (and opposed by) current owners of Milton Farm.

Map reference: from SX867507 to SX870506. DN451511.

Would more than halve distance and time taken between Townstal and the new development at Little Cotton Farm and the facilities at Beacon Jubilee Park (2.09 km, >25 mins to 1.08km, <15 mins). It would also avoid a dangerous stretch of A 379 where there are sharp, blind bends and no pavement.

Length: 0.186 miles