

9. Continue down this lane, passing some cottages on your right, to turn right over an unmarked stone stile followed shortly by a waymarked gate. Follow this waymarked path downhill, along the hedge boundaries of three fields and over stiles until you reach a short lane which takes you into Over Stowey, emerging opposite the Church.
10. Turn left along the road here, passing Parsonage Farm on your right, and then up hill to reach a gazebo belonging to Cross Farm as the road bears left.
11. Take the footpath to the immediate left of the gazebo and continue in a straight line, keeping the hedge boundary on your left, over stiles, to reach Hockpitt Lane; walk down Hockpitt Lane until you come to a stile on your right; go over this, walk diagonally across the field to a kissing-gate and follow this path until it emerges onto South Lane where you turn left.
12. Walk along South Lane. At its junction with Castle Street turn right and retrace your steps down Castle Street to the start point.

*The details of this walk were correct at the time of publication but may be subject to minor changes particularly when walking over open ground or farmland. If you do have any problems or feel the directions could be clearer, please contact:- Elisabeth Woolcock on 01278 733293 or any member of the Nether Stowey Parish Footpath Group*

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## Village links in Action

**A series of walks through Nether Stowey and neighbouring parishes**

## **A walk through Nether Stowey, Friarn and Over Stowey.**



**Castle Mount, Nether Stowey**

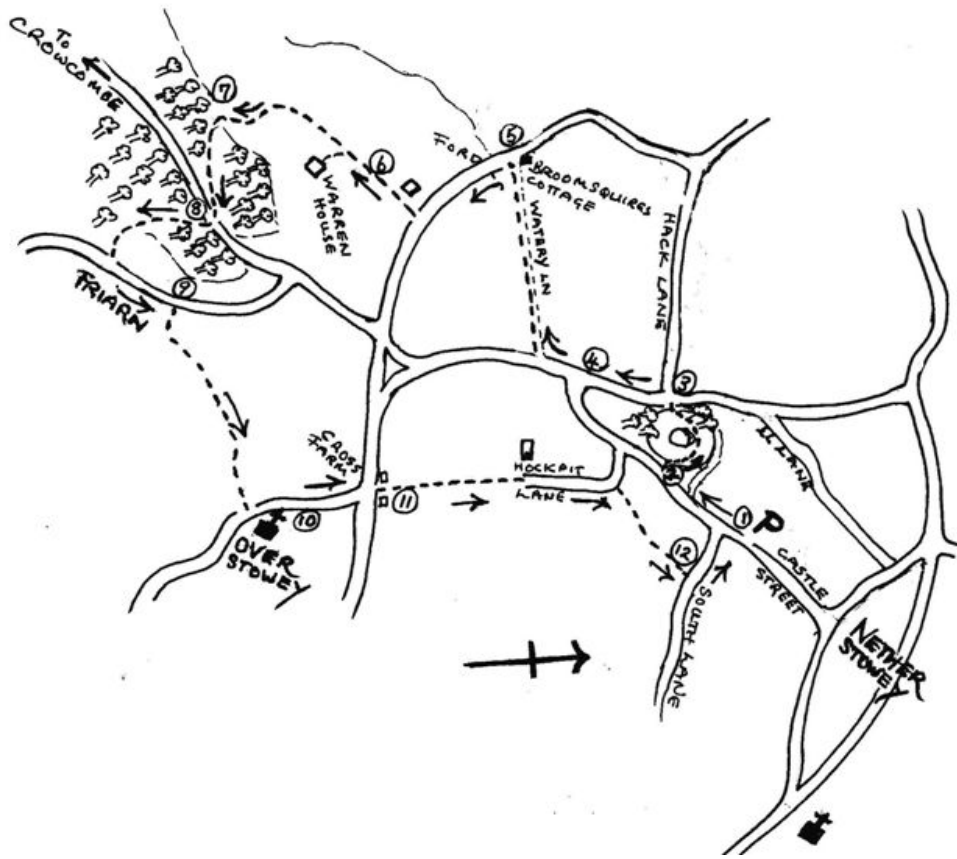
**Length.** 4.5 miles or 7.5 kms.

**Time:** Allow at least two and a half hours, more if you want to look at the points of interest on the way or stop for a picnic.

**Start:** The Cross at the junction of St Mary Street, Lime Street and Castle Street in Nether Stowey (GR 192397)

**Map:** OS Explorer 140—Quantock Hills and Bridgwater

Suitable for most weather conditions and seasons but stout footwear is essential. There are some stiles and two steep ascents.



1. Turn right out of the car park into Castle Street then steeply up Castle Hill to the summit.
2. Turn right here taking the right hand footpath and walk onto the Castle Mount taking an anti-clockwise direction to get the best views. (You may want to make a detour here onto the masonry foundations of the Keep)

3. When you have completed about 180 degrees of the circuit around the Mount, turn right onto a steeply descending, narrow path through bracken and trees to reach Butcher's Lane where you turn left, after a few more yards, left again into Mill Lane.
4. Continue along Mill Lane, passing a footpath on your right and then Hack Lane; continue on Mill Lane until you reach a bridgeway on your right where you turn and gently ascend Watery Lane to Broomsquires Cottage.
5. Turn left at Broomsquires onto a tarmac lane; walk up the lane, over a small ford, to the next house and turn right onto a concrete drive immediately after the house.
6. Go steeply uphill on this drive until you see the entrance gateway of Warren House on your left at which point you bear off the drive to the right, onto grassy pasture, heading up hill, to the corner on the woodland in front of you.
7. Go through the gate into the woodland, keeping its boundary on your left and keeping left at a junction of paths, until you come onto the Nether Stowey/Crowcombe road.
8. Cross over the road onto the bridgeway opposite which leads through more woodland and descend, ignoring side paths, to a gate; go through the gate and continue down to the road where you turn left.