

The Alphin Brook Walk

- Three miles between the top of Dunsford Road hill and the Exeter Ship Canal
- Along rural footpaths through the rolling farmland fringe of southwest Exeter
- Through quiet lanes in the historic village of Alphington



Hambeer Lane

Ancient ridge-top green lane with fine views over the city, and south to the Haldon Hills on the skyline

Roly Poly Hill

The fruit farm below benefits from this south facing slope. A fox might be glimpsed basking in the sun.... or a kestrel hovering above

Dunsford Road

The main road to Cornwall before 1970

Little John's Cross
Granite boundary stone from the 15th century placed by the Littlejohn family to mark their estate

1 Numbers refer to notes overleaf



Exeter Ship Canal
Construction began in 1563. It allowed ships from the far corners of the world to reach the heart of Exeter, and made the city prosperous.



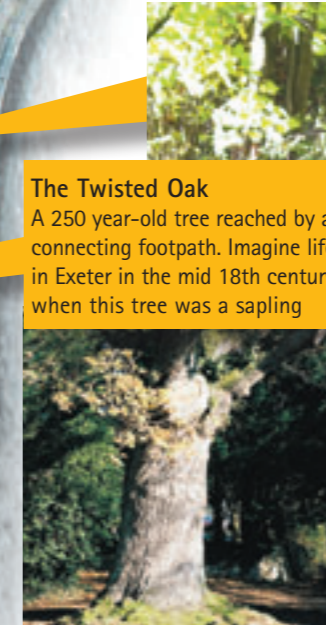
Alphington Village
St Michael's red stone church tower dominates the skyline. Clapperbrook Lane was part of an ancient route to bypass the walled city.

Thatched cob cottages are scattered along the walk. Charles Dickens' parents once lived nearby



The Twisted Oak

A 250 year-old tree reached by a connecting footpath. Imagine life in Exeter in the mid 18th century when this tree was a sapling



Alphin Brook
Home to otters, kingfishers and dippers. Look for tell-tale footprints and otter spraints

