

**Directions (anti-clockwise, west to east)**

- 11** Walk starts beside canal near swingbridge. Walk away from canal and cross corner of meadow on right to bridge over river
- 12** Follow path ahead after bridge. Turn right alongside mill stream. Cross wooden bridge
- 13** Keep left around mill house and turn left through gate
- 14** Through golf course, turn left over stone bridge then right at crematorium road
- 15** Cross Topsham Rd at pedestrian crossing and turn right. Enter Ludwell Valley Park by path on left
- 16** Follow path by stream to Ludwell Lane
- 17** Cross road and follow stream between Ludwell Lane and Woodwater Lane
- 18** Turn right along Woodwater Lane then left along Heath Rd, crossing Quarry Lane to Brook Cottages
- 19** Cross Honiton Road at pedestrian crossing and up Sweetbrier Lane then straight ahead along Vaughan Rd
- 20** Cross Whipton Lane from Vaughan Rd to Georges Close

Half a mile (15 minutes at 2mph)  
One kilometre



**Exeter Green Circle Walking Route**

- On footpath, pavement or quiet road (generally smooth surfaces; occasional kerbs)
- On public footpath or bridleway or permitted footpath (surface may be rough or muddy; occasional gates and steps)
- Connecting footpaths
- Connecting bus routes to and from City Centre (times and routes subject to change)
- Railway line
- Viewpoint



miles of surprises

The EXETER GREEN CIRCLE is a twelve-mile walk that provides a great walking experience within the boundaries of Exeter – from green countryside valley parks to the pavements of quiet leafy suburbs.

This part of the GREEN CIRCLE explores the Riverside Valley Park, passing over the historic Exeter Ship Canal and the River Exe with its weirs and former mills. In contrast through the Ludwell Valley Park the walk follows the gentle Northbrook overlooked by sloping meadows. Quiet roads and lanes link Wonford and Whipton with names that echo the former rural nature of the area such as Sweetbrier Lane and Woodwater Lane.



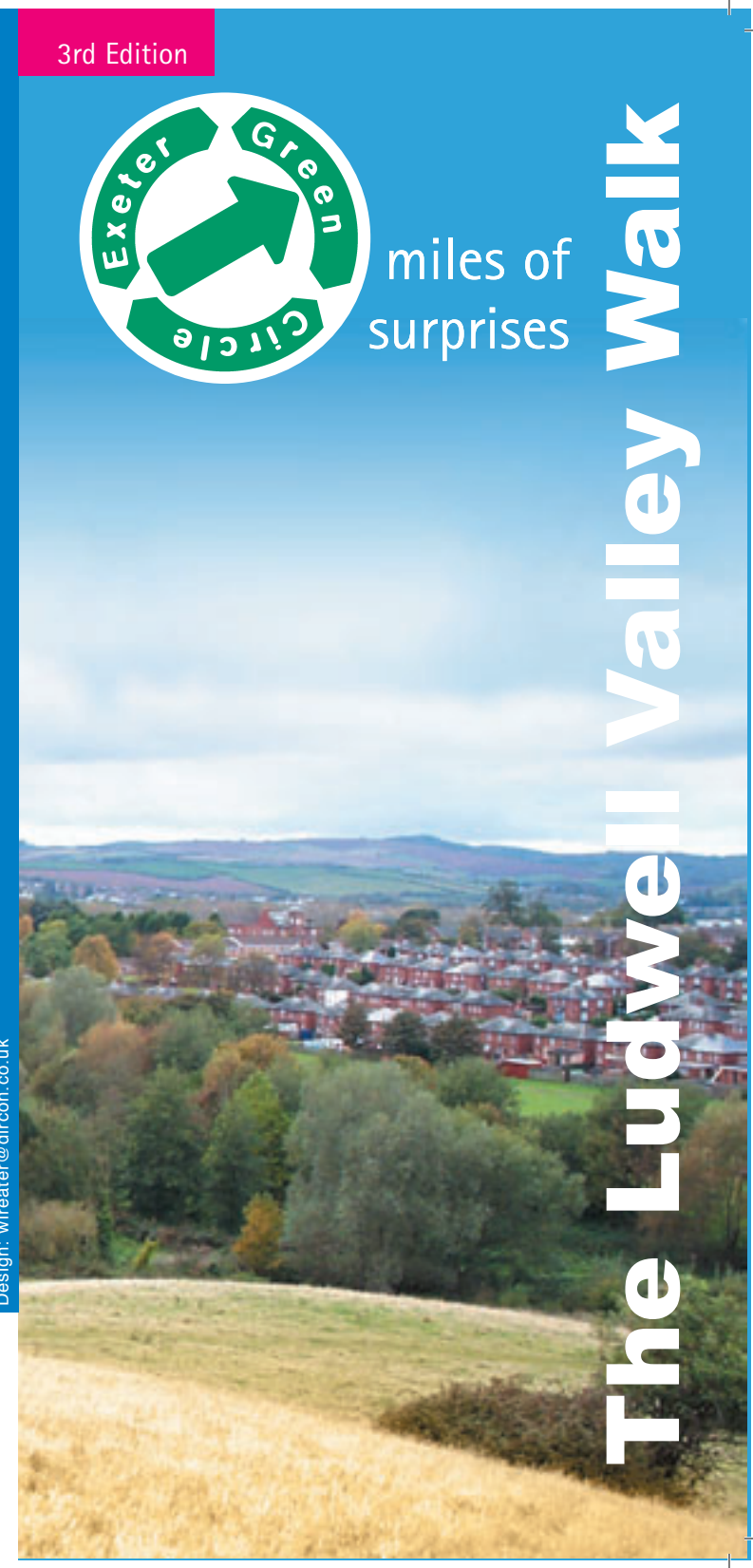
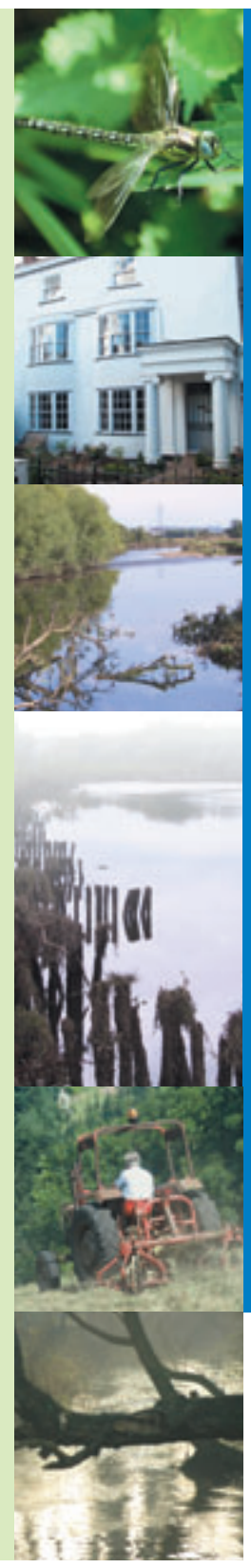
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**The Ludwell Valley Walk**



## The Ludwell Valley Walk

- Almost three miles between the Exeter Ship Canal and Whipton Lane
- Along valley park paths, never far from the sound of running water
- Through the leafy suburbs of eastern Exeter



**Duck's Marsh Bridge**  
An important walking link between east and west Exeter



**Vaughan Road**  
These stately poplar trees provide some welcome shade on a hot day



**St James' Weir**  
Watch for leaping salmon here



**Mill Leat and Pool**  
Look for bats skimming over the pool at dusk as they hunt for insects

Wonford

Ludwell Valley Park

**Ludwell Valley Park**  
Rolling meadows overlook the stream where shoals of sticklebacks provide food for little egrets and kingfishers. You may even spot a mink hunting along the banks



Little egret



**Exeter Ship Canal**  
Opened in 1566 and was the first canal to use the pound lock

Double Locks Inn

11 Numbers refer to notes overleaf



**Countess Wear Mill**  
Operated from 1638 to late 19th century as a paper mill, and before that for corn milling. It drew its water power from the leat flowing from St James' Weir