The Alphin Brook Walk

Directions (anti-clockwise, west to east)

1. Start at shop opposite Barley Lane on Dunsford Rd.
2. Take Hambeer Lane from junction next to shop (P Bus).
3. Turn left on footpath after metal gate.
4. Keep straight ahead on lane and then find gate on right.
5. Cross busy link road with care using central refuge.
6. Turn right at school to continue along Ide Lane.
7. Cross Chudleigh Road and Dawlish Road at the war memorial finding Clapperbrook Lane opposite.
8. Turn left and cross Hennock Road bridge then cross the road or use the surfaced cyclepath loop under the bridge to continue along bank of stream.
9. Turn next left and follow cycle path to Grace Road South.
10. Then turn right and over railway bridge.

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 follows the valley of the Alphin Brook. The upper section of the brook flows through rich agricultural land separated from the city by a ridge of hills. As it reaches the Exe valley the brook is tamed in a modern channel to prevent it flooding the old village of Alphington and its modern neighbour the industrial estate of Marsh Barton. Discover views and locations that are all part of Exeter but which often seem miles from a city.
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

Numbers refer to notes overleaf

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.

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