

A circular walk from Westbourne Car Park

Distance: approx. 1¼ miles (2 km). Allow 1 hour for this circular walk.

Surfaces: Backroads and footpaths. Some stretches can be muddy.

Gradients: Some challenging gradients.

Obstacles: Stiles, gates, steps and a small river to cross - waterproof shoes / boots recommended.

Livestock often in the fields: dogs must be kept on leads. (If you use a field gate, please leave it as you find it.)

Route Guide

This fairly short walk starts and finishes from Westbourne Car Park, Liskeard, and winds through the fields north of Liskeard in an area of Great Landscape Value. There are splendid views and quiet, narrow typically Cornish lanes.



(All information is provided in good faith and for guidance only. Numbers in the text refer to the detailed route map on page 2.)

Westbourne House

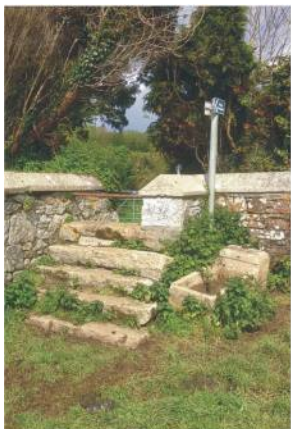
Immediately next to the car park where you start and finish your walk, Westbourne House was originally built by the great architect Foulston in 1816. It was bought and re-styled by Richard Hawke in the 1860s. Hawke had been the copper miners' barber on Caradon Hill, and amassed a fortune through inside knowledge. The stone memorial at the bottom of the garden marks the burial place of his ashes.

Leave Westbourne Car Park where cars exit, turn left into West Street. Cross over the road and carry on for approx. 100 yards. Watch out for and take the small footpath right **1**, (there is a small footpath sign, but it is easily missed!) up a rough lane and keep straight on, until you see the first stile on your left **2**. This stile is unavoidable!

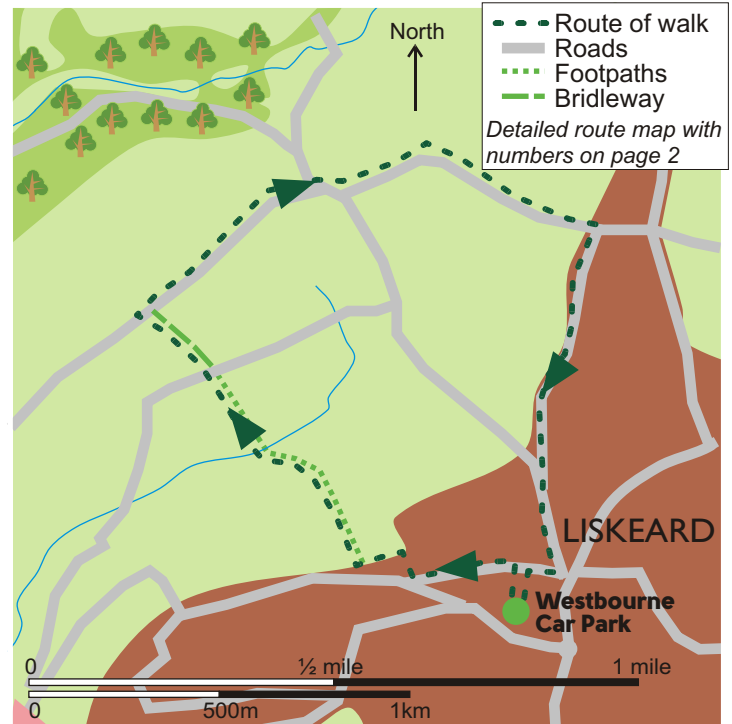
Once over the stile, keeping the houses on your left, follow the hedge until you get to the second stile **3**. Cross this and, keeping the hedge on your right now, descend down the valley. Cross stile number three and then walk diagonally down the hill to cross the river **4**. (Further downstream to your left lies the Christian shrine and pilgrimage centre of Ladye Park.)

There is a footpath sign here. Cross the river and walk up to cross stile number four. Keep on walking up with the fence on your left to the top of the field to Old Park - in the Middle Ages this was a Ducal deer park.

Cross over the fifth stile **5** - unavoidable, with impressive granite steps - and then cross the road and walk up the bridleway to Looe Down Farm.



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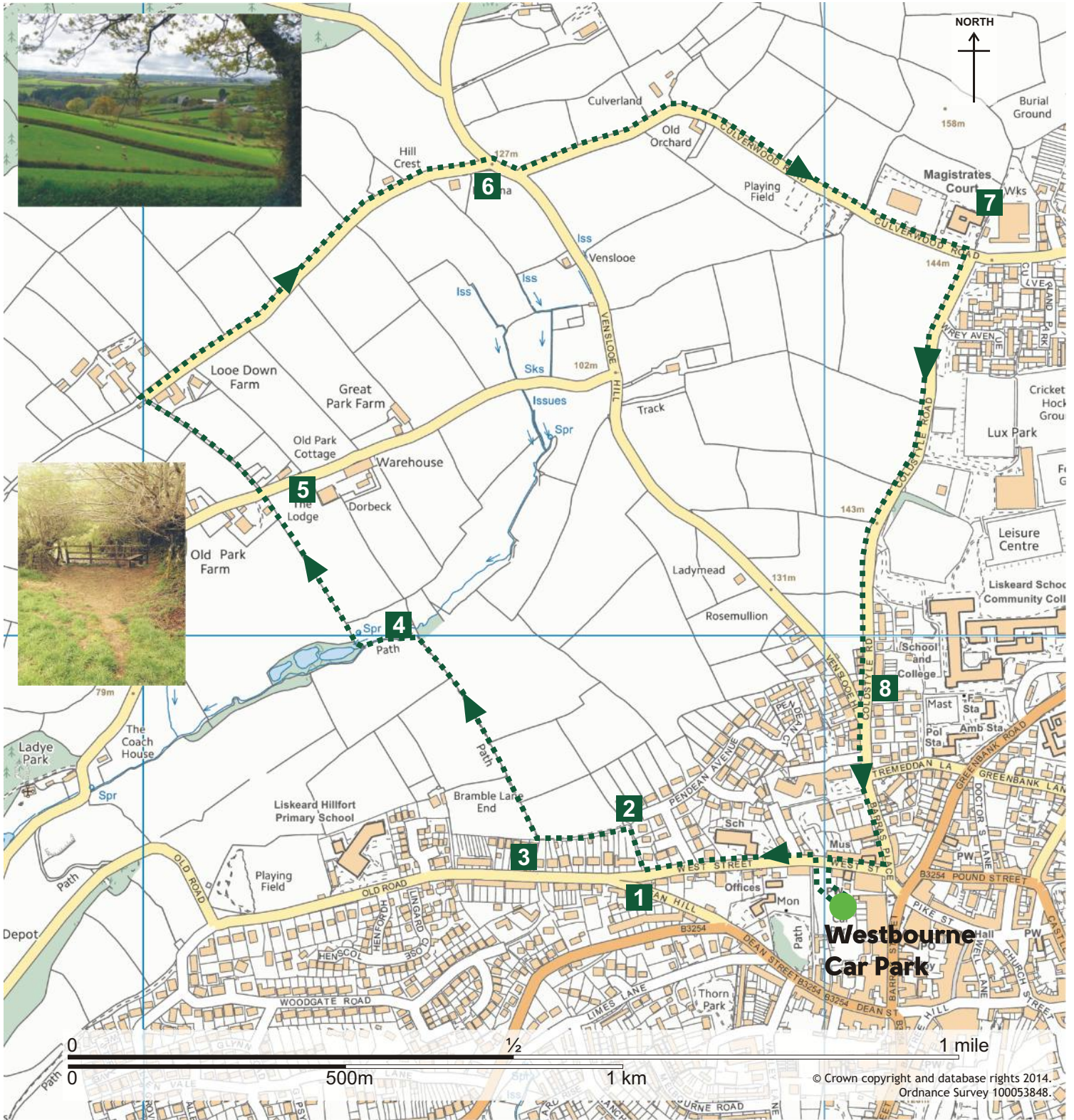
Although there are tempting paths to your left, these are privately owned and not for public use! So ...turn right and walk along the lane to the end **6**. Here turn right again, then immediately take the lane on your left. (There is a bench conveniently placed at this junction for any weary walkers!)

At the end of this lane you will arrive at the now empty courthouse and offices **7**. Turn right into Coldstyle Road and walk down this road, passing Lux Park Leisure Centre and Liskeard School and Community College on your left. Enjoy the views to your right, when on a clear day you will be able to spot the route you have taken. You will eventually reach Barras Cross **8**. Walk down until you see the Fountain in front of you, then turn right into West Street walking approx. 100 yards past the Town Council Offices. Cross the road and turn left back into Westbourne Car Park.

Ladye Park - "Hayl Marya! Luna a ras!"

A "Chapel of our Lady" stood here in medieval times, and seems to have attracted many pilgrims; but it was destroyed during the Reformation and little now remains. However, in 1955 a vision of the Virgin Mary led Dr Peggy Pollard - great granddaughter of William Gladstone - to start a campaign to restore the shrine to "Our Ladye of the Park", and subsequently regular pilgrimages have been revived.

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For more details of the route, use OS Explorer map 107, St. Austell and Liskeard

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