



*Please!*

## FOLLOW THE COUNTRY CODE

- Enjoy the countryside and respect its life and work
- Guard against all risk of fire
- Fasten all gates
- Keep your dogs under close control
- Keep to the public paths across farmland
- Use gates and stiles to cross fences, hedges and walls
- Leave livestock, crops and machinery alone
- Take your litter home
- Help to keep all water clean
- Protect wildlife, plants and trees
- Take special care on country roads
- Make no unnecessary noise

Please take care and wear footwear with a good grip

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*Church of St James the Less*



*Old Stack*



*The Dolphin Inn*

# WALKING IN

# Kingston

SOUTH HAMS · DEVON

## Parish Footpaths, Bridleways and Lanes

### Walk No. 1

2.1 miles (3.4 km)  
plus optional spur of  
1.5 mile (2.4 km)



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Walk No 1

# Kingston

2.1 or 3.4 miles (3.4 or 5.8 km)

This circular walk starts outside the church of St James the Less and the Dolphin Inn. It follows tarmac lanes through some of the outlying hamlets and returns through the historic centre of the Village.

Walk downhill 'through' the pub to the main street and turn right. Take the second right towards Blackpost Cross. You will pass the solitary pine tree, which has become Kingston's landmark and logo. From the high point before Blackpost there are extensive views towards Dartmoor and there is a glimpse of Flete House, a 'latter-day' castle restored in Victorian times by Norman Shaw, sitting in the Erme Valley.

*[An option here is to carry straight on down to the River Erme at Saltercrease - not a place for bathing but for quiet enjoyment of beautiful tranquillity. This is also a place for bird watchers. 1.5 miles there and back to Blackpost.]*

Turn right (east) and walk along a level lane to a T-junction. Turn left and follow the lane round to Lower Torr, a tiny hamlet of old cottages. Here, turn right and follow the lane to Great Torr and take the second left (signed to Kingston) to Four Cross. At Four Cross turn right again and follow the lane to Vicarage Farm.

*[There is a short-cut on a footpath across the field from Great Torr towards Vicarage Farm.]*

Go straight on down the hill past Morgan's Row cottages and Robins Farm. Turn right into the main 'street' and pass the fire station. This is the only 'volunteers-only' fire station in Devon. The last right turn leads back to the pub and church. For those who wish to visit the Dolphin before or after their walk, parking is available in the pub car park. There is limited parking by the church; otherwise you must park where you can in the Village - please do so with due attention to the needs of residents' access and working agricultural vehicles.

Kingston Local History Society has published an interesting leaflet, 'Kingston Guide', which gives information about many of the Village buildings you will pass on this walk. It is available from the History Society and from the Dolphin.

See separate leaflets for Walk 2 and Walks 3 to 6

