

# THE LIZ JONES SERIES OF COMMEMORATIVE WALKS



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## WALK No.12 - Barnes Surges near Sidbury

A gem of a walk off the beaten track. A combination of woodland and countryside with good views and oodles of wild flowers such as bluebells, primroses, violets and early purple orchids.

**LENGTH OF WALK** - 4.8 miles (Allow 2 ½ to 3 hours.)      **DIFFICULTY RATING** -

**DIRECTIONS FROM LYME REGIS** - From the top of Broad Street take the Sidmouth Road for 10.5 miles. Take right turn signed Honiton & Ottery St.Mary, follow this road for 2.3 miles to crossroads (no signposts) and turn left. Follow this narrow road for 0.8 miles, just past a cream house on right and park on verge on your right.

OS maps	Explorer 115, Landranger 192, 193
OS Grid reference	OS Grid Reference SY 161 936
Post Code	EX10 0QP
GPS Point	GPS 50.7344 - 3.1907



**LOCAL AMENITIES** - All amenities at Sidbury.

For details of all the walks go to [www.lymeregis.org/walking.aspx](http://www.lymeregis.org/walking.aspx)  
OR <https://www.whatsoninlyme.co.uk/U3A.htm> (walks)

Walk	Name	Difficulty	Length (Miles)	Description
1	Lyme Regis		5	Delightful walk including River Lym, Uplyme and great views from Ware Cliffs.
2	Charmouth		4.6	Country and village walk, featuring riverside, wildflower meadows and views.
3	Catherston Leweston		4.5	Country walk with sea and country views and walk along the River Char.
4	Rousdon		4.6	Country & village walk including the Peek Estate and the village of Combpyne.
5	Axmouth		5	Walk along the Axe Estuary, through Axmouth and with amazing sea views.
6	Battleford Hall		4.4	A varied country and village walk with good views and bluebells in season.
7	Lamberts Castle		6	Longish walk around Iron Age fort. Stunning views of countryside.
8	Eype & Eype Down		3.4	Varied scenic walk including coast and country views. Bluebells in season.
9	Membury		3.1	Country views and charming village of Membury and hamlet of Rock.
10	Bettiscombe		4	Country walk with outstanding views of Marshwood Vale to the sea.
11	Offwell		4.3	Country views, woodland and interesting buildings. Bluebells in season.
12	Barnes Surges		4.8	Countryside and woodland walk with good views and wild flowers.

The walk is easy; on the level and with few or no stiles.

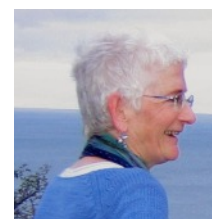
A little more difficult with more stiles and hills.

More demanding - there may be some steep hills and more stiles, but the walk should be easily achieved by anyone in reasonable health who is used to walking 4 or 5 miles.

**Unexpected snags?** If you come across any unexpected obstructions during your walk, please let us know- we would like to keep the instructions up to date. Please send your comments to: [walks@lru3a.org](mailto:walks@lru3a.org)

**Liz Jones** loved walking and sourced over seventy circular walks in the area. For several years she and her husband David led the U3A Walking Group and after she died in April 2013 members of this group decided to make some of her walks available to a wider audience as a tribute.

The Group would like to thank David Jones for his leadership and all his support for this project - rewalking each route and checking our efforts. Our thanks also go to Susie Gambie for creating the model for the walk maps, Sue Wilson for her layouts and technical expertise and Maurice Liddiard for coordinating the project



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Walk back to cream house and cross stile to left of house (footpath & East Devon Way signs). Follow track downhill, through gate, along duckboards and straight on past gate. Keep straight ahead to gate into field and turn left here for permissive path (see conservation walks notice on gate). Go up this steep field keeping to the left boundary to stile at top.

Cross stile and field diagonally right to wooden stile. Cross and go straight over road into brideway opposite. Follow track past a sharp left-hand bend (bridleway signs) and fork left (bridleway) and then immediately left through two gates on to footpath (marked), down grass stretch to gate and stile and down path into Buddle Wood.

Turn right at wood boundary (footpath marker) and along perimeter, keeping straight to footpath marker at the edge of the wood and follow this path to a stile (footpath marker). Cross stile and go down field to gate in left-hand corner. Go through gate and turn left into bridleway (marked) following track to left and into woods, through gates ahead. Cross field sharply up hill bearing slightly right to bridleway marker and turn right on to track.

Follow path for 10 to 15 minutes through several gates to edge of wood. Follow path straight ahead through field. Follow bridleway marker to track and left along it to wooden gate. Go through this and take track to left, through two gates and after second gate take right-hand fork (bridleway marker), down to concrete road (Lower Sweetcombe Farm) straight across road to gate on left (bridleway marker). Go through gate and follow track ahead round to left and through gate into conifer woodland. Keep to bridleway (marked) until you come to T junction.

Turn left here and after 35 yards turn right over footbridge and stile (bridleway marker) or through gate and follow path through another gate and straight on slightly uphill through gate

and turn right (bridleway marker). Follow path through gate on to stony track ahead with house on right. At end of track keep left. At top of drive you will meet a road and be facing the cream house again. Turn left for car.

