

THE LIZ JONES SERIES OF COMMEMORATIVE WALKS



WALK No.3 - Catherston Leweston

Country walk with good views roughly following the course of the River Char. Catherston Leweston is a small hamlet based around a manor house and a church. Charmouth is a thriving coastal village.

LENGTH OF WALK - 4.5 miles (Allow 2 ¼ hours. 3 hours if visiting Catherston Leweston.)

DIFFICULTY RATING -

DIRECTIONS FROM LYME REGIS - Bus to Charmouth or take the Charmouth road out of Lyme Regis and at the roundabout take the 4th exit, signed Charmouth. Drive through the village and immediately after the Manor Farm Holiday Centre on the left, turn left, signed Catherston Leweston. You will see a bridge over the A35. Park here for the start of the walk

OS maps	Explorer 116, Landranger 193
OS Grid reference	OS Grid Reference SY 370 939
Post Code	DT6 6LS
GPS Point	GPS 50.7414 - 2.8946



LOCAL AMENITIES - Pubs and shops in Charmouth.

For details of all the walks go to www.lymeregis.org/walking.aspx
OR <https://www.whatsonlyme.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.

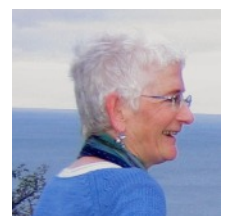
A little more difficult with more stiles and hills.

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

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



No. 3 Catherston Leweston

Walk up the country road ahead passing Catherston Leweston Manor, its church and some other houses. Continue up the road past stone pillars marking the entrance to the hamlet. Continue a few yards up the road and through a gate on the right into a field (footpath marker).

Cross the field to the left, to and over a stile to the left of the tallest tree in the hedge ahead, turn right and cross the next field slightly diagonally left to a gate and stile in hedge ahead (footpath marker). In next field keep to the left-hand hedge and over a stile in left-hand corner. Turn right and follow the right-hand hedge and through the gate in the right-hand corner. Continue slightly left over the field to the top of the hill for extensive views. Walk on to the left of the trees in right-hand hedge and continue slightly left on to a gate in the fence ahead with a telegraph pole behind it. Go through the gate and cross track straight ahead through gate opposite and cross field uphill, keeping to the right-hand hedge. Go through gate at top of hill in right-hand corner on to grassy track.

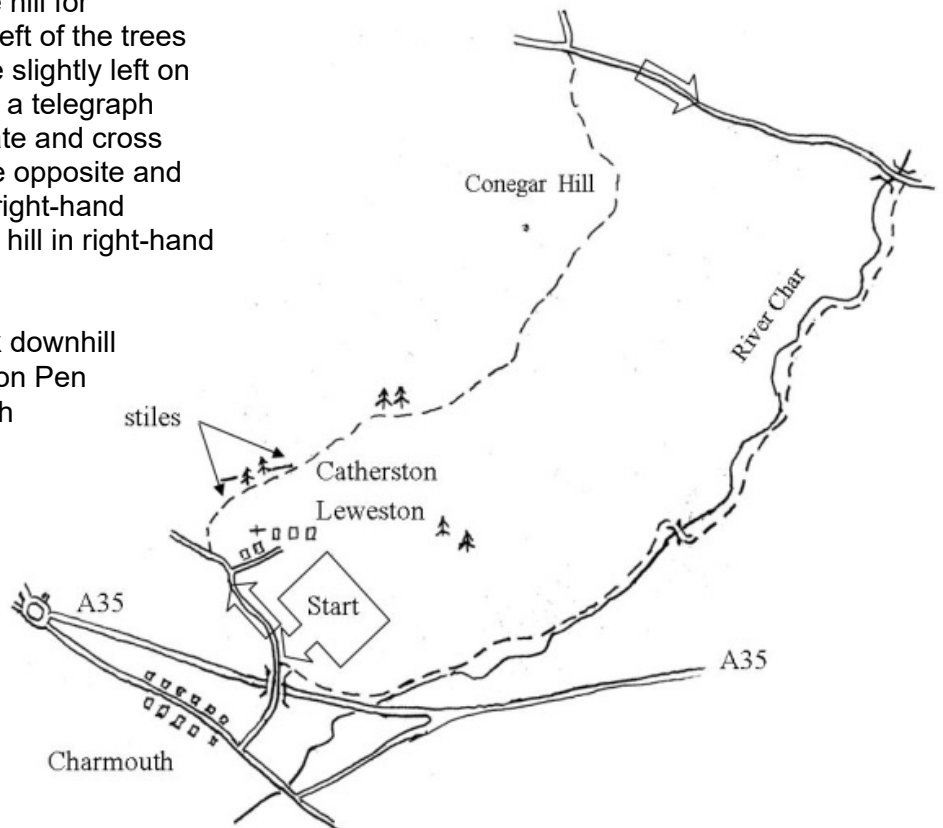
This is Conegar Hill. Follow track downhill with the Iron Age hill fort of Pilsdon Pen visible on the horizon. Go through gate at end of track (bridleway marker) and down the field ahead keeping to the right-hand hedge. Enter path near right-hand corner through gate and follow down to road.

Turn right and follow road downhill (signed Witchurch). At the bottom of the hill cross a white-painted bridge over the River Char.

Immediately after crossing the bridge, take footpath on right (signed Charmouth). Go through kissing gate and follow path through field and through gap in hedge ahead. Follow the path ahead through gate and follow path through another gate into a field. Go across this keeping to left-hand hedge through another gate into another field. Follow path along river to gate and footbridge over a stream into the next long field. Follow the path along this field and round to the right with River Char and trees to your right, over electric fence in far corner of field (plastic pipe makes it safe). Follow path through trees, across footbridge and up steps into a field.

Turn right and follow path along right-hand hedge, soon turning right down steps to river and through pedestrian gate into field. Follow path with river and trees on right and through gate with footbridge into a small field and follow path to right through another gate on to a track.

Turn right and follow track down to bridge. Cross bridge and through gate (footpath marker) into field. Go slightly left towards gate ahead but turn left before it and follow path keeping to left-hand side along River Char. At far left-hand corner of field go through gate and follow path to another gate and into field.



Keep to path along left-hand side of field through gate into another field. Follow right-hand hedge through gate into next field. Turn left, crossing field slightly to the left through gate into another field. Just past the first telegraph pole, turn left through gate on to path along river. Keep following path through two pedestrian gates across track (footpath marker) and along path with A35 on left. Follow the path to the Catherston Leweston road and turn left to car on bridge or down the road to Charmouth to catch the bus.