



Timberscombe

*“There is a road from Timberscombe,
Which up to Cutcombe goes,
And on its banks, with rich perfume,
Grows many a gay primrose.*

*But woe betide the farmer tight,
And woe betide his man,
Who drives that self same road by night,
With cart, or dray, or van.*

*For he is sure to meet a ghost,
Or, what is even worse,
Four headless horses driven past,
And harnesses to a hearse.”*

West Somerset Ballad

The Timberscombe Village Heritage Trail is a one hour, moderate circular walk covering one and a half miles through the varied and interesting heritage of Timberscombe, typical of an ancient village on Exmoor. The Trail describes in some detail points of interest and the rich history of our village as you walk along its route. From time to time the St Petrock's History Group will offer escorted walks around the Trail, but you can also walk the Trail unescorted by downloading a copy of this Trail leaflet and map (pdf) from www.timberscombevillage.com or picking up a free hard-copy of the Trail leaflet from Timberscombe Post Office or The Lion Inn. Parts of the Trail are not suitable for those with wheelchairs and pushchairs as there are a number of stiles and gates to be negotiated, but part of the Trail is accessible for both wheelchairs and pushchairs since it uses footpaths and bye-roads. Suitable footwear is advised and note it can be wet and muddy in parts. Please keep dogs under control, on leads across farmland and clean up after them.

Cowbridge Mill is a 10 minute walk from the centre of the village and involves a walk along the main road A396. Please take great care and BEWARE of traffic. There is limited parking in the area of Cowbridge Mill. For the oak tree (13) refer to a current OS map for detail. The Timberscombe Heritage Trail was developed by village volunteers led by Paul Sheldon, and funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund. Support was given by the NLHF in 2019 to repair and restore the ancient slated roof of St Petrock's Church and to support heritage enrichment activities for our village. Any voluntary contributions made for this leaflet will support a community benefit in St Petrock's which is open from dawn to dusk every day of the year.

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