

WHAT TO LOOK OUT FOR IN THE VILLAGE!

A CROCKWELLS OAK TREES –

Pair of oaks estimated to date from the time of Waterloo in 1815. Battered but majestic. Mature oaks can support over 2000 different species and live for 900 years.



Oak

G WILDFLOWER VERGE AT VILLAGE ENTRANCE – near the motorway bridge, a riot of spring primroses followed by ox eye daisies and dotted with marsh orchids. Good spot for the marbled white butterfly?



Marbled White Butterfly



H THE EXMINSTER ROOKERY

– On the high bank of trees along Sannerville Way a colony of rooks regularly nest and there can be upwards of 60 nests high in the tree canopy.



Rook

C THE SPURFIELD CHESTNUTS

– Two ancient sweet chestnut trees with spectacular trunks and canopies.

D THE VILLAGE ORCHARD –

Mix of around 30 fruit trees – apple, pear, plum, cherry, quince and olive. Boundary hedges, wildflower borders, a mini pond, woodpile and composting provide a host of wildlife habitats.



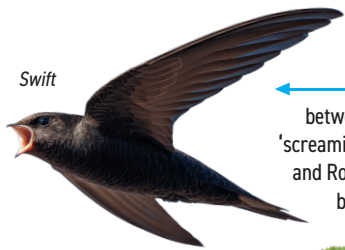
I CHURCHYARD WALNUTS AND BIRD CHERRY

– a pair of mature walnut trees that tend to be heavily loaded on alternate years, alongside the wonderful bird cherry (by the tower) which is a mass of blossom in April.



Hairy-footed flower bee

Swift



E THE DEVINGTON SWIFTS –

between May and July you can often see a 'screaming party' of swifts circling Devington and Rougemont Court as they feed and nest before the long journey back to Africa.

Lime (Tilia)



F THE DEVINGTON LIME AVENUE

– planted in the early 19th century, these trees provide a wonderful green corridor – great site to see twirling pipistrelle bats and home to the Lime Hawk Moth. Spot the tawny owl box in the Luccombe oak at the Devington end.



Pipistrelle bat

J ST MARTINS BEE WALL –

The cob wall, on the approach to the church, is home to a large number of mining hairy-footed flower bees with a range of other insects including Cuckoo bees, wasps and spiders.



GREEN SPACES OF EXMINSTER

Walking Trail

EXPLORE SOME OF THE MANAGED AND NATURAL COMMUNITY GREEN SPACES ALONG WITH THE SIGHTS AND SOUNDS AROUND THE VILLAGE OF EXMINSTER



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Walking Trail

START - DRYFIELD CAR PARK:

Head down Dryfield, past the twin copper and green beech trees. Turn left into Crockwells Road and take the footpath on the right leading into Gissons Park.

1 Turn right into **CROCKWELLS MEADOW**. Follow either footpath around the edge of the meadow to the footbridge over Berry Brook.

2 Cross the bridge and turn right along the footpath entering the **WILDERNESS** through the gate. This path extends into the wildlife area but note it is a dead end.

3 A metal gate gives access to Jupes Close. Proceed up to the main road, turn right and carry on turning left into Days-Pottles Lane. After about 200 yards take the footpath beside Hillside Thatch, up the steps into **DEEPWAY GREEN**.

4 Head towards the Deepway Centre, turn right into Deepway Lane and left into Townfield. Follow road to the end to **THE VILLAGE ORCHARD**.

5 Continue down to the Main Road, past the garage and go left up Reddaway Drive, passing the **BOWLING GREEN** area towards Devington Park.

6 Continue down **LIME TREE AVENUE** to the gate lodges. Cross the main road into Milbury Farm Meadow and then onto the central path between the houses to the green space of Milbury Park.

7 Detour around **MILBURY HILL** for views across the Exe estuary and village. Just after the playground take the path into Milbury Close. Turn left into Milbury Lane and right into Gissons.

8 In Gissons follow the road round to the right and take the footpath on the right towards St Martin's Church. Proceed through **ST MARTIN'S CHURCHYARD** and head back to the finish at the Victory Hall.

FINISH - VICTORY HALL: Back to the start and pop into Coffee On The Corner or Teign Bean for a cuppa.

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The route featured takes about an hour and a half to complete. It involves some narrow access points and steps. Use pavements wherever possible.

STAY SAFE!

