WALK B *Allow 2 hours, steep up/down hill – mixed woodland, plantations and views.*

Begin at St Giles church as above. 1 Then turn downhill and over Stoney Bridge with *hawthorns* on your left. 9 Continue straight up hill and turn right. Just past the Barn House pick up East Devon Way on left. 10 This is rich grazing land, so **dogs** on lead please.
Enter the mixed woodland over the stile 11 and begin steep climb on flinty track. There are fine views west to East Hill strips with conifer plantations and broadleaf woodland.

Mature *oak, birch* and *holly* give way to a plantation of *Douglas fir*. As with all conifer plantations there is little understorey. At the top after a Devon bank, turn right as signed and follow path round a *larch* plantation where some broadleaf regeneration is evident. At sign post the East Devon Way turns left 12 - our route turns right and follows a wide track into woodland. 13 Originally planted as a hedge on top of a Devon bank the mature *beech* trees lean over the path. This area includes several small private woodlands with evidence of occasional new planting and some deer fencing.

Our route descends as a bridleway to the right, on a steep well-worn path with old *Douglas fir* on left. A large *hazel* bush by the gate marks fine views across Sid valley. 14

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The magnificent Cork Oak at Sidbury

Descend over the fields to a gate with sound of trickling stream. Continue on the road 15 down hill keeping the hedgerow *oaks* on your left. At the junction – note **The Ring** walking route sign 16 keep right for the road back towards Sidbury past a big house with trees planted as wind break perhaps.

Take the left fork onto Deepway 17 with the main Cemetery entrance on your right - it has some interesting conifers such as *plum yew* and an ancient *cherry* tree. Continue downhill and over the river bridge. Take time to enjoy the Millennium Green 8 bordering the river and planted with native trees and shrubs.

The Ring is a 13 mile well signed circular walk from Sidmouth around the Sid valley.

The East Devon Way is a 40 mile route between Exmouth and Lyme Regis.

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Sidbury Tree Trails

Sidmouth Arboretum is unique in that the whole Sid Valley is designated as a civic arboretum. Sidbury lies within the Sid Valley and within the East Devon Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. This map shows a network of footpaths to explore. In particular the yellow and red lines offer two circular walks. There is no pavement on the busy main road, please **take care**. Parking is available behind the Parish Room.

Walk A *Allow 1 hour, gentle up/down hill with views across the valley.*

St Giles Church has three different *yews*: English, Irish and Japanese. 1 Across the road at Court House is a fine *cork oak*. 2 In warmer climes the cork bark is removed from mature trees once a decade without harming the tree. Turn right signed to White Cross which takes you west uphill along the East Devon Way. 3

Note two mature oaks on the right, an evergreen *holm oak* and a *red oak*. Along the field boundaries are notable *English oaks*, and views to your right across the Manor Estate, a 2,250 acre traditional agricultural estate, with its fine parkland trees. 4

At the road turn left, past Lavender Cottage with a veteran *ash*, which are under threat from the ash dieback fungus so we are likely to lose these magnificent trees. 5 At the junction turn downhill on Green Head, then turn right along a lane. Follow the Permissive Path, and note the relics of *Scots pine* on field boundaries. 6 There is a fine outlook east over the valley. The path becomes narrow and wet at times, but ends with a gate onto Ebdon Lane. Turn left down to the busy main road. **Take care - no pavement**. 7 Cross over and turn back towards the village. There is a footpath leading down past the Mill, along the leat to the Millenium Green. 8 The pond is a delight, surrounded by native trees and shrubs including *viburnam*, *willows*, and a memorial *red oak*. The gate leads to Stoney Bridge, on the far side are several different *hawthorns* flowering in May. 9