Sidmouth ARBORETUM

Tree Trail in Sidmouth Town

Starting from **The Triangle**, turn east towards the Church, passing Kennaway House on your left with fine Chestnut trees 1. Just off the path behind the Church are a variety of Yews 2, together with a scented Myrtle 3 which is evidence of our microclimate.

Continue through **Blackmore Gardens** to the Olive tree 4 then right past the health centre to the rare Weeping Elm 5 outside the Library. Then cross the High Street, down Holmdale and find the Cherries 6 in Mill Street, near the Swan Inn. From there it is a short walk north, passing the Cedar 7 by the ford and enter **The Byes** by the Toll House bridge.

The Byes is a series of meadows which follow the River Sid north. Near the first weir is a magnificent Sweet Chestnut 8, then look over towards the Hunters Moon Hotel to several fine trees including mature Holm Oaks 9.

Continue past the impressive Weeping Plane 10 by the National Trust meadow, cross over the last bridge and turn right. Beware the cycle track! Look out for a walkway on your left - Lymebourne Lane - with a large evergreen oak growing in the wall. 11 (a small diversion takes you to **Margaret's Meadow** and the Sid Vale Association's Golden Copse).

On reaching the main road, turn left and go past Potburys. Then turn right just before the Spar through the cemetery gates. Continue to the middle of the cemetery, to admire the views, then walk uphill towards the far corner where you will find a path leading into **The Knapp** woodland. 12 Take the left path which leads into an orchard 13 and on to a lovely hilltop meadow. Then continue downhill past listed Limes 14 to the road. Turn right and cross Station Road to **The Knowle**, a former fine estate (currently District Council offices) with parkland trees including Ginkgo, Maples, Tulip Tree and ancient Monterey Pine. 15

From Knowle Drive continue towards the sea, and turn right just past Woodlands Hotel, then first left into Seafield Road. Take the unnamed first access on the right and find the path running beside the stone wall, this leads you into **Glen Goyle** 16 - a little known shady streamside walk.

Turn right along Manor Road, which has some fine Magnolias and Azaleas 17, and continue to the first rate **Connaught Gardens** 18 by Jacob's Ladder. From here a short walk back, past hotel gardens brings you to the Esplanade and The Triangle.

Beech in bluebell woods

Devon Gardens Trust at The Knowle

For a longer walk

We have 56 miles of well marked pathways, so you can extend your walk as long as you wish! And take in surrounding villages as well.

A **Turn west to the Bickwell Valley** For a circular walk to **Muttersmoor** and **Peak Hill**.

B **Walk east on the South West Coast Path up Salcombe Hill** (or take the seasonal Hopper bus). From here visit Salcombe Regis - for its spreading Cherry tree in the church yard and the story of the Hawthorn at the road junction. Walk on to the **Donkey Sanctuary**.

C **Continue up the Byes footpaths to Sidford**, for bus links to **Sidbury**. *(Look out for the Sidbury Tree Trail leaflet).*

The Cork Oak at Sidbury

The Salcombe Regis Cherry in April