

**Wednesday 20th May 2015, A Circular Walk to Woodbury
Salterton with Carole Steen**

"A Wander from Woodbury"

With a first time leader, Carole Steen, nine of us left the free car park in Woodbury, a first time starting place. Past the old parsonage house we took to the fields, with early sowings of maize, to a minor road with glimpses of Greendale Industrial Estate through the field gates. The tracks continued past isolated country houses; we were able to ignore their manicured grounds, but instead celebrate the plant and tree life around us.

Skirting Woodbury Park - cars many, golfers few, and ground staff riding their buggies - we left it all behind onto a short stretch of the East Devon Way, the only damp patch but with glimpses of a small, young deer, enjoyed by those not trying to identify distant Dartmoor Tors! Rushmoor Wood enticed us and we were charmed by an early blue butterfly beside some blue speedwell. The perfect weather persuaded us to retrace our steps across the fields to appreciate the less distant views of the coast and river Exe.

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