

Pinhoe Church



This is a walk that starts off feeling quite urban and quickly becomes Devon countryside.

3 MILES | CIRCULAR

Line East Devon Line

Start/End Pinhoe station

Overview

St Michael and all Angels Church, Pinhoe, is set above the town with a 17th-century, thatched lychgate and a clear view of Exeter and the Exe estuary.

In 1001, Pinhoe village was raided and burnt to the ground by a band of Vikings. The story goes that the vicar of Pinhoe church rode to Exeter by donkey for more arrows to help the defenders, and was rewarded for his bravery with an annual payment of 16 shillings.

The attractive church is constructed largely of Heavitree stone in the Perpendicular style. Legend has it that the church tower at Pinhoe was a useful landmark for medieval mariners out to sea, because it catches the evening sun.

The tower has six bells and the roof of the nave is a Devon wagon roof, supported by angels carved from oak.



Directions

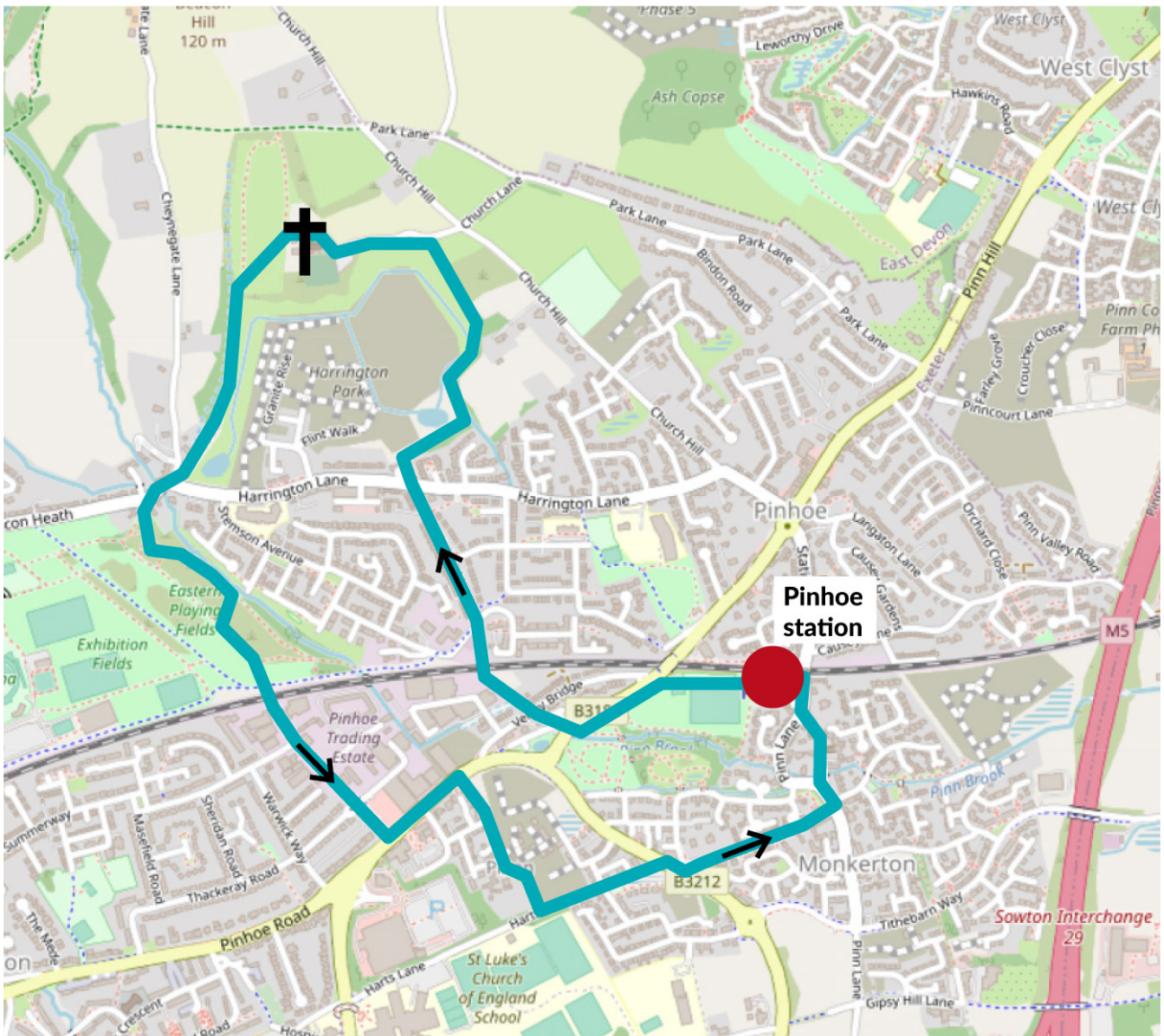
From the station, cross over the railway and walk through the car park, for Pinhoe & Broadclyst Medical Centre to Station Road Park. Follow the footpath through the park with the railway on the right. Past children's play area – follow the path until you meet a main road (B3181).

Cross the road and turn right, then first left past Pinbridge Mews. At the stream, turn right onto footpath. Reaching road, cross over into Chancell Lane and cross over railway. At the top of Chancell Lane at a T-junction, cross road onto a footpath. Follow this ascending path with open area to the left. At path junction turn left and follow path (photo top right) to church car park.

Go into the churchyard. Behind the church go through a gate into a lane (photo bottom right) and turn left. At gate go through onto footpath and turn left into a field, follow descending path. At stony track keep left and continue downhill to reach road. Go straight ahead along road, and after crossing stream turn left onto footpath. Keep ahead to open grassy field, turn left. As field opens up, continue straight ahead onto a bridge over the railway and follow the road after the bridge (Exhibition Way). This will take you through a trading estate to main road.

Cross the main road and turn left, just past a pub called The Pinhoe Hoard, turn right down Pilton Lane. Follow lane to a T-junction and turn left. At main road turn right, cross over at the crossing to find lane on left. Keep straight ahead downhill on lane to main road and turn left. After a few yards, turn right onto Old Pinn Lane, then right to the station.





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