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From Little Dewchurch Village Hall car park turn right to crossroads then right again, walking uphill passing The Plough Inn on your left. At the top of the hill take 2nd footpath on left just before the Carey turn.

Follow footpath 1/2 right across field to stile left of cottage. Go over stile then a 2nd stile opposite and walk straight on parallel to hedge on the right. After 300m, at field corner walk 1/2 left across field to stile in hedge between large Oak trees. Go over and bear left across field to second stile. Cross and walk straight on to tarmac road.

Turn right then after 30m left over stile. Walk 1/2 left to the obvious head of a small stream. Beyond this bear right, then, keeping hedgerow on left reach and cross stile. At the red brick farmhouse on left reach next stile. Cross and walk 1/2 right across open field to stile in corner. Cross and follow hedgerow on right, crossing 3 stiles then short steep descent, through gate into a side garden before reaching a tarmac lane at Lower Witherstone.

Walk right, crossing stream and follow road for 200m, ignoring 1st footpath sign on left. Turn left up hardcore track marked 'Mountboon Farm'. Go through 2 gates and, keeping barn conversion on right continue uphill. Walk up indistinct lane to metal gate, pass through and, keeping hedge on left, reach gate on left after 200m. Follow footpath to tarmac road. A detour will take you to Cottage of Content Inn in Carey.

To visit pub, turn right downhill. After 150m turn right over stile, walking down fenced path to stile. Cross and walk straight for 50m, then turn 1/2 right walking downhill to field bottom. Go through obvious opening in a line of trees, then left down a path, keeping stream on the right. Cross 2 stiles to reach pub on left. After refreshment retrace your steps.

If missing out detour walk left uphill for 50m turning right through double gates. Walk 3/4 left across field reaching hidden stile in a gully. Cross and walk up track. At top of rise walk straight down obvious track keeping hedge on left and orchard on right. Keep straight through gate into next field keeping hedge on left. Reach gate, walk straight into next field keeping hedge on left. Reach gate walking straight into next field with hedge now on right. Go through gate in corner then left into paddock walking straight to gate keeping hedge on left reaching hardcore lane.

Turn left then bear right into field. Follow obvious track keeping hedge close on the left. After approx. 600m go right through double gates then bear left through gate into field towards large solar panels. Walk across field to gate left of solar panels. Go through then right to second gate passing through yard to tarmac road. Turn right and follow road dropping gradually, looking out for Bolstone Church in the distance. Pass 'Withybeds' on right and in 150m turn left through double gates (no stile or way markers at time of writing). Walk 1/2 right across open field to a stile left of stone cottages.

Cross stile and wooden bridge turning left down tarmac lane, crossing stream, quickly climbing double stile on right. Bear 1/2 left across field to stile in top left corner entering wood and following meandering footpath to a stile. Walk straight on through scrubland to exit stile. Cross and walk straight across field, cross stile then left crossing 2nd stile. Walk across middle of field to stile crossing into 'Ballis Wood' and follow obvious path through wood exiting through metal gate.

Walk straight on through 2 fields keeping hedge on left reaching a hardcore lane. Bear left reaching a tarmac road, turning right and entering Little Dewchurch. Either garner refreshments at The Plough Inn or return to the start.