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Leaving the Church car park turn right then sharply left following the road out of the village. After 400m turn left over stile and descend steeply to track. Go left then right over stile before reaching stream.

Keeping stream on the left walk straight on to stile, cross and walk straight on dropping down at the last minute to track and cross obvious bridge over stream.

Across stream keep treeline close on your right for approx. 400m then bear left towards electricity poles to gate near corner of field. Through gate turn right keeping above treeline to gate near corner of field.

Go through following track behind house to tarmac road. Turn left and continue up road for approx. 500m passing 'Prothither Farm' on the right and continuing downhill, turn left through metal gate onto bridleway (ignoring earlier footpath).

Walk uphill, emerging from sunken bridleway and follow path keeping wire fence on left. Go through gate and walk up path (partially blocked at time of writing) using field on left if need be.

On reaching tarmac road turn left towards Little Dewchurch for a short distance and when the road bends left, bear right taking lane just past farm buildings. Lane can be overgrown so may have to use field on left keeping lane close by on right. Walk up lane/field until reaching 2nd gate. Go through and follow lane until reaching tarmac road.

Go straight across and continue downhill to 'Lower Knapp Green'. At the bottom of the hill pass stone cottage on the left then turn left onto footpath between farm buildings. Cross small field to stile, cross and bear left to 2nd stile at far end of the field. Cross and walk 1/2 left to hedge line.

On reaching hedge turn right, walking under electricity lines to stile in corner. Cross onto lane then turn right to field entrance. Walk straight ahead keeping hedge on right descending into hollow.

At the bottom walk 1/2 left to obvious stile in opposite hedge. Cross stile and bear left following indistinct path.

On reaching 2nd path turn left to exit wood through metal gate. Walk straight on through 2 fields reaching a hardcore track.

Bear left reaching tarmac road then turn right and enter Little Dewchurch. Garner refreshments at The Plough Inn or proceed to the crossroads.

At the crossroads turn left walking past the Village Hall and School then uphill through village before descending to start at St David's Church car park.