# Sidmouth Saunter Challenge Variant

# Youth Hostel weekend away 7 – Day 1

## Date: 1st March 1997

## Distance/Ascent: 26.7 miles, 6865 feet

## Leader: Nick Kaye

## Route Description:

* Start at hamlet of Weston (SY 166 890).
* Weston, north-west on minor road to cross A3052 at (SY 160 896), Paccombe Hill
* West to Knowle House and Boswell to join A3052 at (SY 138 899)
* Across River Sid on A3052 then north and north-west on lane through Sidford to cross A375 at (SY 134 902)
* Lane then path north-west past Brook Farm to Burscombe Farm
* Minor road then path south-west to join 2nd minor road at (SY 117 907)
* North-west up lane then path west to summit of Beacon Hill
* Descend south-westwards into Harpford Wood, then path west to descend beside stream to Harpford Church
* Footbridge across River Otter, path south beside River Otter into Newton Poppleford
* Southwards on path down right (west) bank of River Otter past Otterton to eventually join minor road at (SY 074 830)
* Minor Road east across River Otter then path south down left (east) bank of River Otter to mouth of River Otter
* North-north-east along Coast Path via Ladram Bay to Sidmouth
* Coast Path eastwards from Sidmouth all the way to Branscombe Mouth and on around Beer Head to reach Beer Village
* North-west up roads to finish at Beer Youth Hostel at (SY 223 896).

## Participants: Nick Kaye, Mike Dixon, Molly Dixon, Gerry Jackson, Jill Wilkins, Mac Wilkins, Dave Williams, Mike James, Hannah Brown, Charles Rule, Dan Hadfield, Tim Gronow, John Short, Brian Williams, Doug Aspinall, Chris Coy, Gwyn Matthews, Bob Smith, Carol Elcock, Mike Buckley