



WIDECOMBE EXPLORER TRAIL

Get exploring and find some of the secret things that make Widecombe so special.

Grab your wax crayon and use the map and clues below to track down seven rubbing posts hidden around the village. The posts can be found in the places marked **A** to **G**

A - Follow the road towards Natsworthy. Cross over the stream into the children's play area. This post is against the hedge. Dartmoor ponies can be found across the moor. They live out on the moor but are not wild. Farmers bring them in during the annual 'drift' in September to check them and take some to market.

B - On the village green by the phone box.

Look out to the rugged rocks in the distance to spot Bonehill Rocks. The granite here has been around for over 300 million years, slowly crumbling away to create these tall towers.

C - On the village green, against the church wall.

The original village sign was taken down during the Second World War so that invading enemies would not know where they were. This sign was designed by Lady Sayer who was a passionate champion for Dartmoor.

D - On the village green by the kissing gate.

St Pancras church is known as the cathedral in the moor because it is so big. The huge tower was built with the wealth that came from local tin mining.

E - In the church yard to the left of the lychgate.

If you go into the church look up at the ceiling and see if you can spot the three hares. They are often seen in connection with tin mining.

F - Follow the road out of the village in the direction of Ponsworthy. Look against a wall on your right.

This is the Saxon Well which was one of the original sources of water for the village. Imagine having to carry your water from here every day.

G - Nearby in the Memorial Garden which is the site of an old piggery. Widecombe is popular for its fair held every year on the first Tuesday of September. It was made famous in the song 'Uncle Tom Cobley an' All' about a famer riding to the fair on his old grey mare.

Moor than meets the eye

