



#### **Walk No.4**

Creech St Michael - Ruishton - Henlade - Ham - Creech St Michael

A moderate 5mile/8km walk

From the car park turn left onto towpath & walk as far as the road bridge. Take a left turn and continue around the corner passing over the bridge that takes you over the River Tone. Just after the bridge a footpath signpost will be found on the right - take this path and follow the river until reaching the village of Ruishton. (This will take you past the remains of the Old Chard Canal that opened in 1842. It closed in 1868 making it one of the country's shortest-lived canals). On reaching Ruishton turn right at the bottom into Cheats Road. Follow the road, past the Ruishton Pub, into Bushy Cross Lane. Walk along here until reaching a footpath signpost on the right (next to Rose Cottage). Walk into field & bear left. Follow footpath signs over fields to the A358 and Ruishton Court. Walk up the drive of Ruishton Court to a footpath signpost on right - this takes you down through fields to a small stream. Cross over the stream using the footbridge (behind a large conker tree). Turn left following the footpath signposts through several fields (Stoke Hill can be seen to your right) all the way to Henlade corner. Turn left along the road, past the drive of Mount Somerset (on your right), until reaching a gate and footpath signpost on the left. Follow the track diagonally across the fields, crossing the A358 to Thornwater Farm, and then through more fields -they will bring you out on Ham Road. Turn left here and follow the road back into Creech St. Michael. On reaching the main road to Creech take a right turn over the bridge towards Vicarage Lane that returns you to the Canalside car park.