

### **Walk 3 - Quarry Street, Longfield and Coldgear Plantation**

At the bottom of the station approach, turn left up the hill. Cross the railway bridge and immediately turn left along Quarry Street, so called because it led to the quarry in Coldgear Plantation which you will see later. Quarry Street becomes a footpath which emerges onto the B3249. Turn immediately right up a footpath. At the top of the field is an area known as The Beacon which was last used as part of the nationwide chain of bonfires lit to celebrate the Queens Golden Jubilee. This area is also thought to be the site of an Iron Age hill fort. Emerging into Longfield you may be glad to take advantage of the thoughtfully placed granite seat commemorating Mr and Mrs Tamblyn who used to farm these fields.

Continue down the steep hill until, just before the railway bridge, turn left and through the gate, passing two cottages on your left. Follow the track through the field until you reach the woods. The lease on these woods was purchased from Port Eliot Estate by the Forestry Commission in the 60's and was clear felled and replanted with Japanese Larch. Dave and Lizzy bought the lease in the 90's. The trees here now are the result of re-growth of the felled Sweet Chestnut, Sycamore and Ash and self sown trees. The Japanese Larch has all been felled to favour the native hardwood trees. If you are staying in the Old Luggage Van, most of the wood framing used in the conversion is larch from here. It has a lovely warm orange hue.



Follow the track around to the left and then towards the end of the woods, down to the right and right again when you hit the bottom track. Continue with the railway on your left until you see the quarry of Quarry Street fame on your right. Much local building stone came from here and in later years it appears to have been used for dumping in the righthand end.

Return to the track and exit the woods. Follow the track across the bottom of the field and out onto the lane. Please ensure both the gate to the woods and the field are secured shut. Turn down the hill and back to the station.