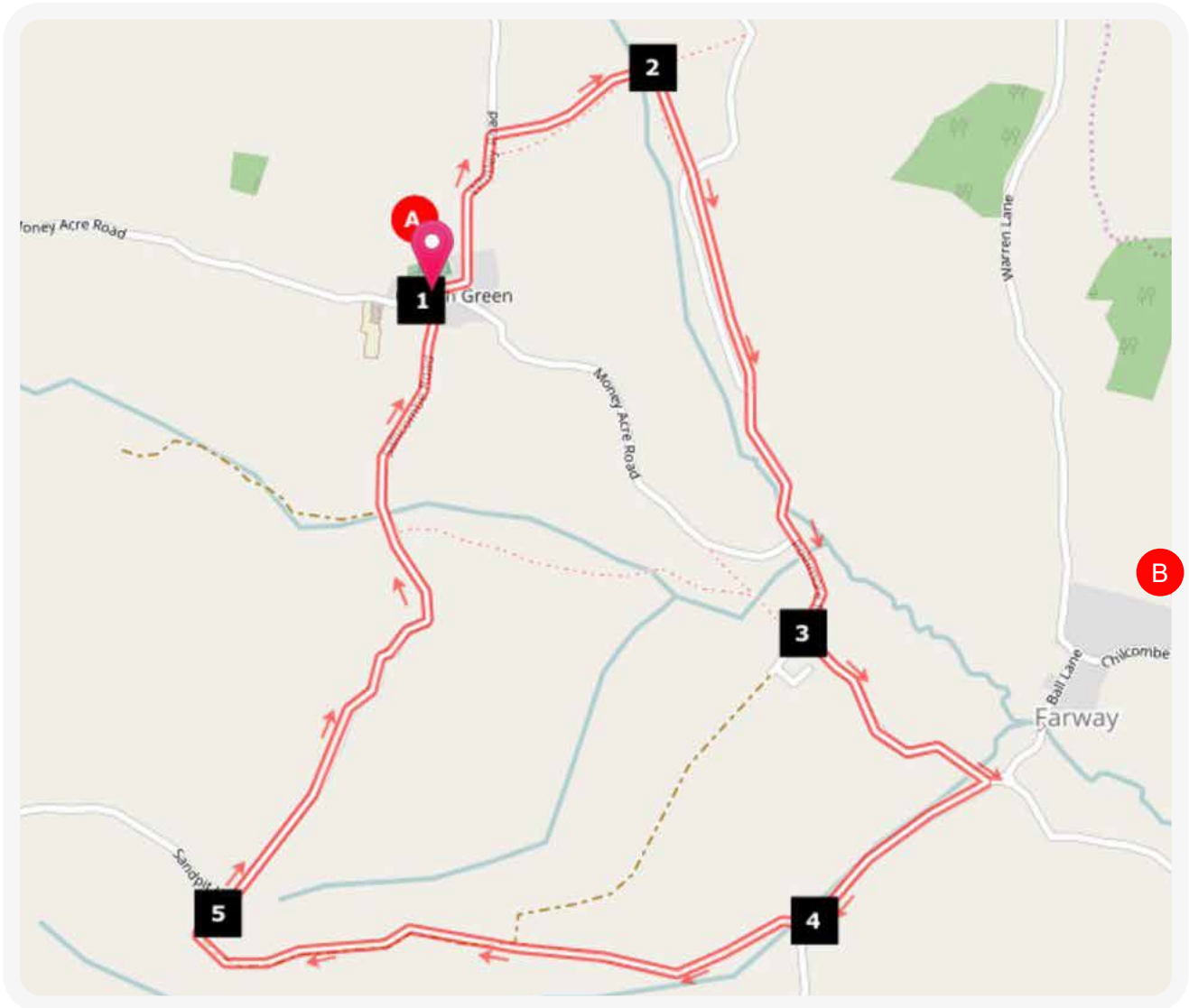


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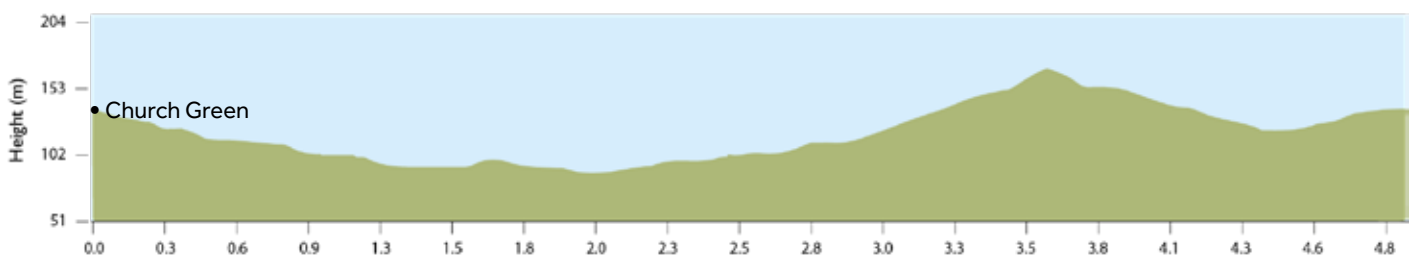
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Start location: Church Green / SY173964.

Route Summary: A short walk in the Coly Valley through picturesque Devon farmland and the village of Farway with its thatched cottages.

Description

[1] From the car park outside the church turn left and head north. Look for a footpath sign on your right, partially hidden by the hedge, after approximately 0.3 miles. Follow the footpath down the field heading for a footbridge.

St. Michael and All Angels Church.

The small parish church has a tower and the north aisle arcade is 13th century, incorporating Norman piers. Its features include the Elizabethan communion table, and two monuments. The bust to Humphrey Hutchins commemorates his rebuilding of part of the church in 1628.

[2] Cross the stream and turn immediately right, follow the footpath with the stream on your right until you cross a small footbridge onto a quiet road.

Follow this road past Netherton Lodge and a turning on the right until the road turns left. The East Devon Way joins the route at this point.

[3] Follow the quiet road into Farway Village.

At the road junction turn right past the petrol pumps.

Netherton Hall is just to the north of the cross roads and was the mansion of the Prideaux family who were lords of the manor of Netherton. It was built in 1607 during the life of the first Sir Edmund who was made a baronet in 1622, though the part to the east is perhaps earlier in date. By the end of the 18th century it was quite ruinous but was restored in 1836-44. At this time the south wing which included the chapel was pulled down leaving the west and north wings. The Hall is a private residence.

[4] Look for a footpath sign on your right just before Farway Hill.

Follow the track through the gate, signed Lambrook Farm, with a stream on your left. Pass the farmhouse on the right and turn right along the concrete roadway.

Go through the field gate and keep to the right hand field boundary. Go through the second metal gate and head up the field to the gate onto the track leading to Devenish Pitt Farm.

The track up to Devenish Pitt Farm is rutted and very muddy in winter.

[5] On reaching the road turn right and head back to Church Green

Devenish Pitt Farm is a large well known riding centre. Take time to look at the views from the road.

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