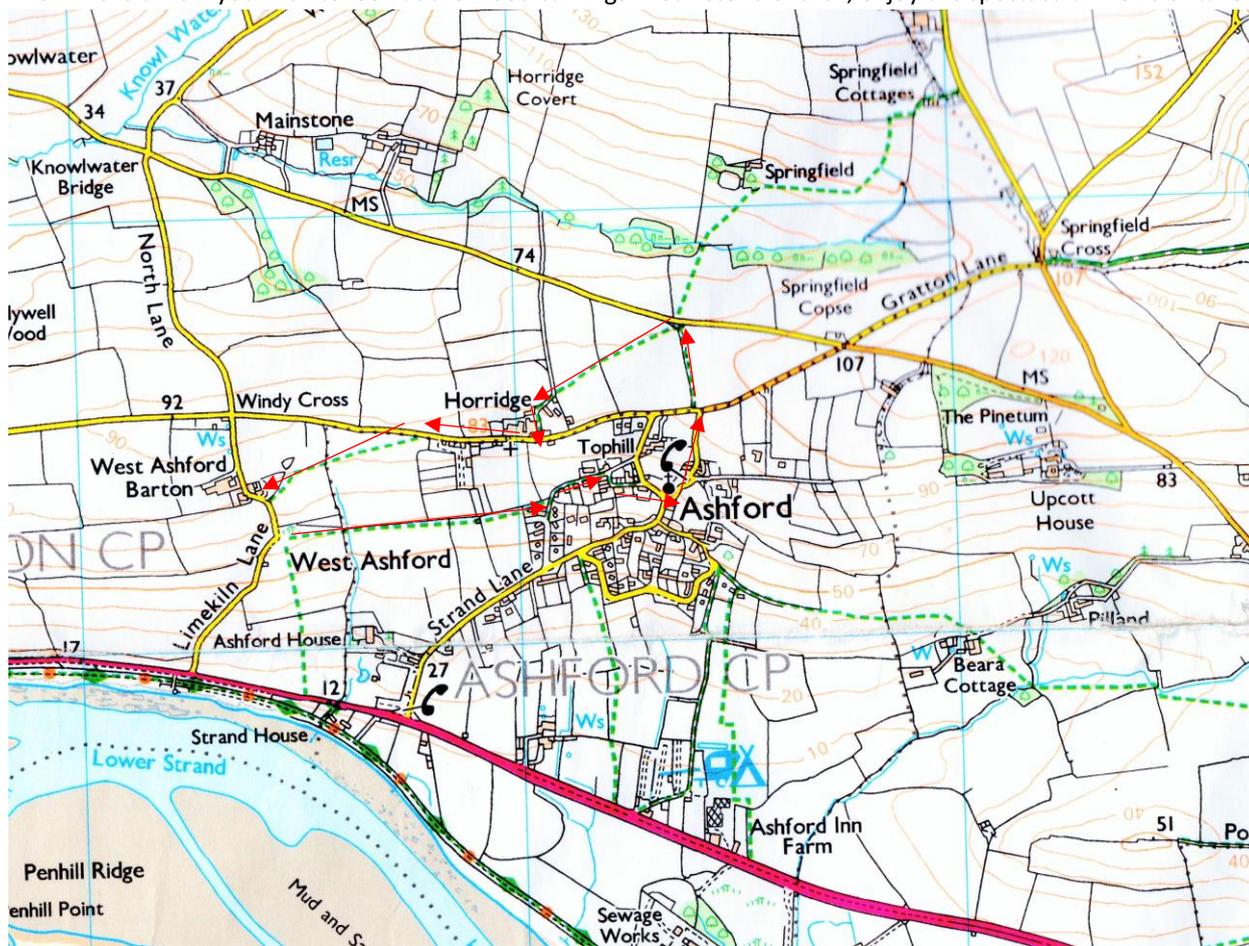


## **ASHFORD WALK 1:** Degree of difficulty: EASY Time: Allow minimum of 45 minutes

A short 45 minute stroll with outstanding views – best done in the evening when the sunsets are quite spectacular!  
Allow more time if you wish to look at the wood carvings in St Peter's Church, enjoy the spectacular views or take photographs.



**START:** St Peter's Church yard:

Walk up through the grave yard behind the church building to the gate by the old Telephone Kiosk (now the village library).

In front of you is the quaint little Parish Hall.

Carry on up Adder Lane (take care as quite narrow and shared with traffic) to the road on top of the ridge.

Cross the road and over the stile opposite and walk northwards keeping the hedgerow on your left. *Splendid views emerge of the Springfield valley to the north.*

On reaching the road immediately turn sharp left and back through two fields using Horridge farm building as your guide.

Go down between the main farmhouse and outbuildings – turn right onto the quite busy Ashford – Heanton Punchard road and walk past a series of dwellings on your left hand side (including an interesting old chapel – now a dwelling) before bearing left through a gate after approximately 300 metres.

*Here the views south and west are wonderful.* Walk diagonally across two fields using the house in the distance as your guide before reaching the road and turning left. After a very short downhill slope on the road turn left and following the footpath back towards the village. Here there are *excellent views towards Barnstaple and across the Taw estuary to Fremington.*

After 500 metres cross the stile behind the first house and follow the enclosed path to the gate and onto a metalled footpath. Turn left and after about 150 metres take the slightly concealed path on the right (behind a low wall) which brings you back to the old post office and below this the western entrance to the church grounds.