

# Things to look out for on your walk

**LINMERE**  
A place to put down roots



## Wildflowers

There's plenty of wildflowers around Linmere. On this walk you can spot *Papaver rhoeas*, commonly known as red poppies or corn poppies. They are often found along the edge of fields and flower between May and October

## Hedgerow birds

As you turn and head along the top of the field you'll walk between two hedgerows. It's a great place to spot birds including the Dunnock, also known as the Hedge Sparrow. This little bird has a grey head and a brown body. You'll hear it rustling in the hedge before you spot it.

## It's a bug's life

Along this route there's lots of signposts pointing the way. They are a great place to look for different types of insects and minibeasts. What will you find?



# LOOP 2

## Ouzel Brook



Connecting with nature and our surrounds is an important feature of living in Linmere. This loop will take you along the Ouzel Brook and looks back over Linmere for some stunning views.

Difficulty: **Moderate**

Distance: **2.22 miles**



# Walking Route

1. Start out at the Ouzel Brook.
2. Cross the brook and head up the hill to cross the road using the footbridge.
3. Once over the road follow the path straight uphill through a field towards Chalton.
4. On reaching the top of the hill, turn left along the edge of the field and away from Charlton. This will take you along the byway.
5. After about a mile the track starts to head downhill, you'll see a small left-hand turn which takes you back into the field with a hedgerow on you right hand side.
6. Head down the field and through a wooden gate on your right onto a gravel path and cross back across the bridge.
7. Follow the twisting gravel track to the bottom and turn left along Bridleway 22, heading back towards Linmere. The Ouzel Brook should be on your right-hand side.
8. The bridleway comes out onto the footpath at the back of Linmere and you can follow it back up to the allotments.

## Map

