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On leaving Weatherspoons at Minehead I knew it would be a long walk to my next accommodation in Burnham-on-sea, but that didn't put me off. It was not particularly good weather, but again, I was not bothered. The terrain was no where near what I had been experiencing but it was pleasant all the same.

I arrived at my accommodation, somewhat later than intended, but I was safe. My walk the following day was much the same as the previous day, but I was still enjoying it. I couldn't expect to have fantastic views all the time, but it was still great walking.

I arrived in Bristol YHA in good time. Oh my goodness it was busy with students and visitors alike. The staff at the YHA said they were very busy with foreign students arriving to visit Bristol. I had a couple of days to rest and to catch-up, and then I was ready to make my way to the Bristol suspension bridge. I had never been across the bridge before. At the English end of the bridge there is a gate and so I turned round and said goodbye to England. "See you in a couple of weeks".

As I set off to walk across the bridge I decided to measure it, the bridge is 1.47 miles long and that was 4,449 steps (my steps that is, I have small legs). I got to the Welsh gate and I said "Hi" to Wales. I was looking forward to my walking in such a lovely country. I arrived at Chepstow and I relaxed in my room for the night. On leaving Chepstow early I knew I had a long walk ahead of me to the YHA in Cardiff, but I knew it was within my capabilities to walk that distance, some 30 miles. My route was all flat and mainly on straight B roads. I stayed at Cardiff YHA from the 23rd until Boxing Day. I used the days to have a look around Cardiff and relax.