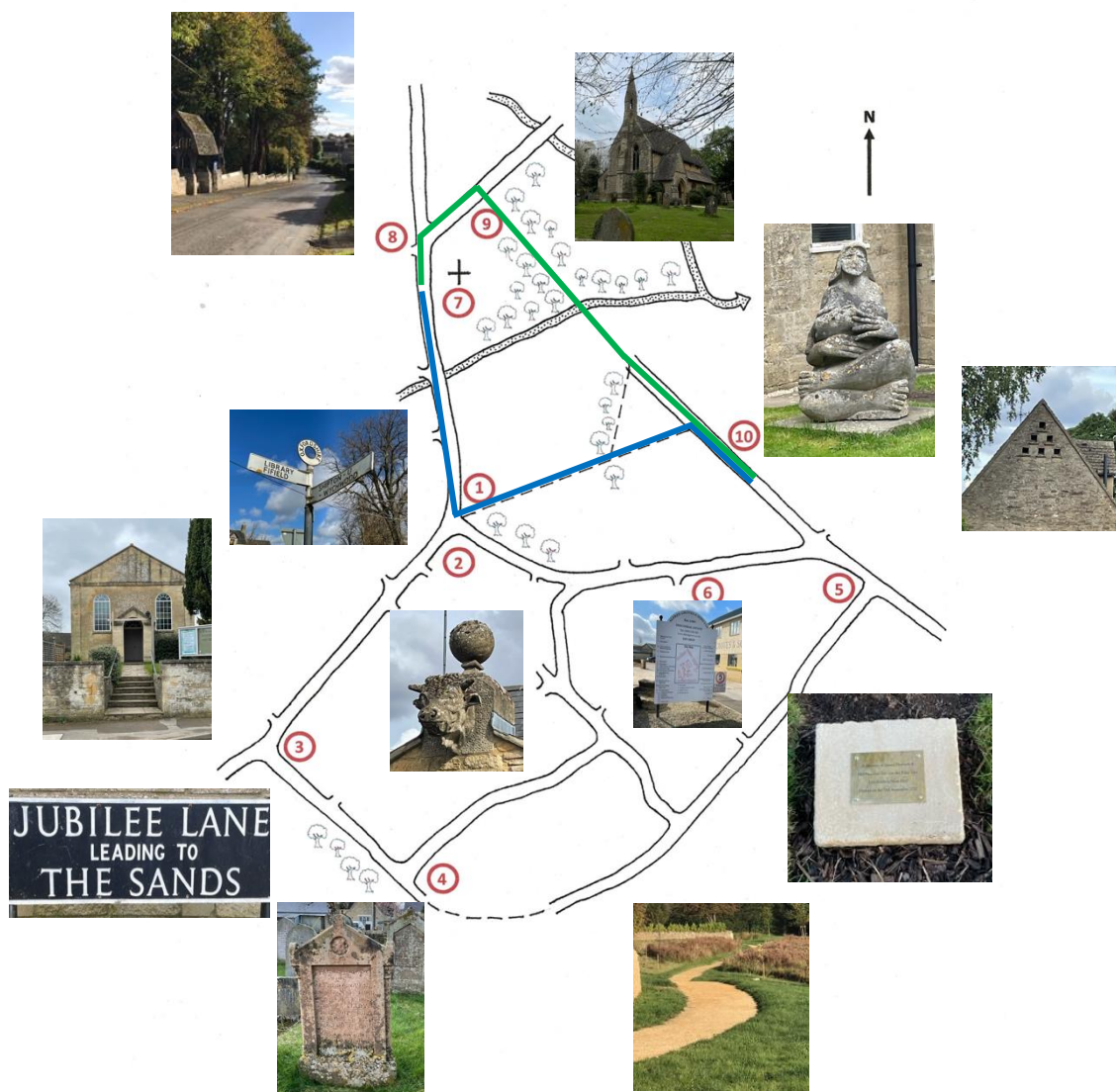


# Milton under Wychwood, Oxfordshire OX7 6JH

## Village Trail for Children



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**Part one** of this trail starts on the **village green**. You can park here and also have a play and a run around if you wish. There are lots of benches around the green, many with plaques commemorating someone. Look for these ones.



You will also see some benches with ends that look like this. How many benches are there?

They are commemorating the Silver Jubilee of a king. For how many years had he been on the throne?



What do you think G R stands for?

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There are also trees that have been planted to commemorate things. Look for these ones.



You can find the remains of **five street water taps** around the village in different places. Only one still works. Why do you think these existed? \_\_\_\_\_

One is just outside the village green, opposite the vets. We will look for the others as we go around the village.



There are some special gates to the village green. What are the two dates on them \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ do you know which Jubilee they are commemorating? \_\_\_\_\_

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Walk out through the gates and carefully cross the road to the **High Street**. You will see the old Post Office on your left. Look out for the old post box, no longer in use. This has the same initials as the benches on the green. The 'G' stands for? \_\_\_\_\_



Next you will see a pub called the Hare. This used to be called the Quart Pot.

Continue along the High Street. Where can you find this inscription?



Further along, if you look very carefully on the opposite side of the road, you can see some larger stones in the wall. These used to show the entrance to Poplar Farm.



After you have passed the library, you will see the Old Bakery on your left. Look upwards. There used to be a wooden statue here. Can you read the words carved in stone? This part of the building has been a Wesleyan Mission Room, a bank, a shop and a library in the past.



You can also see the remains of another **street water tap** here. The next one is further down the street, before the Baptist Church.





Look for the carving of a bull's head.  
Harman's butcher's shop was once on this site and almost opposite there used to be a pub called the Butcher's Arms. You can still see the archway. Can you make out any of the words written on it?



Just before the corner is the **Baptist Church**, now called the Life Centre, built in 1839. There used to be a lot of chapels of different kinds in Milton, especially before the village church was built. This is the only one still in regular use. Alfred Groves (1826-1914) is buried in the graveyard. You will learn more about him later.

3 Turn left into **Jubilee Lane**. This is named after the Golden Jubilee of the Baptist Church in 1889. Continue along here, looking out for the Old Manse, which used to be the home of the Baptist minister and the unusual sculptural fragments on either end of the house named Holmleigh. What is the date on the front of this house? \_\_\_\_\_

4 At the corner with The Sands, go straight on into **Wildbourne Close**. From here go through the gate and turn left on to the footpath. There is a scenic walk here including a large pond and a new tree and plaque in memory of Queen Elizabeth II. Go through the gate or over the stile into the end of **Frog Lane** and continue straight on. Notice the house called Forest Gate. Look for the strange figure on the rooftop. Lots of the houses in this road are named after trees. How many can you spot? There are at least ten. \_\_\_\_\_

5 At the end of Frog Lane, turn left. You can see the remains of another **street water tap** here and notice the unusual carvings outside Brasenose Cottage opposite.



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Continue along the road. You will pass the **village hall** on your left. Look through the door to see this plaque. In which year was it laid? \_\_\_\_\_



A bit further along on your left you will see **Alfred Groves and Sons Ltd.** They have had a business here for a very long time. Look on the board to see when they were first established. \_\_\_\_\_ When was the new shop built? \_\_\_\_\_ Groves built a lot of the houses in the village and added many of the unusual sculptures you can see. They used to have a timber business, where **Elm Grove** now is, as well as being builders and stonemasons.

Continue along the road back to the green. You will see the old Primitive Methodist chapel on your left in The Square, just before the gate back into the green.

**End of part one**

## Part two

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From the **village green**, go through the gate behind the sports club on to **Church Road** and walk down to the Church. This was designed by George Street in 1853. Before that, the nearest church was in Shipton and many people attended the various chapels in Milton instead. Which two saints is the Church dedicated to? \_\_\_\_\_



Notice the lychgate and stone stiles either side of it. If you go in the Church you can find more information inside. Explore the churchyard. Look for these doors.



See if you can spot these carvings on gravestones?



Back on the road, look for the old school and teacher's house. What is the date on the house? \_\_\_\_\_

Look for the final **street water tap** – this one still works! Can you find the post box, too?



- 8 You might like to visit the **allotments** opposite the post box, as there is an orchard there with picnic benches.

Next we are heading to **Green Lane** and you have a choice of two routes. The first one has a stile to cross and can be muddy, so won't be suitable for everyone.

- 9 **Route 1:** After the post box, turn right into **Lyneham Road** and take the **footpath** a short way along on your right. Climb over the stile and continue along the footpath, crossing a footbridge and come out by Spring Cottage. Go straight on to join the end of **Green Lane**.

**Route 2:** Go back down **Church Road** to the green, walk across to a gate at the back behind the play equipment and go along the short path between two fields. This brings you to **Green Lane**.

- 10 Look for the mother and child statue and houses called Quakers Piece and Quakers Meet, where there is also a dovecote. Why do you think the houses have these names? \_\_\_\_\_



Once you reach the end of **Green Lane**, turn right, back towards the village green.

**End of part two**

