



The village stocks outside the shop were last used in the 19th century on a man for 'ill treating his wife'. They were lifted and restored in the early 1990s.

The Stocks and Whipping Post

The first fire, in 1333, destroyed eight or ten houses and it is said that many of the reddened stones still to be seen in the cottage walls are the result of this second fire.

Two Great Fires

Although largely rebuilt in 1873 by Charles Buckridge, the south around 1200 and the tower before St Mary's became its new home. February 2000, a new organ was welcomed to

The Church of St Mary the Virgin

Occupied since prehistoric times, five stone hand-axes and other flint tools and arrowheads have been found within the parish. A Celtic coin was found and evidence of a later Roman settlement. Clifford Hill is one of the largest moor in the county. On the north side is a cliff down to the ford which crosses the river.

Little Houghton

Having taken the footpath across the fields from Little Houghton one of the first buildings you see is the Old Cherry Tree Inn built in 1576 by G. Robyns. It is just along the lane, one of the most attractive.

The Cherry Tree Inn

By 1753, the old medieval church was designed by David Horne and then later, in 1878, restored by E.C. Hakewill. It has a square tower topped by a group of Tuscan columns supporting a fine and delicate spire.

The Church of St Mary the Blessed Virgin

The small and beautiful village of Great Houghton is set on the rim of the Nene Valley looking north towards Abington and east dwellings.

Great Houghton



In the 1920's, A.J. Mackness began extracting sand and gravel from all directions and provides a good opportunity for easy walking and bird watching. Because this is a nationally important habitat for wildfowl, close control of species of waders. The area is easily accessible

The Gravel Pit Lakes

The Nene became a navigable river in 1761. In 1815, the Northampton Arm was constructed to connect the Nene with the Grand Union Canal. Today, the Nene provides an important recreational resource with pleasure craft plying to and fro along the river.

The River Nene



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Little & Great Houghton

Riverside Walks

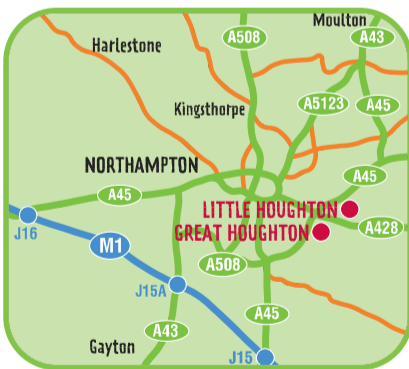


The Northamptonshire villages of Little and Great Houghton, sitting on the edge of the county town of Northampton, offer wildlife, attractive countryside and rural tranquility within a stone's throw of the hustle and bustle of modern day life.

Car parking within both villages is limited, however there is public parking and facilities for the less able at the Marriott Hotel on Bedford Road. There is also a layby on the A428 midway between the two villages.

Northamptonshire County Council is committed to encouraging sustainable travel to become a cleaner, greener and more prosperous county.

Plan ahead - it may be easier to cycle or catch a bus to the start of your walk than to drive. Consider car sharing if you can - fewer cars means fewer queues. If you need to drive please consider the needs of cyclists, pedestrians and local access by parking considerately in the villages.



County Connect is a new type of rural bus service that goes where and when you want within the designated areas. The timetable is designed around you!
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 Email: countyconnect@northamptonshire.gov.uk
 Text 'CountyConnect' and your message to 82727 and they will call you back.

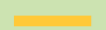













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-  Suggested Walks Route
-  Nene Way
-  Footpath
-  Bridleway
-  Bus Stop
-  Stile
-  Kissing Gate
-  High Gate
-  Footbridge
-  Toilets
-  View Point
-  Seating/Resting Place
-  Public House/Inn
-  Parking

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Finding your way

All the paths described in this leaflet are marked by distinctive waymarkers along the route. The map in this leaflet should enable you to follow any of the marked routes. More detailed information about the surrounding countryside and other walks may be found on Ordnance Survey Explorer map 207 and Landranger map 152, covering the Little & Great Houghton area.



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Weston Favell Lock
The Nene became a navigable river in 1761. In 1815, the Northampton Arm was constructed to connect the Nene with the Grand Union Canal.



Billing Aquadrome



Billing Mill
Billing Mill, now part of the Billing Aquadrome leisure complex, was once a working corn mill where Tommy Walker milled grain from local farms to produce flour and animal feed.

The minimum recommended level of physical activity for adults is 30 minutes of moderate activity 5 days or more times a week. For more information on local walking schemes visit www.whi.org.uk

Why not make walking an enjoyable active hobby combining exercise and exploring the countryside.

Church of St Mary the Virgin - Little Houghton



Village Stocks & Whipping Post

Following the Countryside Code

Remember that the countryside is a living working place and the improvements made to these routes could not be made without the support of the landowners, so please follow the Countryside Code:

- Be safe, plan ahead and follow any signs
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Protect plants and animals and take your litter home
- Keep dogs under close control
- Consider other people.

www.naturalengland.org.uk

If you wish to report a problem or fault please contact Street Doctor
Tel: 0845 601 1113* (charged at local rate).
Email: streetdoctor@northamptonshire.gov.uk or go to our website.

The Cherry Tree Inn



The White Hart Public House

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The Four Pears Inn
(Formerly known as The Red Lion)
Records show a Pub on the site from 1615 when George Fisher was granted a License by the 'Three Knights of the Shire' to open a 'common alehouse' in the village.

Places Of Interest

- 1 River Nene
- 2 Billing Mill
- 3 Clifford Hill
- 4 Stocks & Whipping Post
- 5 The Church of St Mary the Virgin - Little Houghton
- 6 The Four Pears Inn (Public House)
- 7 The Old Cherry Tree Inn (Public House)
- 8 The White Hart (Public House)
- 9 The Church of St Mary the Blessed Virgin - Great Houghton
- 10 Gravel Pit Lakes

