



RIGHTS OF WAY NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

Nassington & Yarwell



Nassington

NASSINGTON

Nassington lies six miles from the town of Oundle and is famous for its picturesque grouping of quintessentially English houses and church, which are built of the local mellow grey limestone.

Remains of Roman occupation and early iron workings have been found at Nassington. The Saxons also lived in or near to the village.



Yarwell

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The small, beautiful village of Yarwell is located a short distance west of the banks of the influential River Nene. It is not exactly clear what the source of the name Yarwell is, though many believe it means 'spring by the fishing pools'.

The history of the village is dominated by agriculture though stone masonry played a significant part in the 1700 and 1800s, utilizing the natural limestone outcrops in the region.

For information about places to visit in Nassington and Yarwell as well as the surrounding area please contact the Tourist Information Centre in Oundle on 01832 274333.

NASSINGTON & YARWELL

The Northamptonshire villages of Yarwell and Nassington offer a variety of natural beauty combined with historic landmarks, buildings and stories.



For information about public transport to Nassington and Yarwell please contact Traveline on 0870 608 2608.

Car parking within both villages is limited. When parking please take into consideration local access needs.

If you wish to report any problems with any of the routes shown in this leaflet, please contact Rights of Way, Northamptonshire County Council, Riverside House, Bedford Road, Northampton NN1 5NX. Tel: 01604 654465.

This information can be made available in other languages and formats upon request, such as large print, Braille, audio cassette and floppy disk. Contact Rights of Way.

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NASSINGTON

Anglo Saxon Cemetery

Within the boundaries of the village of Nassington is the site of an Anglo Saxon Cemetery. Discovered in 1942 during the re-opening of old gravel workings, this important archaeological discovery was excavated by boys of Oundle School with supervision from Mr. G. Wyman-Abbott.

Unfortunately much of the site had been destroyed inadvertently and looted before archeologists could excavate or record the site. Despite this the excavation report shows that the site contained a relatively large and important Anglo-Saxon cemetery that served what appears to have been a wealthy farming community. It also suggested that there was a warrior element as shields and spears were also found.

(Source: Nick Paw - Anglo Saxon cemetery; Nassington)

Church of St Mary and All Saints 2

Standing on higher ground in the west of the village the church of St Mary shows in it's fabric examples of all the successive architectural periods from Anglo-Saxon to Perpendicular.

The Church now consists of an early English west tower topped by a decorated stone spire, an aisled nave whose main wall over the medieval arcades are probably late Saxon, and an aisle-less chancel of the Perpendicular period.

Norman workmanship can be clearly seen in the tower arch while the North doorway is of the period from Norman to early English.

Inside, the church contains some fine remains of early wall paintings.



The Church of St Mary and All Saints - Nassington



Nassington

Station Fire 9

In October 1912 the Nassington Railway Station that connected Nassington to the Blisworth to Peterborough Branch line suffered a devastating fire which completely destroyed one side of the station. Had it not been for the prompt arrival of Colonel Proby's private steam fire engine from Elton Hall, it is likely that the whole of the building would have been reduced to ashes.

Nassington, like many Northamptonshire villages, is no longer served by rail. The site of the former railway station is on the north east outskirts of the village.

Prebendal Manor House 3

This 13th Century manor house is perhaps the earliest surviving manor house in the country. It is built on the site of a royal manor which belonged to King Canute.

Early in the 12th Century, Henry I granted the Bishop of Lincoln episcopal jurisdiction of the manor and church of Nassington. The term prebend describes a holding belonging to the church, which in the Middle Ages, often awarded manors to members of the clergy for services they had rendered either to the church, the Crown or the Pope. Thus the manor of Nassington became a prebend.

The hall of the house retains its original doorway at the north end. The two storied south range, which projects to the west, probably contained offices on the ground floor and living accommodation above. In the garden there is a fine 16th Century dovecote.

Admission to the house is restricted to specific days between the months of June and August.

The River Nene



YARWELL

Church of St Mary Magdalene 7

The church dates from the 13th Century. The building originally had north and south aisles but after a particularly heavy fall of snow and much rain in April 1782, the walls and roof of the aisles became unsafe. As the nave and chancel provided more than enough room to contain the inhabitants, the aisles with their porches were removed and the arcades walled up.



The Church of St Mary Magdalene - Yarwell

The overall dimensions of the church and chancel in particular are very small for a church of the 13th Century.

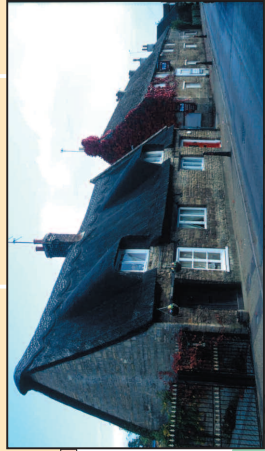
In the chancel is the tomb of Humphrey Bellamy. It is thought that the tale of Dick Whittington is based on his life. As a boy he came, destitute and ill to Yarwell whilst walking to London to find his uncle a rich merchant. He was fed and cared for by the villagers and vowed never to forget their kindness. In later years he became prosperous and at his death in 1715 he was returned to Yarwell to be buried. He endowed a charity to aid the local poor.

Sundial Cottage

Sundial Cottage was once the village's bakery. It was built in the 17th Century. Inside the building there are to be found two early Victorian large baking ovens.

Yarwell Mill 6

Situated to the south of the village, heading out towards Sibson, is Yarwell Mill. Seated on the River Nene the site is famous for its still water and river coarse fishing.



Village cottages

TO KING'S CLIFFE

SAFE WALKING

Be prepared - always wear suitable clothing and sturdy footwear, take refreshments and directions. Take care when crossing or walking on roadways (walk facing oncoming traffic).

The countryside is a living, working environment, so please follow the Country Code.

- ❖ Keep to the line of the paths
- ❖ Leave gates as you find them
- ❖ Respect the countryside - leave wildlife, livestock, crops and machinery alone
- ❖ Keep your dogs under control
- ❖ Take your litter home.

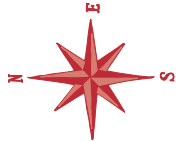
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- Nene Way Footpath
- Footpath
- Footway
- Byway
- Footbridge
- Cycle Route
- Stile Route
- Kissing Gate Route
- Bus Stop
- Parking
- View Point
- Seat/Resting Place
- Public House



Boating on the River Nene

Scale
1 : 10,000



PLACES OF INTEREST

- 1 Cricket Pitch
- 2 The Church of St Mary and All Saints
- 3 Prebendal Manor
- 4 Black Horse Inn (Public House)
- 5 River Nene
- 6 Yarwell Water Mill
- 7 Church of St Mary Magdalene
- 8 The Angel Inn (Public House)
- 9 Site of Railway Station
- 10 Nassington Stores
- 11 Butchers
- 12 The Winesmith



Black Horse Inn - Nassington

FINDING YOUR WAY

A number of paths and trails are shown on this map, of which some are Rights of Way. These Rights of Way are marked with sign posts, waymark discs and markers.

For more detailed information about the surrounding countryside or other possible walks you could use Ordnance Survey maps - the Landranger 142 and Explorer 234 maps cover the Nassington and Yarwell area.