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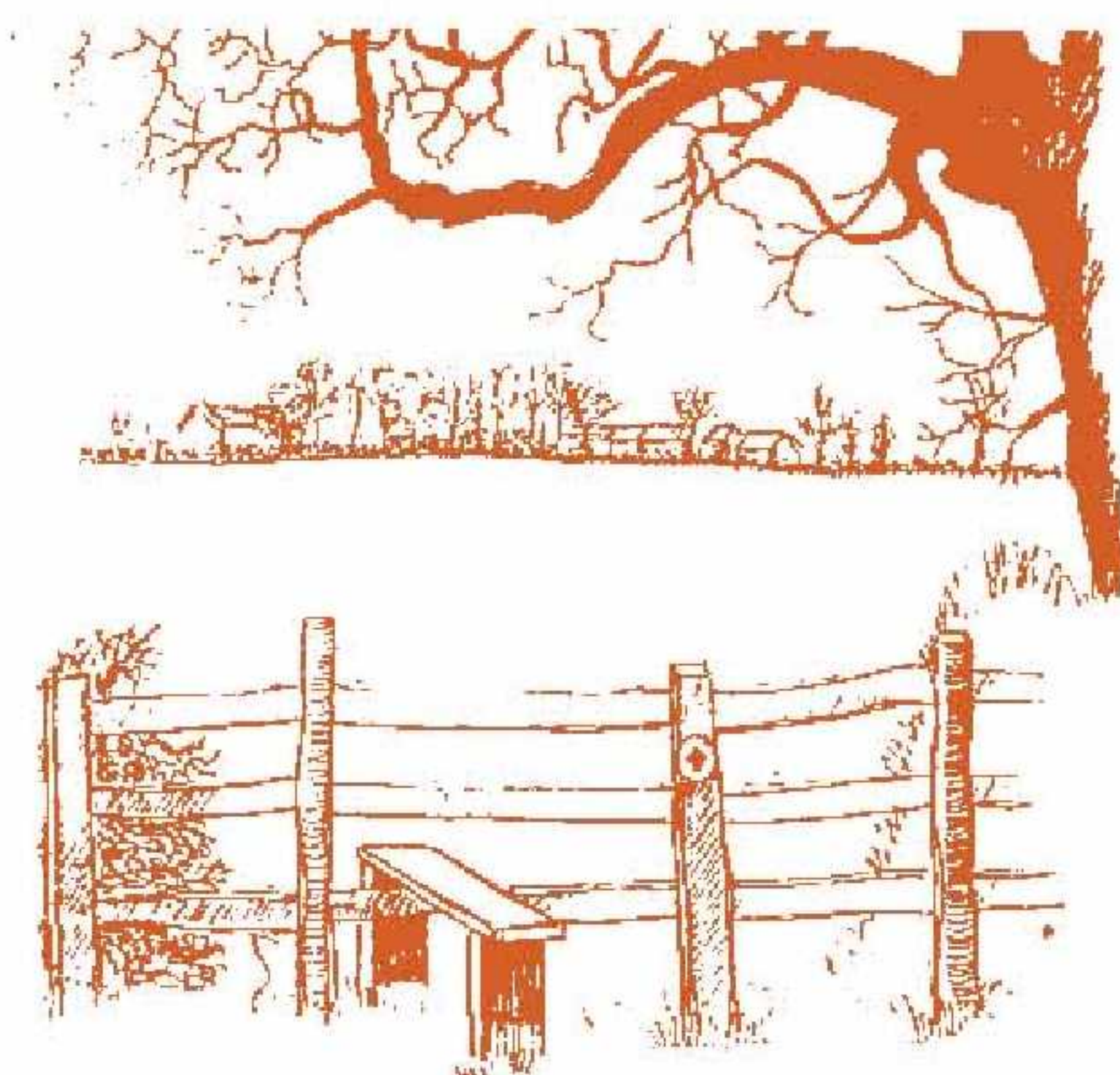
Roads and Streets are named and paths waymarked.

Village Circular. Less than 1 mile. 1 hour.

Follow down Manor Road turning right into Little Street at the Junction with Weston Road. Cross over School Street into Church Street and Park Lane, turning right down Magpie Road to complete your circuit.

Southern Circular. 1½ miles. 1 hour.

Follow the Helmdon Road down to where a small stream crosses the road. A signed footpath AY8 to Greatworth will be seen on your right. Climb up to where it joins AY6. Turn right until AY9 takes you back to the village via Wemyss Farm.



South Western Circular. 2½ miles 1¾ hours.

As 2 but continue along AY6 in a westerly direction until joining AY12 in the corner of a large field. Follow this path until it joins the Marston Road, turn right to Magpie Farm. Follow Magpie Road to Sulgrave village picking up AY11 running parallel on the right hand side.

Barrow Hill Circular. 2¾ miles 2 hours.

Follow Manor Road down past Sulgrave Manor. Take the Weston "Gated Road" until it climbs up to meet Banbury Lane. Turn left along the lane until AY2 can be followed from the top of Barrow Hill. Take this path which eventually returns to the village via Stockwell Lane.

Weston Village Circular. 5¼ miles 2½ hours.

Take path AY5 from Little Street. At the parish boundary this becomes SB17. Either follow this until it meets the Weston-Helmdon Road, then turn left into Weston. Or, follow SB16 around behind the village. From Weston pick-up the SB15 until it reaches the Banbury Lane. Walk along the lane turning left onto AY3. This returns to Sulgrave via the "Gated Road."

A Walkers' Code



Enjoy the countryside & respect its life and work.

Guard against all risks of fire.

Fasten all gates

Keep your dogs under close control.

Keep to the public footpaths across farmland.

Use gates & stiles to cross fences, hedges and walls.

Leave livestock, crops & machinery alone.

Take your litter home.

Help to keep all water clean.

Protect wildlife, plants and trees.

Take special care on country roads.

Make no unnecessary noise.

Scheduled Ancient Monuments are protected by law. Please respect them and all other archaeological sites.

If you experience any difficulty on your walk such as barbed wire, locked gates or damaged stiles and footbridges, please report them to the Principal Rights of Way Officer, West Office, Arner House, London Road, Daventry. Tele. 0327 706081.

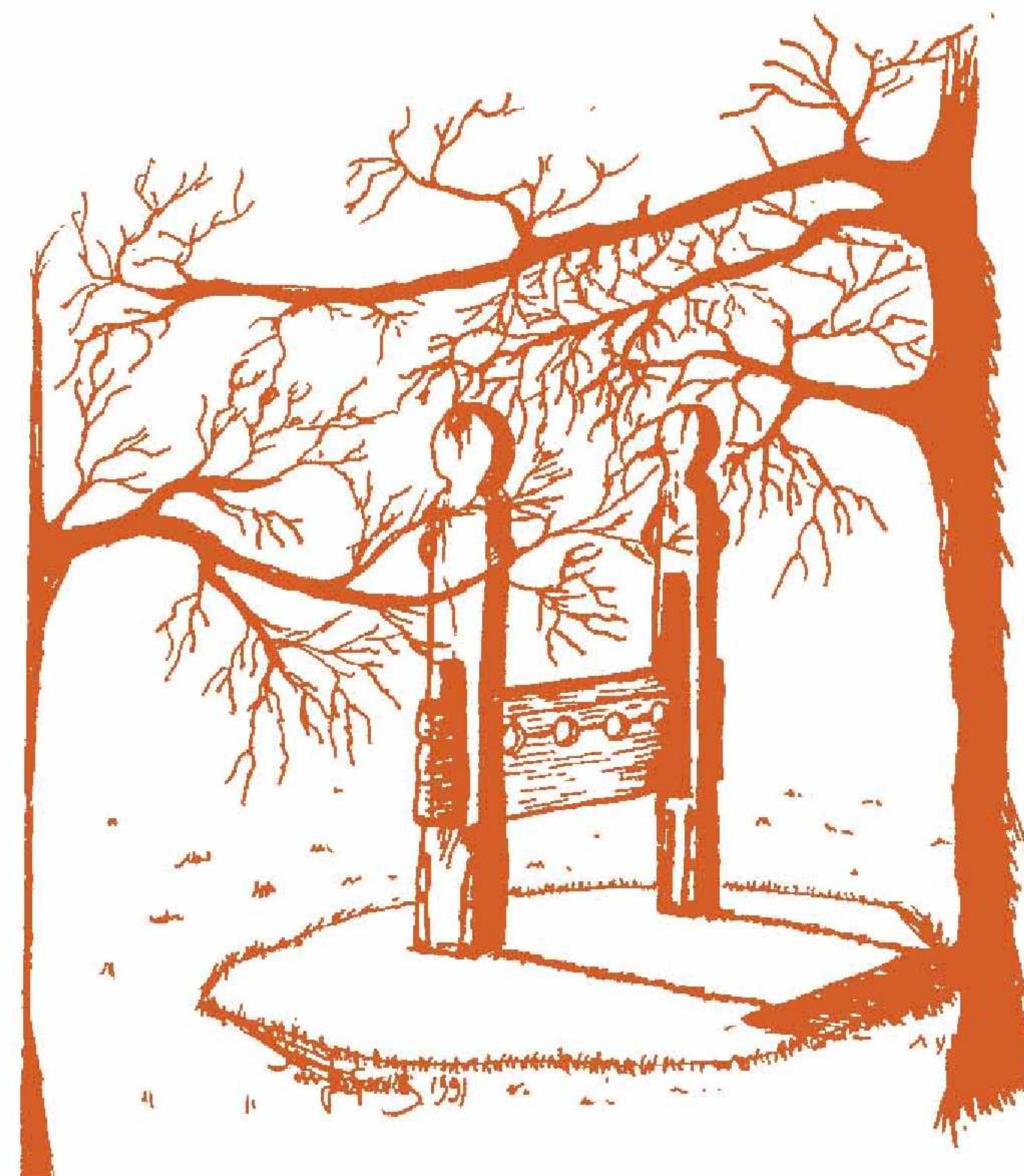
Your general comments on this leaflet and the routes will be welcomed by the Director of Planning and Transportation, Northampton House, Northampton. NN1 2HX.

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SULGRAVE

The name, Sulgrave, is derived from the old English 'suth' meaning a channel or passage, and 'graef', meaning a pit, or trench. There has been a village situated on this site for over a thousand years of recorded history. It stands on a low spur in a broad, deep cut valley, the headwaters of the river Tow or Tove.

This area of Northamptonshire stands on a limestone belt, stretching from the Dorset Coast to Whitby in Yorkshire. Sulgrave is basically a stone village with evidence of local quarrying within the village. Helmdon Stone was the main material, and a close scrutiny of the older houses shows that this was in many cases undressed. The quoins, cills, joints and lintels were mainly of Hornton Stone, and in certain cases a dark red iron sandstone from Eydon was used for facing walls.

The Sulgrave Parish Council wish to thank all who have been involved in the production of this leaflet and in the waymarking of paths.

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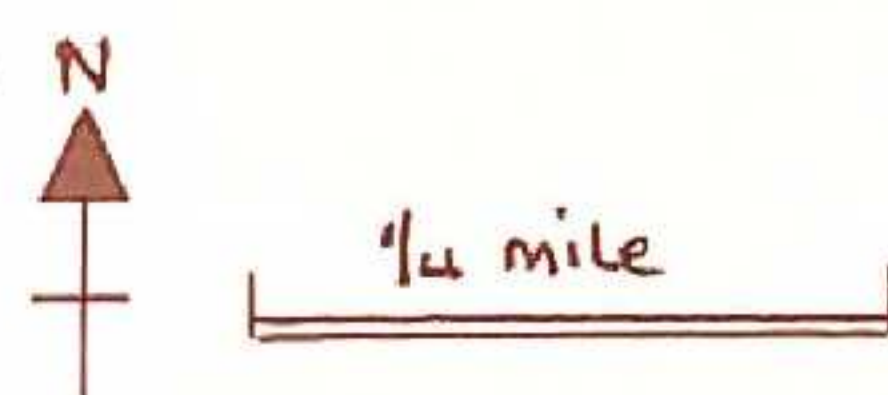


SULGRAVE MANOR

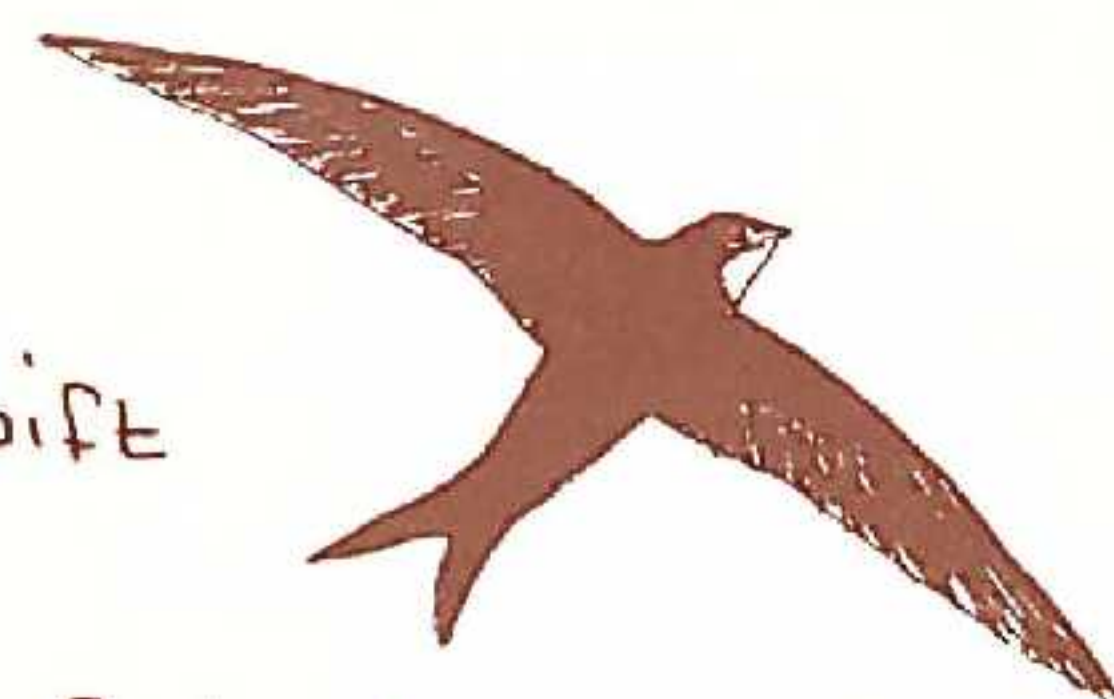
Built in 1539 by Lawrence Washington, a wealthy wool merchant who purchased the Manors of Sulgrave and Stuckbury, from Henry VIII for £324.14.10d. He lived until the ripe old age of 85, and is buried, with his second wife Anne, in the Parish Church. His great great Grandson, Col. John Washington, probably born at Sulgrave was to emigrate to Virginia, in 1656 after the English Civil War. Col. John was George Washington's Great Grandfather.

The Manor House was altered by John Hodges in 1770 when the North Wing was added in the style of Queen Anne. The house was purchased in 1913 by the Anglo-American Peace Committee, fully restored, and in 1921 was opened to the public as 'A permanent reminder of the special relationship between the two English speaking Nations'.

CASTLE MOUND - Site of Norman Ringwork Castle. Excavations in 1967 and 1976 proved that this castle was built on the site of earlier Saxon Hall. This was continuously lived on from circa 975 A.D. to about 1125 A.D.



Swift



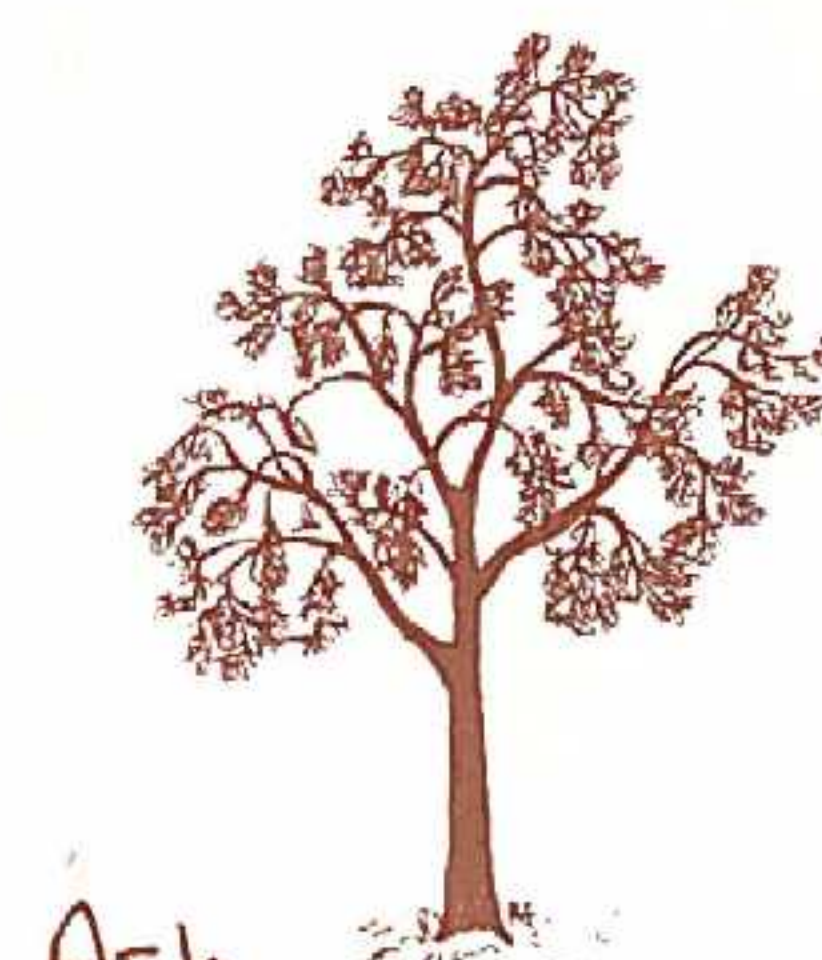
Banbury Lane marks the route of a medieval road. (it was believed by some to be the line of a more ancient trackway). In medieval times it linked the market towns of Banbury and Northampton.

Swallow



There are clear traces of "ridge and furrow" in this field - the results of ploughing strips of land in medieval days. In medieval times, such strip cultivation covered most of the landscape, up to enclosure in the 18th Century.

All rights of way in this Parish have definitive numbers preceded by the letters AY. Please use these numbers when reporting problems or obstructions. All have been waymarked: look out for the discs. Ⓢ



Ash



Pollard Willows

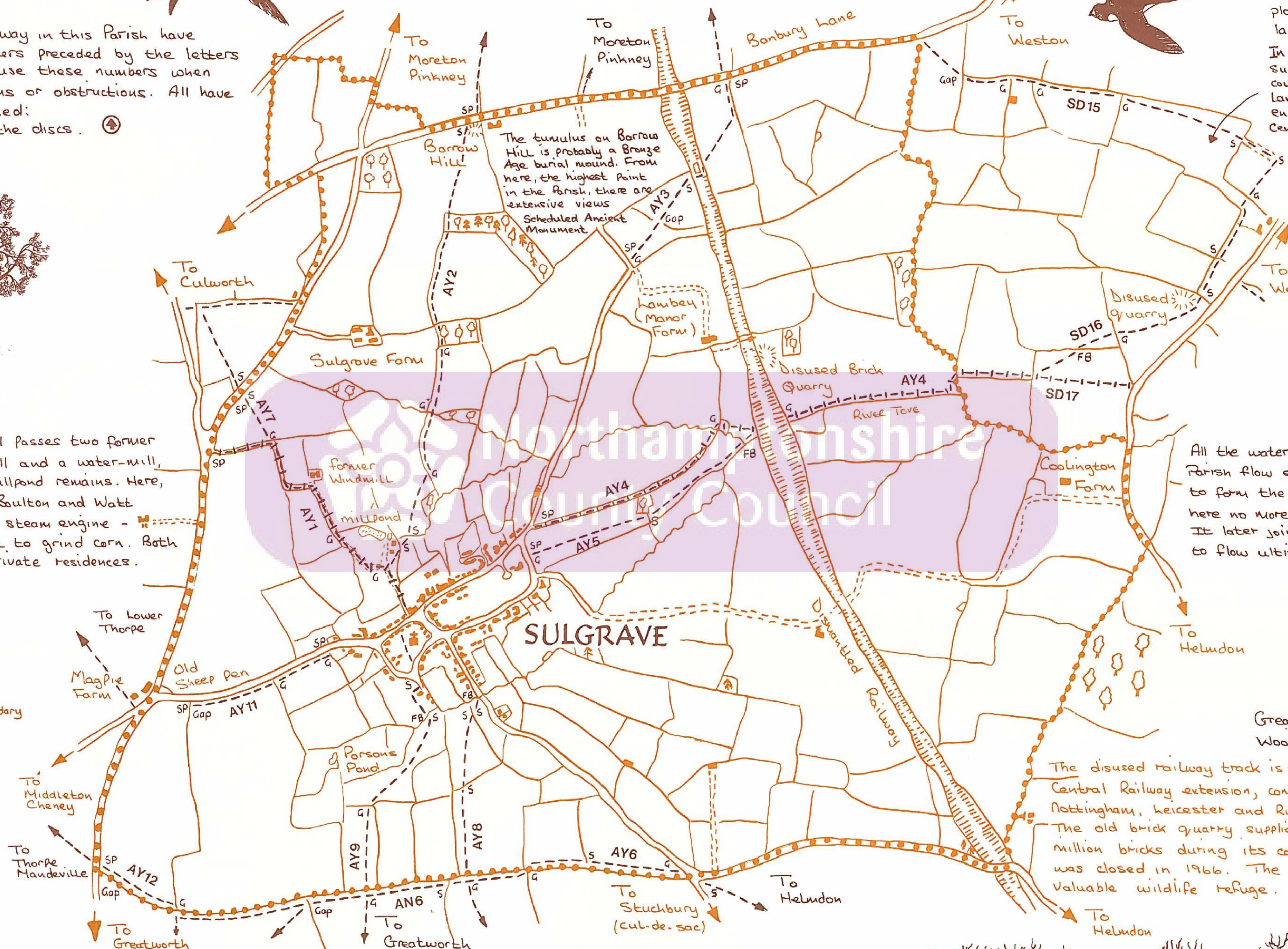
The bridleway AY1 passes two former mills - a windmill and a water-mill, of which the millpond remains. Here, in 1788, Messrs. Boulton and Watt installed a 8hp. steam engine - one of the first to grind corn. Both mills are now private residences.

KEY

- Footpath
- - - - - Bridleway
- Parish Boundary
- S Stile
- G Gate
- F.B. Footbridge
- S.P. Signpost



HEDGE WOUNDWORT



All the watercourses in this Parish flow eastwards, uniting to form the River Tove (or Tow), here no more than a small stream. It later joins the Great Ouse, to flow ultimately into the Wash.



Great Spotted Woodpecker

The disused railway track is that of the Great Central Railway extension, completed in 1899 to link Nottingham, Leicester and Rugby to Marylebone. The old brick quarry supplied some twelve million bricks during its construction. The line was closed in 1966. The land is now a valuable wildlife refuge.

The footpaths between the Greatworth and Stuckbury roads follow a hedge which is much older than most in the Parish (which date from the 18th Century). It is double in some parts, and contains at least fourteen species of tree and shrub, and may be five hundred years old or more.



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