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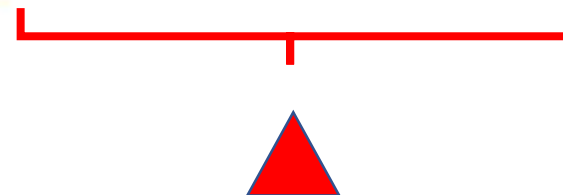
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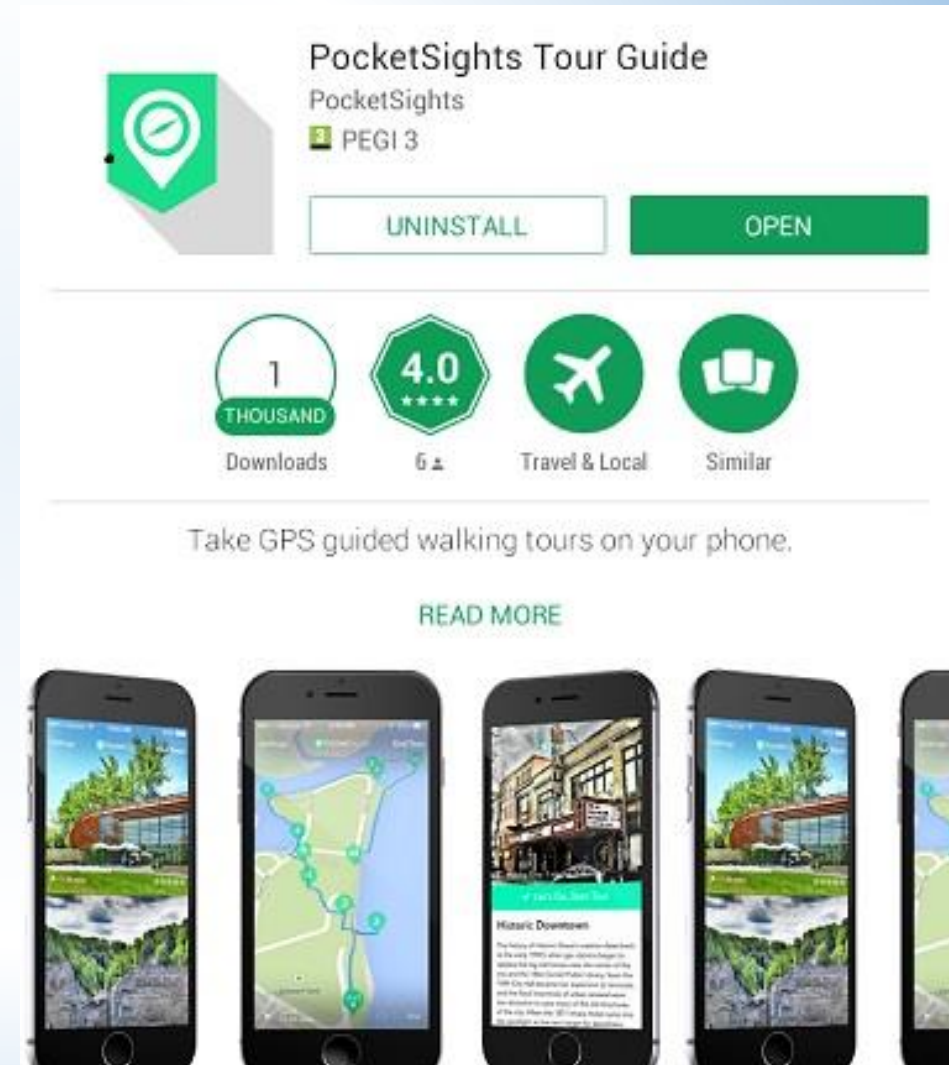
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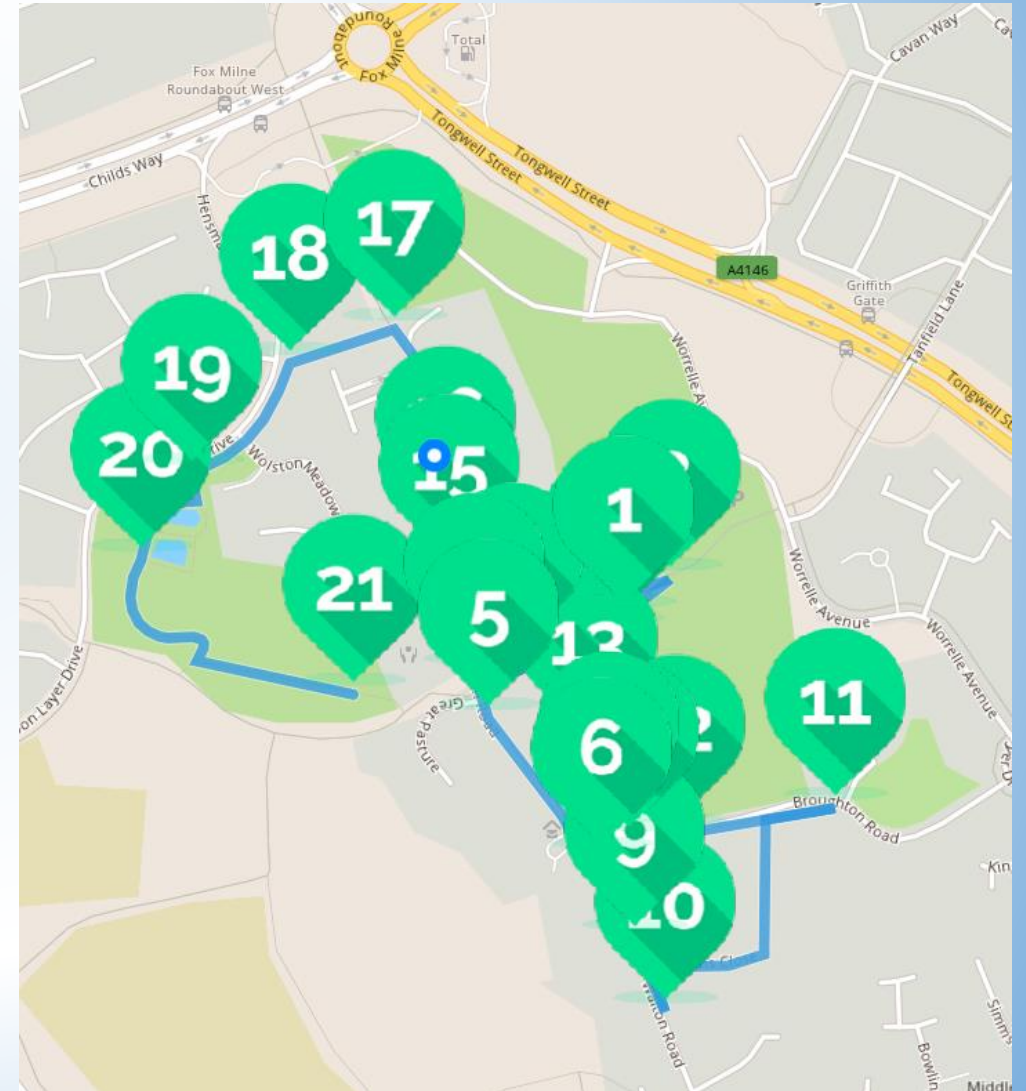
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Map of the Route

The map indicates the places around the village you will visit on your tour →

The places can be visited in any order, although the route is written in numerical order



Places on the Route

Milton Keynes Village Tour

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Introduction

Welcome to our virtual trail Milton Keynes Village. You can start anywhere you like by clicking on a **Numbered Point** on the map. If you start at Position 1, you will be starting where you would probably park your car if you drove to the village. Follow the route around the village and read the descriptions.

At most positions, you can see photos of current and past locations (except Position 21 at the medieval manor where there is only a mound). The text will tell you more.

Our village website has much more information, including census data, church records, and our current series of meetings.
<http://www.mkheritage.org.uk/tva/>

Places You'll See



Cricket Field Car Park

A good place to park if you arrive by car. To the north here Glebe Farm (indicating by its name that it belonged to the Rector) used to occupy this space. It was demolished some time in the 1970s, and apparently contained some strong...



Saxon Graveyard

During May 1992 many bones were discovered during the extension of the cricket field car park. The Police were informed, but it soon became clear that the skeletons were very ancient. The Bucks County Museum Archaeological...



The Old Rectory

It is difficult in summer to see the handsome Old Rectory because of the trees which have grown up on the boundary of the garden, but it is still possible to catch a glimpse from here. The Rectory was built for Revd Dr William Wotton...



All Saints Church

All Saints' Church is described by Clive Rouse in John Betjeman's 'Guide to English Parish Churches' (1958) as "Text book 14th century", and the grouping of the roofs and tower certainly makes an attractive picture seen from the road...



Manor Farm House

Manor Farmhouse is a seventeenth century building which was probably extended in the same century. Most of the land to the northwest of Milton Keynes was farmed by the Macbeth family who lived in the farmhouse from 1932 until...



Nurses Cottage

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The Swan

It is thought that the Swan Inn has served the village of Milton Keynes since 1550, and the present building dates largely from the 16th and 17th centuries. Its position at the convergence of the roads leading to Willen, Broughton and...

Points 1 - 7

Points 8 - 14



Old Village Forge and Bus Shelter

Next to the pub is a disused red telephone box. Now owned by the parish council, there are plans to install a defibrillator and other useful community items, such as a lending library. The the bus shelter next has been converte...



View up Walton Road

The current view of the Swan shows Nurse's Cottage on the left. Both buildings probably date from the early seventeenth century and have similar timber framed construction. Like most buildings in the village, the Swan was...



Southside Farm and Burley Cottages

On the left of the road are Burley Cottages. Now two dwellings, this was once one house which was timber framed and built in the late sixteenth century. The southern end was extended in brick, heightened and re-roofed with tiles in the...



Meadow Lane Corner

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Old Post Office and Squire Finch's Houses

Numbers 4 and 5 Milton Keynes Village are now one dwelling. This is one of the older cottages in the village and dates from the fourteenth or at the latest fifteenth century. The evidence for this is the cruck truss which supports the cent...



Bird's Cottage

Although it does not look it, this is one of the oldest houses in North Buckinghamshire. It was restored in 1993 after a long period of standing empty following the death of the last of the Bird family who had been the local builders workin...



END ??

This completes the main part of the tour. Return to the car park. However, if you wish to explore further, I can take you round the north end of the village. So return to the church gate. Note the fine Walnut tree with circular bench. It is not...

Points 15 - 21



Ivy Cottage

Looking north up Willen Road the view is today mostly suburban, but it is immediately obvious that Ivy Cottage on the right belongs to an earlier age. It was originally built at the beginning of the seventeenth century, and was extended in...



View down Willen Road

Looking south along Willen Road, back into the village, the view is once again suburban. The church tower is visible in the centre of the picture, but the modern garages and lamp-post on the right give no hint of what it was like earlier in...



Footpath/Short-cut

On the left side these 14 houses in Finch Close (named after the Finch family who owned the Village) were built in the 1970s to provide housing for firemen based at Broughton Fire Station just up the path ahead. Each house was fitted...



Noon Layer Drive

Turn left along the footpath.



Enter the Park

Turn off the roadside footpath and enter 'Middleton Park' here. This just one of the green areas in Milton Keynes owned and managed by The Parks Trust, a self-financing registered charity. Follow the gravel paths around the shallow...



Medieval Fish Ponds

This wet and willowy area to the north west of the church shows the most obvious of the medieval fishponds, but the outlines of several others in the complex are clearly visible. It is thought that these, together with the moated manor...



Site of Medieval Manor House

You should be able to identify the location of Philip de Aylesbury's Manor House, surrounded by its moat. This location due west of the church occupies a central place in the village and is ideal for any Lord of the Manor. From the Manor...

Example



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In the same view seventy years earlier, Ivy Cottage looks much the same although in those days the brickwork was not painted white. It also had no upstairs window facing the road. It was then known as **Ivy Homestead**, or just The Homestead. Further up the road on the right, you can see Waite's Barn before its conversion to a garage. Beyond that, also on the right stands a pair of cottages (Nos. 18 & 19) which were demolished early in the 1960s (the materials were used to erect the modern cottage-estate "Embury House" on the same site but set well back from the road). Opposite these cottages

Have fun exploring the Village

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