

Welford-on-Avon

Public Rights of Way & Village Attractions

Mentioned in the Domesday Book, but with origins dating back much further, the development of Welford-on-Avon has taken place over many centuries. The oldest listings of well-known landmarks include the first Church built on the site of St Peter's during the 12th century, the Southern portion of Binton Bridges (C13th), and the Maypole site (C14th). The 17th century saw the introduction of the many timber-framed cottages and the Wesleyan Chapel was constructed late in the 18th century.

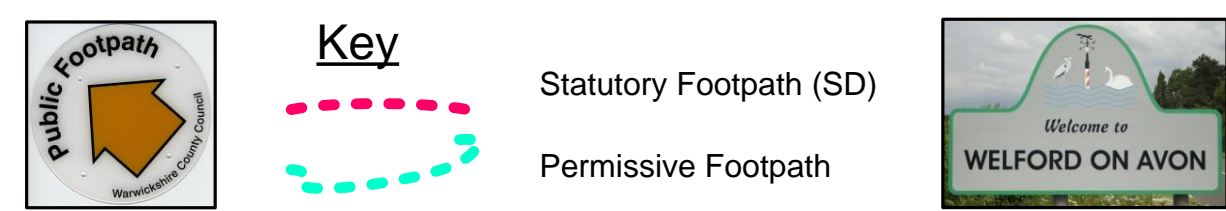
The village lies four miles West South West of Stratford Upon Avon at the Eastern end of the Vale of Evesham. The land is predominantly riverside pasture, and prone to flooding after periods of prolonged heavy rain.

At the North end of the village the Parish boundary is located in the middle of the historic Binton bridges river crossing. At the South end of the village the land rises, first to Welford and Rumer Hills and then to the Cotswold fringe beyond.

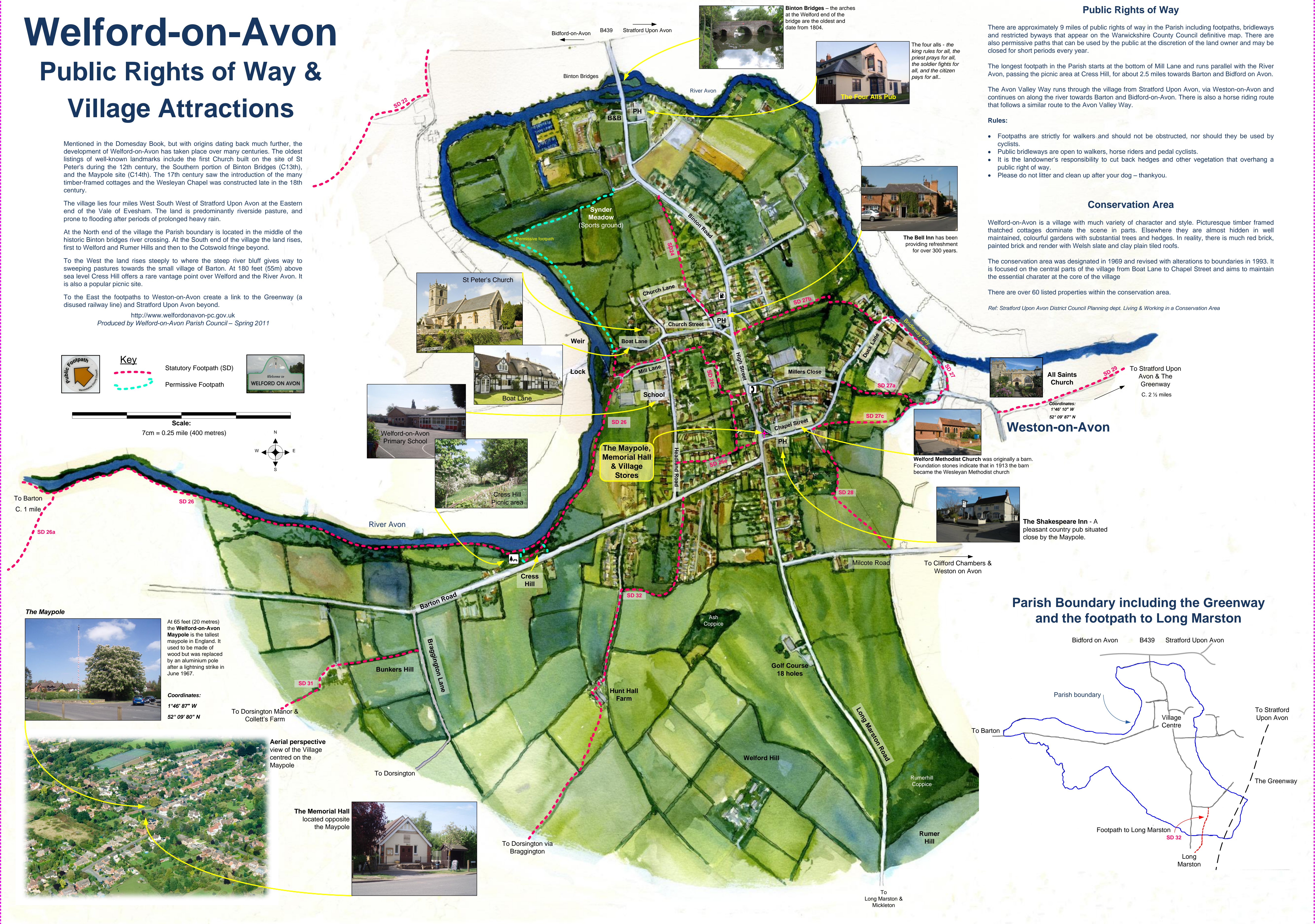
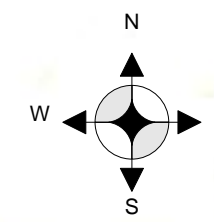
To the West the land rises steeply to where the steep river bluff gives way to sweeping pastures towards the small village of Barton. At 180 feet (55m) above sea level Cress Hill offers a rare vantage point over Welford and the River Avon. It is also a popular picnic site.

To the East the footpaths to Weston-on-Avon create a link to the Greenway (a disused railway line) and Stratford Upon Avon beyond.

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Scale:
7cm = 0.25 mile (400 metres)



Public Rights of Way

There are approximately 9 miles of public rights of way in the Parish including footpaths, bridleways and restricted byways that appear on the Warwickshire County Council definitive map. There are also permissive paths that can be used by the public at the discretion of the land owner and may be closed for short periods every year.

The longest footpath in the Parish starts at the bottom of Mill Lane and runs parallel with the River Avon, passing the picnic area at Cress Hill, for about 2.5 miles towards Barton and Bidford on Avon.

The Avon Valley Way runs through the village from Stratford Upon Avon, via Weston-on-Avon and continues on along the river towards Barton and Bidford-on-Avon. There is also a horse riding route that follows a similar route to the Avon Valley Way.

Rules:

- Footpaths are strictly for walkers and should not be obstructed, nor should they be used by cyclists.
- Public bridleways are open to walkers, horse riders and pedal cyclists.
- It is the landowner's responsibility to cut back hedges and other vegetation that overhangs a public right of way.
- Please do not litter and clean up after your dog – thank you.

Conservation Area

Welford-on-Avon is a village with much variety of character and style. Picturesque timber framed thatched cottages dominate the scene in parts. Elsewhere they are almost hidden in well maintained, colourful gardens with substantial trees and hedges. In reality, there is much red brick, painted brick and render with Welsh slate and clay plain tiled roofs.

The conservation area was designated in 1969 and revised with alterations to boundaries in 1993. It is focused on the central parts of the village from Boat Lane to Chapel Street and aims to maintain the essential character at the core of the village.

There are over 60 listed properties within the conservation area.

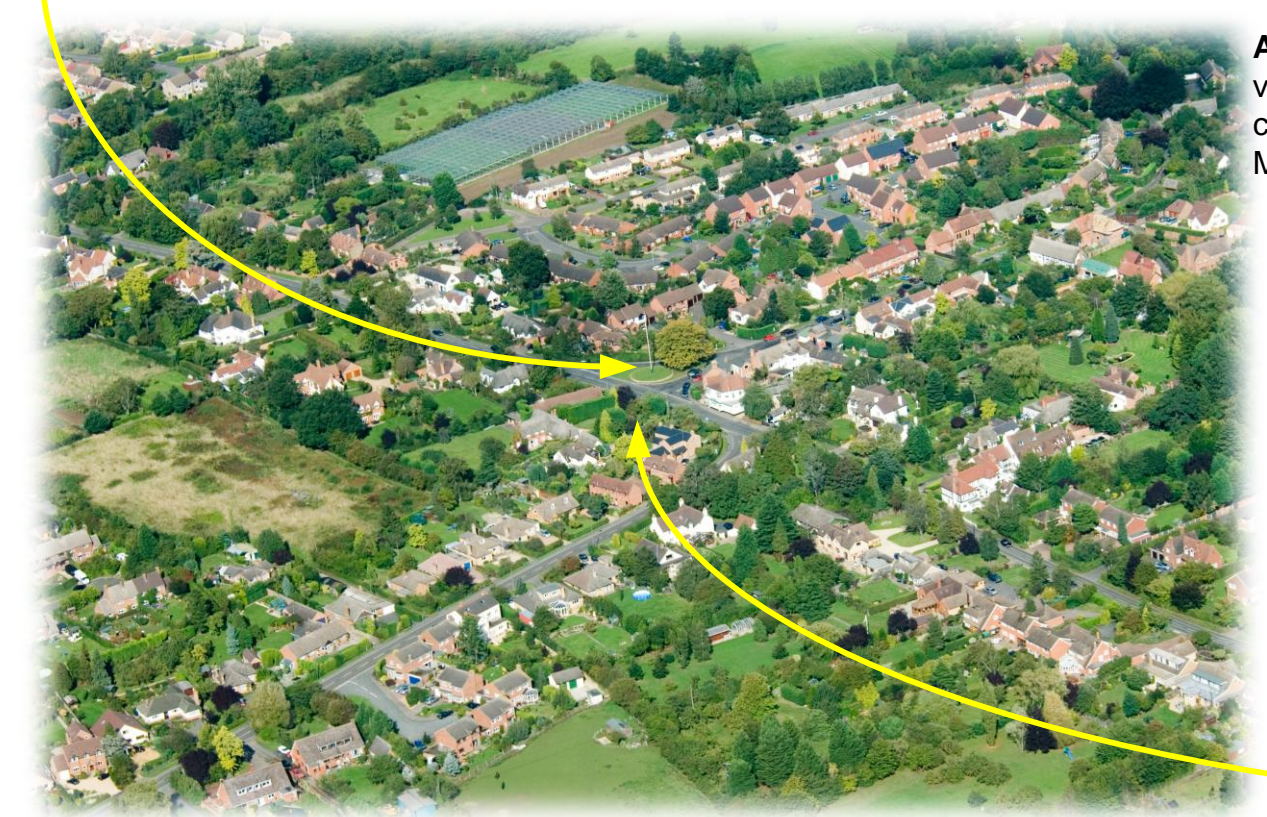
Ref: Stratford Upon Avon District Council Planning dept. Living & Working in a Conservation Area

The Maypole



At 55 feet (20 metres) the Welford-on-Avon Maypole is the tallest maypole in England. It used to be made of wood but was replaced by an aluminium pole after a lightning strike in June 1967.

Coordinates:
1°46' 87" W
52° 09' 80" N



Aerial perspective view of the Village centred on the Maypole

The Memorial Hall



The Memorial Hall located opposite the Maypole

Parish Boundary including the Greenway and the footpath to Long Marston

