

A Stroll Around Mickleton

The centre of this large village is compact and well served by pedestrian routes.

The following suggested stroll includes some interesting features of the village. The B4632 goes through the centre of the village and is very heavily trafficked so please be careful when crossing the High Street.

- To start the stroll, park in Back Lane at the side of The Victory Memorial Junior Playing Field where on your right you will notice newly installed playing equipment and in the far right hand corner a Youth Shelter.
- Travel West along Back Lane and you will pass the site of the old village school on your left. This site belongs to The Porter Trust who have just applied for planning permission to adapt some of the old buildings into houses and build new houses, some affordable.
- At the end of the lane the white building on your right is the Doctors' surgery.
- Across the car park of the surgery you can see the new school opened in September 2006. In front of the school is a new housing development.
- Turn right and then go immediately left into Cotswold Edge. Continue along this road until almost at the end where you will find an alley on your left. Turn left into the alley and this will bring you into Norton View.
- Walk along Norton View and go left when you reach a grass triangle, this is now Arbour Close.
- Proceed along Arbour Close to the 'T' junction, where you turn right into Pound Lane.
- Go to the next 'T' junction and turn left into High Street.
- Continue along High Street where you will see the Post Office/shop and village notice boards on your left.
- Mickleton House, next to the Post Office, has just been developed into 13 separate dwellings. Next to Mickleton House is Medford Cottage, built in 1676. The architecturally important

Medford House, built in 1694, is opposite. It has recently been sold for over £1.3 million and is being refurbished and modernised by the new owners.

- After walking a few yards, cross the road into Church Lane. Please cross with care.
- Walk along Church Lane where you will see The Manor House situated behind a high nineteenth century Cotswold stone wall on your left.
- Walk beyond St. Lawrence's on your left until you reach the Old Vicarage, built in 1805, on the right. Here, head for the finger post in the left hand corner.
- On the right is the entrance to the cemetery. After visiting the cemetery retrace your steps to reach the ramp entrance to the church. Walk up the ramp with the west end of the church on your right.
- On the left is the grave of Major Lawrence Johnston (and his mother), the founder of the well-known Hidcote Manor Gardens, which are situated nearby and now in the possession of The National Trust. A visit to the church is recommended.
- After visiting the church return to Church lane down the steps. Turn right at the 'T' junction, into High Street. This will bring you into the centre of the village. Here you will see a small green area known locally as 'The Plantation'.
- On the West side of the Plantation is an old fountain, over 175 years old. Children from the village school plant this area with flowers, twice a year.
- At the Plantation go left into Chapel Lane. As you go along Chapel Lane you will pass the Joseph Webb memorial hall and the Victorian Methodist Chapel, 114 years old, on your left.
- Continue along Chapel Lane, past the junction with Mill Lane until you reach the recently refurbished King George's village hall, built in 1911.
- If you visit our village between 10 am. and 12 midday on a Wednesday or Friday please visit our café where you can buy a cup of coffee or tea and a biscuit for 50p.
- Here you will also find our library and a playgroup.
- Leave the village hall and return along Chapel Lane on the other side of the road where you will pass the front of the old village school. The original school building dates from 1857.

- Continue along Chapel Lane until you reach The Three Ways House Hotel, home of the world famous Pudding Club. Pop in here if you need something a little stronger to drink.
- Next to the Hotel is the 'bus shelter. Here you will see a mural painted by the village Brownies group.
- Now cross the road towards the village stores (Cost Cutters), again please be careful. Turn left and on your right you will see old thatched cottages. Further along on the left, you will see the 17th century Tudor House.
- Continue and at the bend in the road, cross with care to the front of Clive Porter's butchers shop. Here go into Back Lane and return to your vehicle.
- To view the allotments at Lower and Upper Church Pieces proceed along High Street in the general direction of Stratford upon Avon. After about .4 of a mile the allotments will be seen on your right hand side. Continue for a further .4 of a mile to a sharp right hand bend, known as Pages Corner, where the senior sports playing field can be seen. The local football and cricket teams use this.

We hope that you have enjoyed your short tour of our village and that you found it interesting.

Have a safe journey home.