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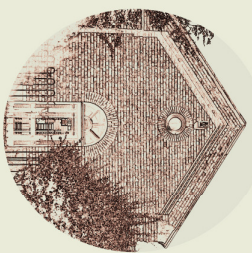


The old Pumping Station was owned by the Stony Stratford Waterworks and is now used as offices. This walk encompasses the field known as Higlyns Piece. The history of the area around the village of Calverton can be traced back at least 2000 years.

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The Pumping Station

Built in the 1870s, there was also a water tower at Augustus Road which pumped water to both Stony Stratford and Calverton.



Look out for these landmarks if you follow the footpath to Calverton



Calverton Manor

Adam Barnes, a local butcher, and two accomplices broke into Calverton Manor, September 1694. They were disturbed by Grace Bennett who they brutally murdered. They were captured in Grove Wood, Beadhampton, and tried at the Cross Keys Inn, Stony Stratford. After execution by hanging their bodies were exhibited on a gibbet behind the Manor as a warning.



Gibbet Stone

The gibbet stone is on the site of the old gallows, situated just behind Calverton Manor, the stone shows the date of 1693.

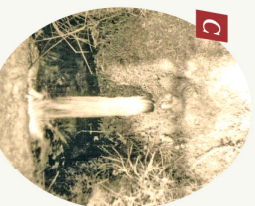


Bell Rope Charity

Many years ago a man of Stony Stratford became lost in fog in the fields of Passenham. He was able to manage his way home by the sound of the church bells of St Giles. To show his gratitude he donated a field to the church, now part of the Calverton Road cemetery. The rent from this field was used to buy his bell ropes.

Did You Know...?

The Tale of Gibbet Lane
A strange carving of a tree with a ladder leading to a gallows is engraved on a wall behind Calverton Manor. It is supposed to be an avenue of poplars. It was on one of these trees, near a stile, the murderers of Grace Bennett were hanged.



Gorricks Spring

Gorricks Spring was used by the people of Stony Stratford for their water supply. It can be seen sprouting out of a stone lion's head and is said to have sacred healing powers.

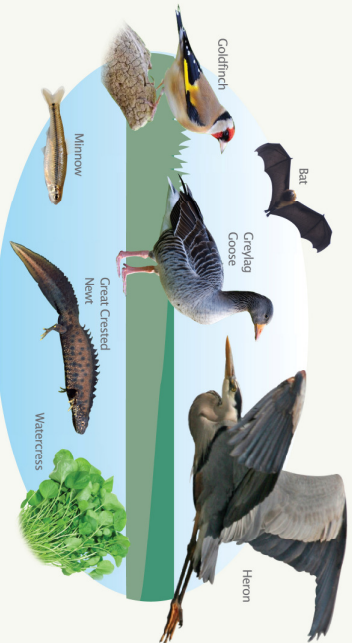
*When Gorricks Spring flows fast and clean,
Sweep down and drink for health is here;
If Gorricks Spring should turn na dry,
Because for pestilence is nigh.*

Did You Know...?

Calverton is formed of three parts. Upper Calverton, Lower Calverton and the hamlet of Passenham. A 'weald' comes from Anglo-Saxon meaning 'forest', thereby describing the forest landscape.

Flora & fauna around the River Great Ouse...

The Riverside Walks provide a great opportunity to spot local wildlife. Look out for these:



Thatched Cottages, Calverton

This row of picturesque cottages is more than 800 years old. Originally built as a barn, it was converted to cottages in the mid-17th century.



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