

# Market Square



The Market Square in Stony Stratford, as in many small towns in England, was the hub of local activity. The Great Court East of the 19th century was held at The Crown Inn. The large Victorian building opposite The Crown was the old Police Station. At the junction of the Market Square and Sheep Street you will see the former King's Head, another of the old inns of Stony Stratford.

STONY STRATFORD

## Historic Market Square

The Market Square in the early 1900s. In the background is the tower of St Giles' Church. This church was rebuilt and enlarged in 1776 to accommodate parishioners after St Mary Magdalen Church burnt down in 1742.



This early photograph shows the Wesley Elm, John Wesley made five visits to Stony Stratford during the late 18th century and is reputed to have preached from the shade of this elm tree.



The shop on the right, now occupied by Cox & Robinson is one of the oldest firms in the town, c. 1760.



Look out for these landmarks as you follow the Riverside Walks

### Did You Know...?

The Cox & Robinson chemist shop in the Market Square dates as The Fernal & Co. in the firm Wernall & Co.



**The River Great Ouse**  
Rising near Beadley, it meanders eastwards through Buckinghamshire, Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Norfolk for 250km (160 miles) to eventually join the Wash.



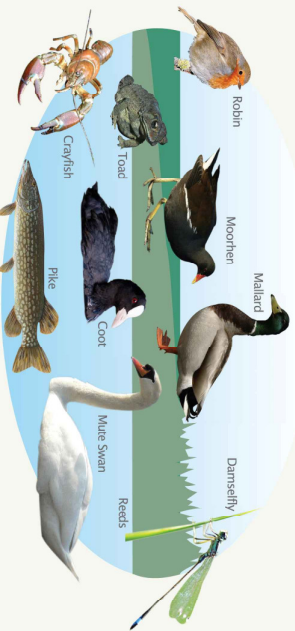
**The River Great Ouse Bridge**  
Built in 1833 to replace an old wooden bridge, this is the first major river crossing after leaving London.



**The Millfield**  
Named Mill Meadow in the 1600s and originally part of the Ouse Marshes.

### Did You Know...?

There has been a market in Stony Stratford since 1194 - by charter of King Richard I.



**Flora & fauna around the River Great Ouse**  
The Riverside Walks provide a great opportunity to spot local wildlife. Look out for these:

### Millfield Play Area

The Riverside Parks Group helped to establish the children's play area. This was constructed in October 2007 with a grant from the Waste Recycling Environmental Network. Its design was suggested by children from St Mary and St Giles School.

