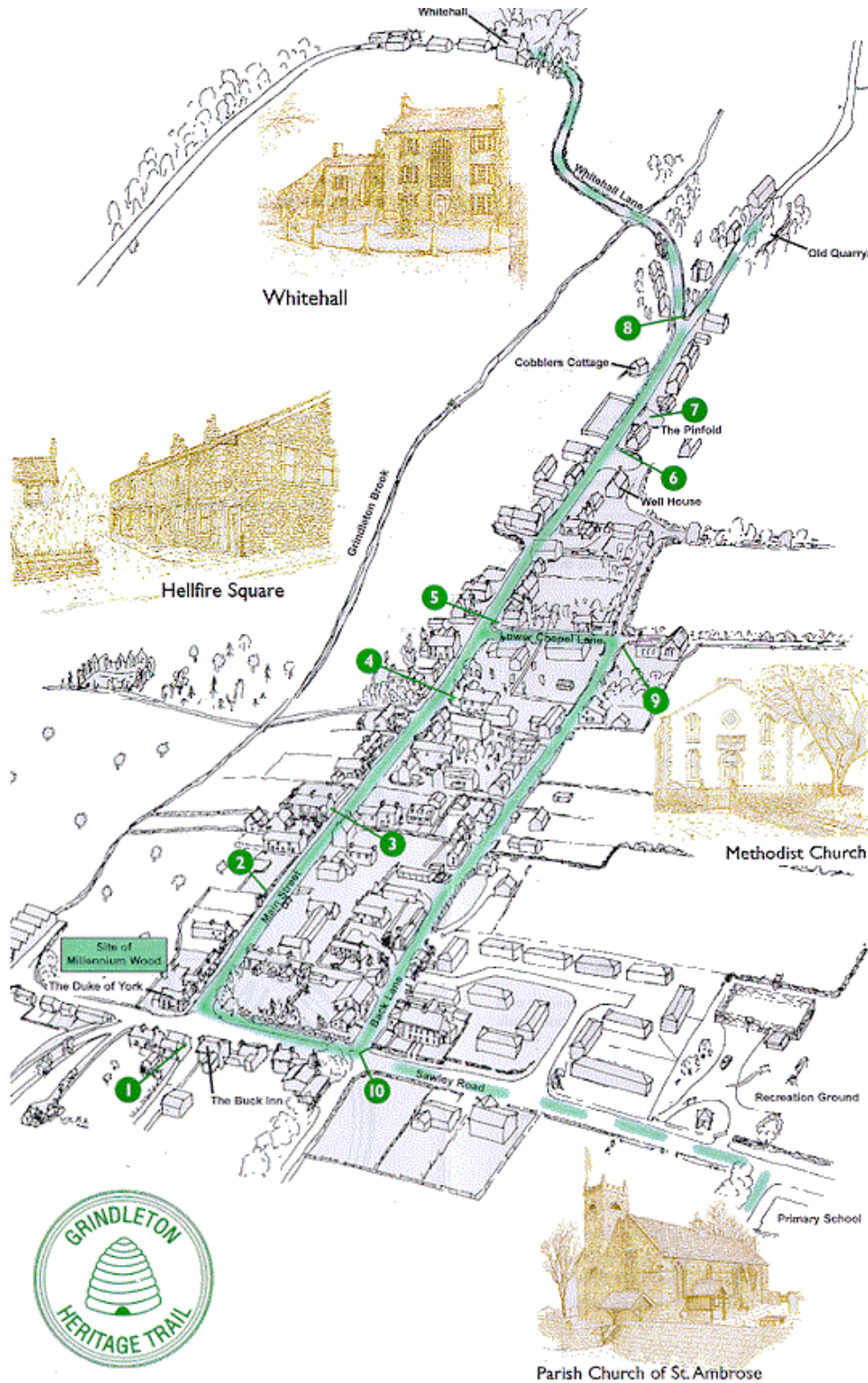


## The Grindleton Heritage Trail

The **Grindleton Heritage Trail** has been designed to commemorate the Millennium and to provide an insight into an appreciation of the local area and its history.

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You should start at the junction of Main Street and Sawley Road, adjacent to the two pubs, The Buck Inn and the Duke of York. Look for the circular 'beehive' waymarkers, numbered to correspond to the map left.

1. The house to the right of The Buck was the village smithy and shared the carpark with the inn. Opposite, until demolished to make way for road widening, was Half Moon Cottage – just in front of Swindlehurst Farm, a typical Tudor farmhouse with an inglenook fireplace visible from the pavement. Like most of the village houses it had a kitchen garden to the front facing south to catch the sun, and its gooseberry hedge survived until further road widening in the 1960s
2. Go up the village past the telephone box to the notice board. The next row of cottages on the left is Shaw Terrace, know to locals as 'Widows Row'. Like many other cottages they were originally thatched.
3. The next row of cottages, standing in front of a house with railed gardens is Eccles Terrace. This area was originally 'Hellfire Square', so called because ranting preachers gave sermons here. If you look carefully at the gable end of the row across the road, notice how the first three stones on one side below the gutter are different. In the 18th century thatch gave way to slate which is lighter and needs a shallower fall, enabling the locals to 'raise the roof' to give fashionable height to bedrooms and to have bigger windows.
4. Moving up the village past the shop, the next track to the right has on its corner Crossfold Cottage, where the steep roof and inglenook fireplace betray its late Elizabethan origins. Continue up the hill to Lower Chapel Lane.
5. Directly across Lower Chapel Lane the stone house on Main Street was built on the site of the old damson jam factory and in local gardens you can still find remnants of once extensive orchards. Even in 1940 the village produced half of ton of jam for a local hospital. Having all these fruit trees, Grindletonians were great beekeepers, so the patron saint of the village is that of beekeepers, Ambrose. Continue up the village, passing Rose Cottage, built on solid rock, and Cherry Hall, once the home of the village pinders who gathered up stray cattle and placed them in the village pound.
6. Continue up to Stone Hill Farm and the bus terminus. Originally the bus turning area was part of the roadway as one of the village wells lay beneath the present line of the road. Note that the house adjacent is 'Well House'.
7. Passing up the village, on the right, at the entrance to 'Hayfield', you will come across the village pound or pinfold which was used for keeping stray cattle in. You can still see the original narrow stone gateposts, and rest awhile on the bench to get your breath back! Across the road a small derelict barn (due for conversion) once belonged to the village cobblers. Grindleton was once much larger with various craftsmen, handloom weavers and shops.
8. If you are feeling energetic, continue up the village past Whitehall Lane until you reach a row of cottages on the left. Opposite these a small copse of trees surrounds and old quarry, which was the village tip at the turn of the century. Further on is the impressive Steelands, a typical Elizabethan house with a Georgian wing added later, and now a farm. For an interesting and somewhat strenuous diversion on your return, turn right and walk down Whitehall Lane, across the stream bridge and up to Whitehall with its splendid façade. The views of Pendle are well worth the effort!
9. Return down the village and turn left into Lower Chapel Lane to the Methodist church. The lane carries on to Sawley, past Chapel Garth, a field where the first medieval chapel stood. Through the hedge by the church, notice the way the earth banks up. Here was one of the large medieval open fields with their ploughed strips whose soil has crept down the slope over the years. From here you can return to the bottom of the village down Back Lane where most of the new houses have been built in the old damson orchards. Alternatively you can walk along one of the attractive cross connecting lanes.
10. Towards the bottom of Back Lane, the former slaughter-house is the small building on the right, and on the other side of the adjacent barn, Valley Cottages sits on the site of the midden! Across the road where there are now houses the old tithe barn stood. To the left, Sawley Road takes you past the village recreation ground towards the Primary School and the Parish Church of St Ambrose. The church originally had a musicians gallery and two-decker pulpit. To the right is the Buck Inn and the Duke of York where you started from. Good food and drink is served, so which way now? The choice is yours!