

This leaflet explains what a conservation area is and how it may affect you. It shows the boundary of one of the 32 conservation areas and points out some of the features which make it special.

Old Milton Green



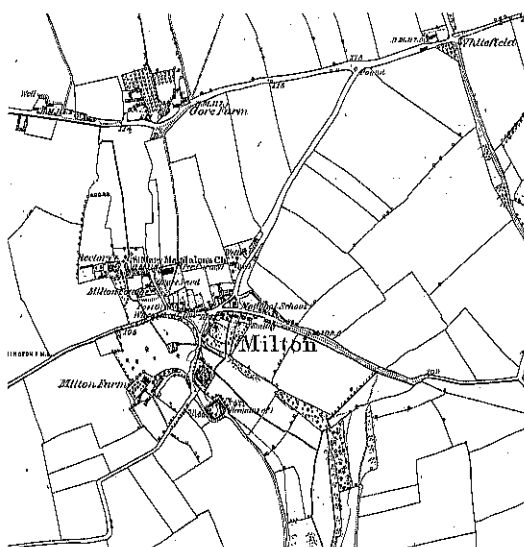
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The conservation area covers the village centre of Milton (now Old Milton), around the

Green and the Parish Church. In 1886 the railway station opened one mile away, and the main focus of activity moved away from Old Milton although the area continued to develop. The conservation area was designated in June 1993, to protect the remaining parts of the original

village. The most significant building is the church.

Substantial areas of land are likely to be redeveloped, and conservation area status should ensure that the area's character is respected.



Ordnance Survey 1869



Middleton was one of a group of enclosed farms in southwest Hampshire mentioned in the Domesday survey of 1086. Middleton has 13th century origins, and a weekly market was granted to Thomas de Chaucombe in 1308. Milton grew up around the Church and Green as a stopping point on the coast road from Lynton to Poole which was the main town before the growth of Bournemouth in the 1800s. The present road and property boundaries follow the historic pattern and can be traced on early maps. Two inns, the school, the smithy and other village shops were clustered round the Green to the north and east, but many services

moved away as the town of New Milton grew following development nearer the railway.

The Green is the focus of the area, but its historic character is at present marred by traffic and a clutter of signs and posts. Church Lane still retains a rural feel, with some old hedgerows surviving. There are important trees on the Green and nearby in the George car park. The extensive Rectory grounds contain valuable trees protected by a tree preservation order. Groups of trees in the churchyard and to the east of the Green are also significant.