

What you can see

Masham Leaves is a series of sculptures produced in the early 1990s from local quarried limestone reclaimed from the former railway station platform. The sculptures were designed by Alain Ayers, with local residents and businesses providing materials, skills, time or other assistance.

In the churchyard you can see the base of a Saxon cross, and the grave of Julius Caesar Ibbetson, a 17th century local artist.

The decorated cross-shaft in St Mary's Churchyard is about 1,200 years old. Its design, three rows of figures, may depict scenes from the Old and New Testaments. A number of Saxon burials and a cemetery have been excavated in the town since the 1970s, indicating a substantial population in Masham at about the same time as the cross shaft was carved.

The footpath runs through grasslands along the banks of the River Ure and the River Burn. Willow, alder and ash trees line the banks in many places. Tangled tree roots and nettle beds are often the preferred resting places chosen by otters lying up during the day. These rivers also support our native white-clawed crayfish, providing an important habitat for this declining species.



At a glance

How far?	3 miles (5 km)
How hard?	Easy / moderate with stiles
Which map?	OS Explorer 302 & 298
Starting at?	Masham Market Place
Buses?	traveline 0871 2002233
Parking?	Market Place (honesty box)
Any facilities?	Plenty of choice in Masham

A circular walk with stone sculptures to discover along the way. Mostly on field paths, which may be muddy, with some stiles to cross.

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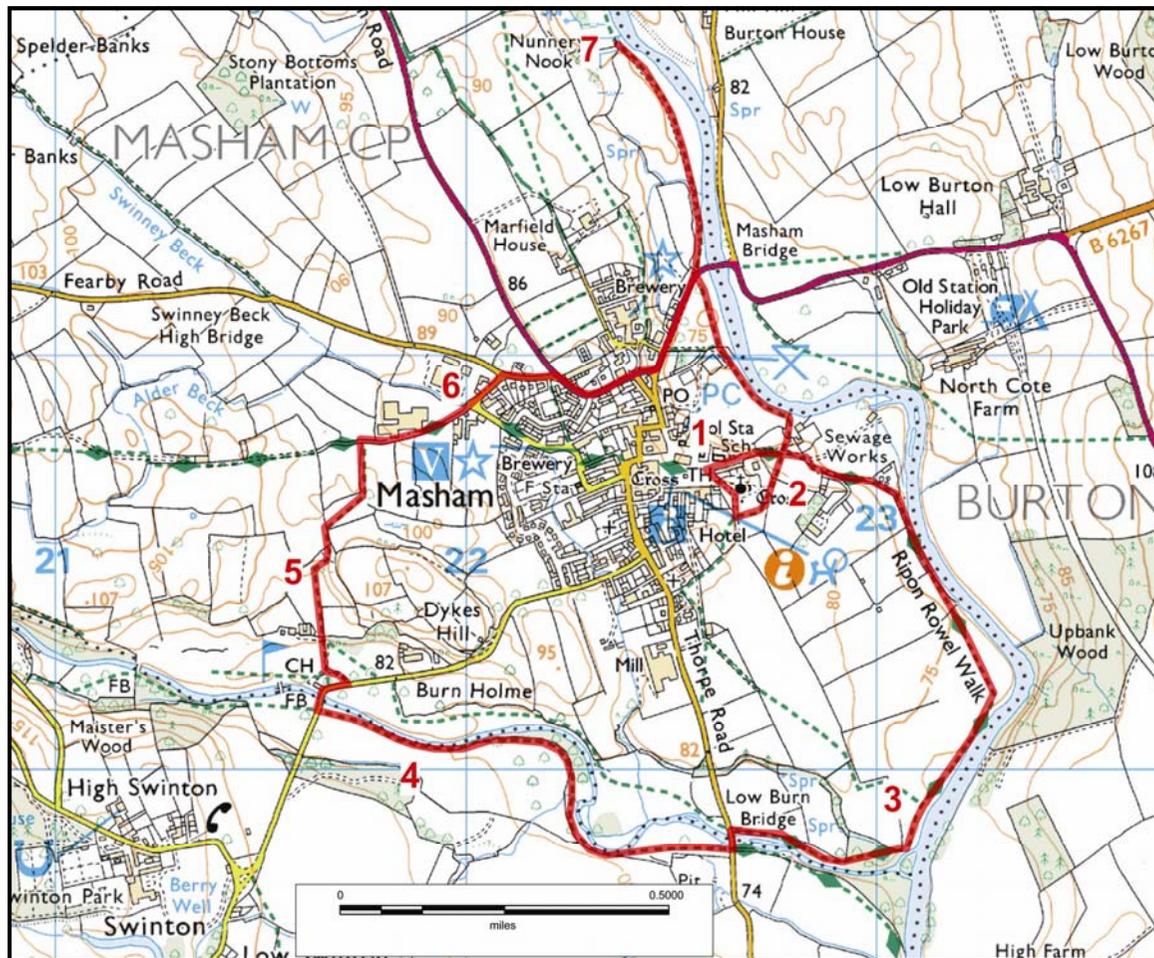
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1. Start at the Mashamshire Community Office (situated in Little Market Place). Pass the Town Hall on your left and follow the road round to the left until you reach Masham Primary School at the top of Millgate. Here you will find the Acorn, the first of the Masham Leaves, near to the school hall door.
2. Turn back into the main Market Place and head left, making for St Mary's Church in the nearest corner. Pass the war memorial in the

churchyard and a fine Norman doorway and continue on the path in front of the south door. Go through the kissing gate at the rear of the graveyard, turn left and continue to Leaf 2 (the Standing Tree). Go past the Standing Tree, through a nearby gate, downhill and turn right onto a track which leads past the sewage works. Follow the short lane along the bank of the River Ure, which soon becomes a riverside path. Continue along the riverbank to Leaf 3 (the Floating Leaf).

3. Still on this path, head towards the woods where the River Burn joins the River Ure in Van Dieman's Plantation. Bear left down the steps into the wood and follow the path upstream to Low Burn Bridge on the Grewelthorpe – Masham road. Cross over the bridge, take the footpath on your right and continue upstream on the opposite riverbank. On reaching the golf course, climb the stile into the playing area, keeping well away from the fairway (or continue along the riverbank) until you arrive at Leaf 4 - the Shrine.



4. Follow the path along the edge of the golf course, close to the riverbank, until you reach Swinton Bridge. Cross the bridge and continue until you get to the golf club entrance. Turn left, follow the track across the golf course, climb over a stile (farm buildings on your left) and cross the field to Leaf 5 (the Enclosure).
5. Follow the path uphill across fields, making for a small industrial estate. Turn right down the track until you reach a humpback bridge. To end the walk here, turn right and head back to the Market Place. To continue turn left and then right at Fearby Road and right again when you reach the A6108 (Leyburn-Ripon Road).
6. Walk past Wensleydale Garage, pass the WW2 memorial and head downhill to the avenue of lime trees which leads to Masham Bridge. Just before the bridge, head left, cross a stile and walk along the riverbank until you reach Leaf 6 (the Footbridge).
7. From here, retrace your steps to Masham Bridge, back along the lime avenue and then back to the Market Place.