

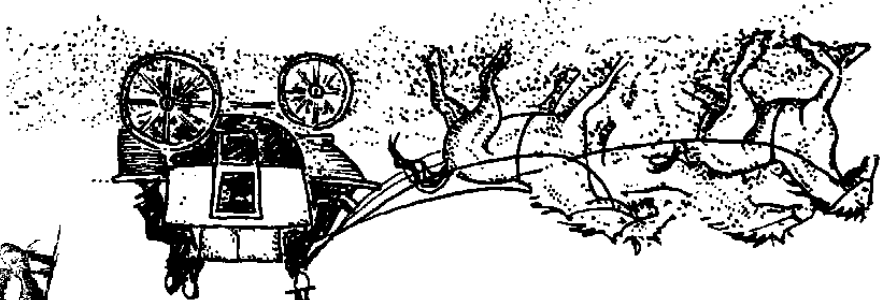
It is known that the Romans had a large settlement on Grimstock Hill, because of the number of artefacts found in the area. Chattle Hill is also of significance as the remains of a Temple have been found.



Grimstock Hill and Chattle Hill

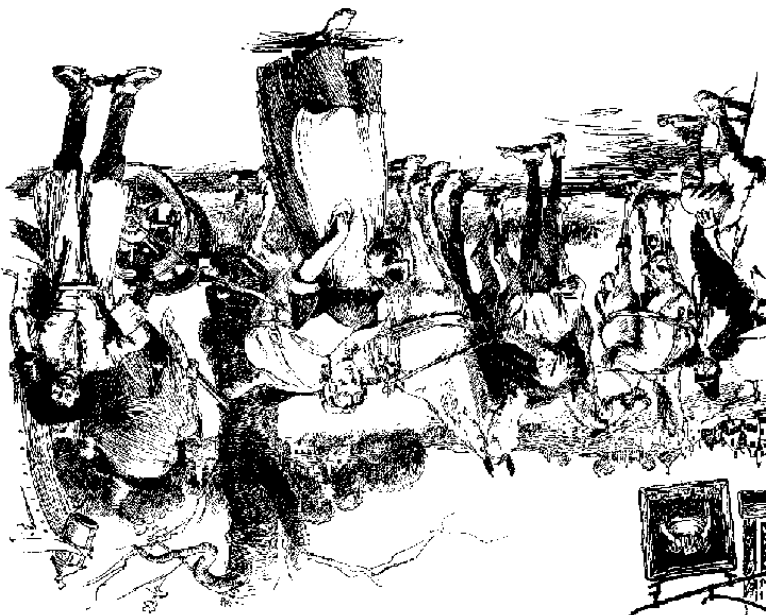
This road was an important stagecoach route from the South to Lichfield, with tolls being paid to the gate-keeper at Jack o' Watton. The tolls collected were used for helping to maintain the highway roads between the toll-gates, or turnpikes, as they were known.

Lichfield Road (A446)



Settlement on the "Tun" is the early name for "Overton" from which Water Orton gets its name. "Overton" can be dated back in history as far as the first Plantagenet King, Henry II (1133 - 1199). The high bank above the river, on either side of Old Church Road, South of the River Tame, is where the early settlers would have set up home, and is now what is left of the original part of the village. The word "Water" first appears in documents dating back to the 16th Century. Until 1842 Water Orton was just a scattering of little cottages and farms.

Water Orton



As well as the turnpike being on the site, there was also the old Royal Oak Inn, where the occupants of the coaches would have stopped for liquid refreshment. For goods and passengers going to Water Orton, a local coach would have then taken them from the Royal Oak.

Jack o' Watton

The Village Trail is one of a series of self-guided walks. You'll be using existing footpaths, but please take extra care when walking along un-pathed lanes.

Public Transport Serving Water Orton

Bus Services

Sutton Coldfield - Shustoke - Sutton Coldfield 70A and 70
Operator: Zaks Coaches Tel: 0121 360 2862

Birmingham - Coleshill - Birmingham 590
Operator: Travel West Midlands Tel: 0121 2000 2700

Atherstone - Birmingham International 777
Operator: A - Line Travel Tel: 01827 712287

Train Services

Birmingham - Tamworth
Operator: Central Trains Tel: 0121 654 1200

For further up-to-date information, please contact
Warwickshire Travel Line Tel: 01926 414140

Countryside Events in North Warwickshire

If you require information on countryside activities within North Warwickshire, and wish to receive a program of events, please contact North Warwickshire Borough Council Leisure Services. Tel: 01827 719270.

Walking and Cycling

If you are interested in walking and cycling in North Warwickshire, then there are walks and cycle routes leaflets available by contacting Leisure Services on 01827 719207.

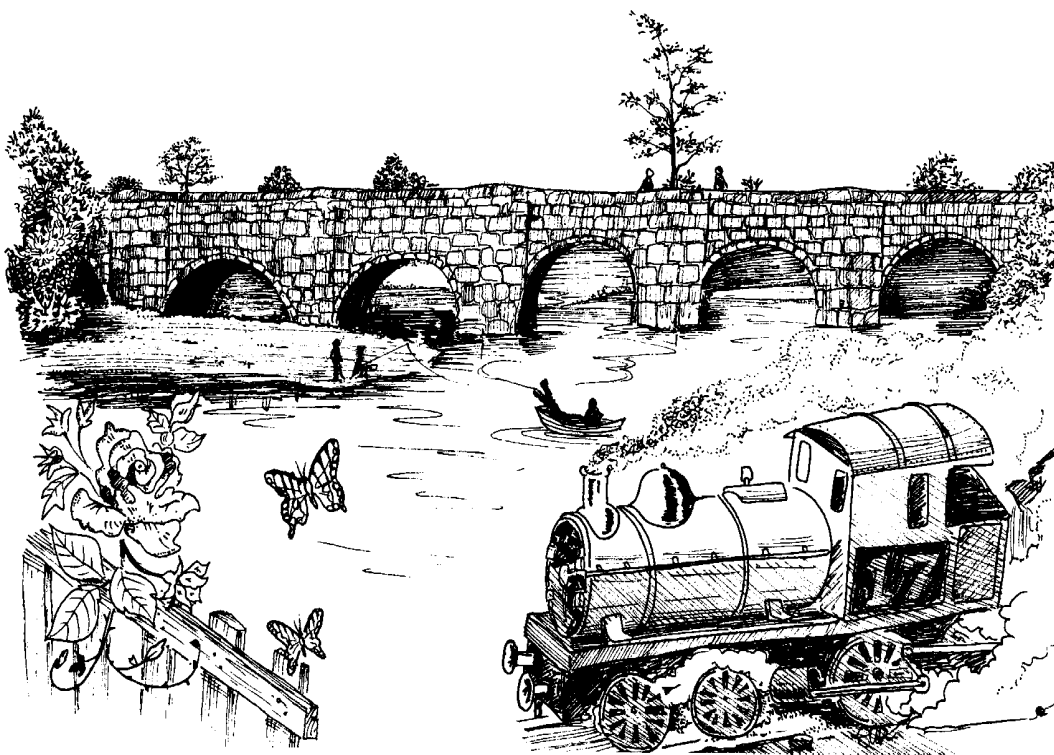
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