

Discover Tattenhall



The Parish Church

Follow the Millennium Mile



Tattenhall & District Parish Council

Tattenhall Millennium Mile

The one mile walk described in this leaflet introduces villagers and visitors to Tattenhall and offers the chance to explore the village at leisure, and points out some of Tattenhall's significant buildings and features. The walk itself, intended to be accessible to all, is mainly on level ground with a few slopes and one ramped section. Beyond 'The Mile' there are many clearly signed paths for venturing further afield.

Tattenhall is a pleasant Cheshire village with a variety of old and new buildings. Like other such communities, buildings in the centre of the village along High Street are little changed. Several large housing estates have been added over the last 40 years and in the late 90's office accommodation has become a significant feature. Tattenhall is within easy reach of several large towns and cities for work, entertainment and shopping, yet offers residents wonderful countryside, walks and views close by.

There is no fixed start or finish to the walk. It can be joined and left at any point but it is suggested that you begin on Flacca Field which is the centre for sports in the village. Cricket, football, running, squash and tennis clubs use the War Memorial Pavilion as their base. Built in 1951 it was refurbished in 1998/9 and offers members excellent facilities.

Walk off the field, passing the cricket scoreboard, and along a path which passes the mill pond and Tattenhall Hall.



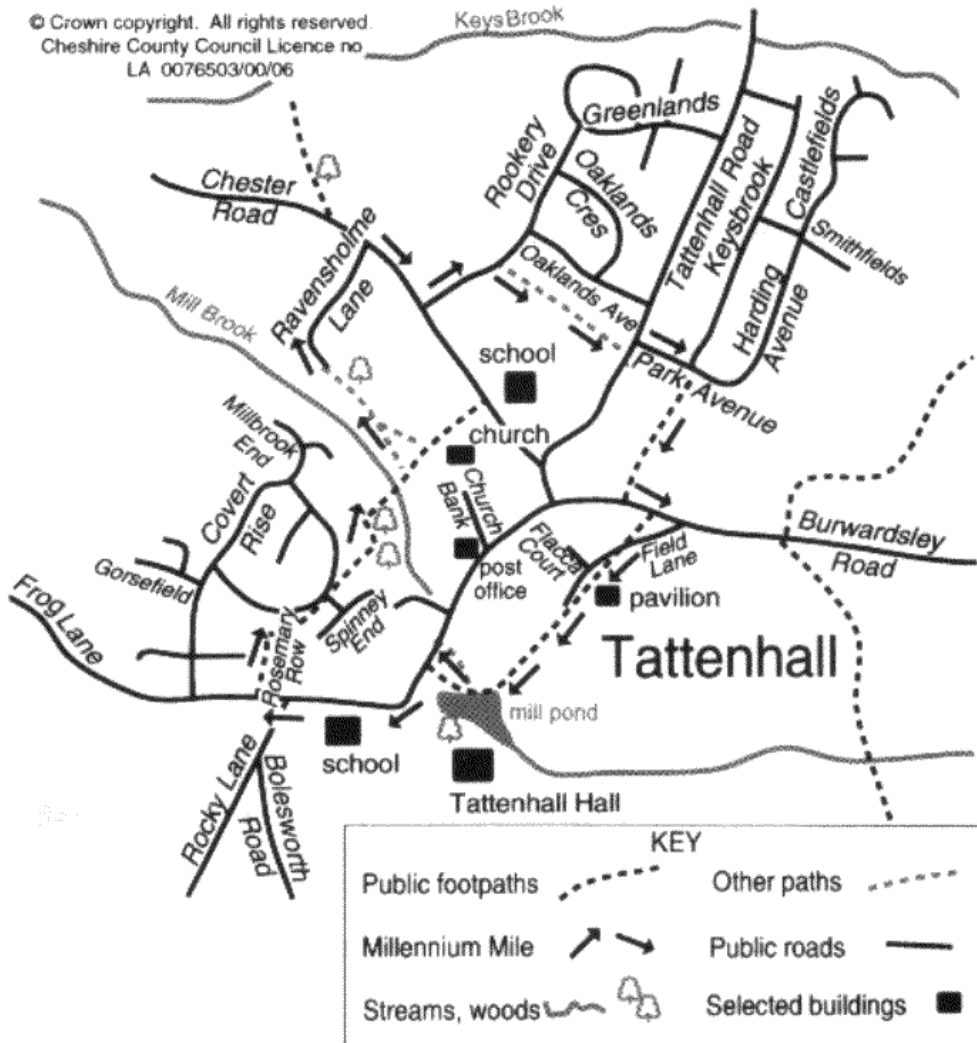
Tattenhall Hall & Mill Pond

The present Hall was greatly altered in the late 19th century but records identify a fine brick house there in 1601. The imposing building was

previously part of a large dairy farm and is now, together with the conversion of the barns, a fine group of residences.

The mill pond was created to drive the water wheel of the village mill. Below the pond is the site of a Victorian mill later converted into a dairy and finally 'Calypso' soft drinks factory. Offices and housing were built in 2000. The mill pond was renovated in the late 90's whilst the Millfield was given a new lease of life as a splendid park area in 2006.

Walk down the slope below the pond to High Street.



On the right is the Barbour Institute built in 1897, where many village societies meet and a variety of events take place. Ahead is the War Memorial, erected in 1922, in memory of villagers who died in the World Wars. Every November villagers, including the uniformed organisations, gather around it to pay their respects.

Turn left following the low stone wall past the Hall entrance drive.

Pass Tattenhall Education Centre which children from nearby cities use as a base to explore and study rural life.



Houses by Clough Williams-Ellis

Note the classical style of the Rose Corner buildings clustered around the next road junction. These were built in 1927 for George Barbour to the designs of Clough Williams-Ellis, the architect of Portmeirion fame.

Turn right into Rosemary Row opposite and follow the footpath through to Covert Rise housing estate and on into The Spinney.

Note the view to the right of St. Alban's Parish Church. There has been a church on this site since the 11th century and the tower dates from 1512 (see sketch below).

Cross the wooden footbridge and turn left before the steps.

Ahead is The Rookery (see sketch below) which is an interesting Tudor-style house, altered and enlarged in 1909 for the former owners, the Wignall family. Note the 'ha-ha' ditch feature in the garden. Glebe Meadow in front is a newly created wildlife meadow.



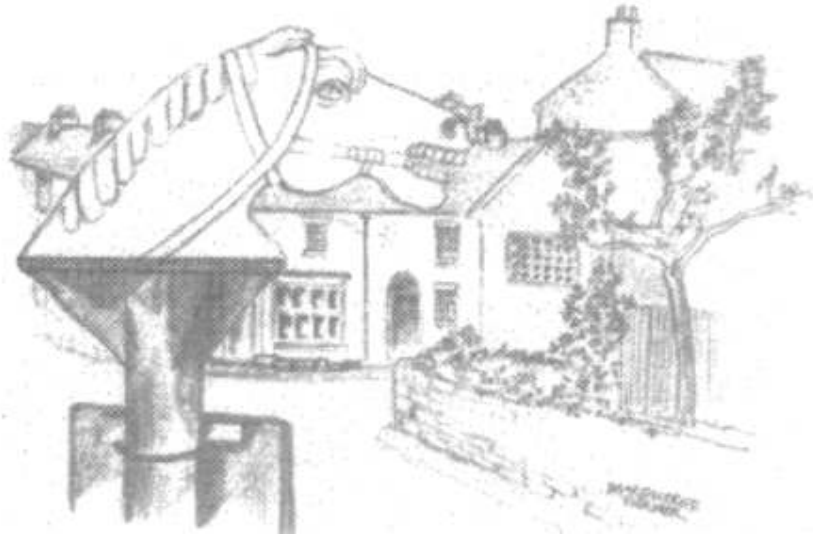
The Rookery

Walk through into the award-winning Ravensholme Court housing area and on to a T-junction with the Rookery Surgery on the right. Turn right into Chester Road then immediately left into Rookery Drive. After 150m turn right onto a path leading to The Park.

The Park is an extensive green, at the western side of which is the village Primary School, which doubles as a community centre with library, swimming pool and communal rooms, all used extensively.

Cross Tattenhall Road into Park Avenue **see below*. After 100m turn right along a footpath which initially runs through housing to Burwardsley Road.

Pausing here, look right down the High Street to the village centre. The Sportsman's Arms, The Letter's Inn and the terraced Nine Houses have been part of village life since the mid 18th century. Note the horse's head by the pub car park entrance as shown here



High Street from the Sportsman's

Turn left along Burwardsley Road before turning right along Field Lane and return to your start point on Flacca Field.

Looking back, admire the elegant Georgian Houses on Burwardsley Road. It is to be hoped that you have enjoyed the walk and have learned a little about this pleasant Cheshire village.



Burwardsley Road

*(*Due to the narrow nature of a part of the path ahead, wheelchair users may wish to turn right along the side of The Park, cross where convenient, go into the village then left at the T-junction by the Sportsman's Arms.)*

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