Welcome to

MILFORD

part of the DERWENT VALLEY MILLS WORLD HERITAGE SITE

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Derwent Valley Mills Inscribed on the World Heritage List in 2001

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INFORMATION POINTS
(waterwheel plaques)

HERITAGE BOARDS

MILFORD IS PART OF THE DERWENT VALLEY MILLS WORLD HERITAGE SITE.

This board is one of a series about features of interest in this internationally important landscape and the people who lived here and shaped it.

The World Heritage Site runs for 15 miles along the Derwent Valley between Matlock Bath and Derby. Look out for more interpretation boards which will help you explore the mill communities.

The map will help you to find the other boards in Milford, as well as supplementary information points (waterwheel plaques) which have information and a weblink to more about Milford's history.

WHERE FROM HERE?

Behind you, the steep climb up Sunny Hill brings you to an ancient route along the crest of the hill, which is known as The Chevin, for a picturesquewalk to Belper.

On your right, the little path at the end of these buildings takes you down to the crossing and the old mills site.

THE MARKET PLACE

This area, at the bottom of Sunny Hill, was known for a time as Milford Market Place in newspaper reports and on postcards, but no market is known to have been held here. It had a shop, for many years run by the Oldknow family – their Hovis sign can still be seen. Here in 1909, Mr Oldknow gave a speech outside his shop in support of a by-election candidate.



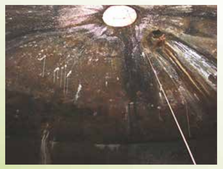
The Institute and Oldknow's shop during the 1909 by-election hustings

LOOK OUT

Well Lane is **on your right**, a little way up the hill behind you. See if you can find the well, at the far end, from which the lane was named.



Inspecting the old underground reservoirs



The top of the playground reservoir



The bottom of the reservoir

THE VILLAGE SCHOOL

This is Milford's Mill School, still in use today, and one of the oldest educational buildings in Derbyshire still used for teaching. Built c.1819, it connected to the mill complex behind so children could move freely between work and lessons. Under the playground are substantial bricklined reservoirs which stored water for the mill dye-house.

19th century view of the Beehive Inn

THE BEEHIVE

To the right of the shop is the Milford Institute, provided by Herbert Strutt for the village, with reading and billiards rooms and a meeting room for the parish council. Before 1900, it was the site of the Beehive public house, which closed when the Strutt Arms Hotel was built on the A6, and the licence transferred.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON MILFORD

Click on the QR code or use this link:

www.derwentvalleymills.org/milford

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