

History trails around Milford-on-Sea: a stroll round the green

1. **The Smugglers** – built in 1803 with tiled roof, rendered walls and sash windows, but since extended. The door has a reeded frame and flat hood supported on scrolled brackets. The beamed ceilings inside were constructed recently with timbers from old barns.

2. **The east end of the High Street** – the late Victorian houses opposite the Smugglers are now much altered, but were built of yellow bricks made in a brick-works in Lymore Lane. Some houses have decorative terracotta roof-crests and finials.

3. Up **Church Hill** from the George and Mary lamp-post is number 2. This was a large grocery shop originally owned by Frederick Knight. In 1976 it was sold to Threshers off-licence and is now The Cave.

4. **The Green** is thought to go back to medieval times. Until the 1960s ponies roamed here. The Green is extensively used for our Music and Arts Festival, Food Week, the May Fayre and many other village events.

5. **Milford Cottage** - a yeoman's cottage with thatched roof was built in the 1780's.

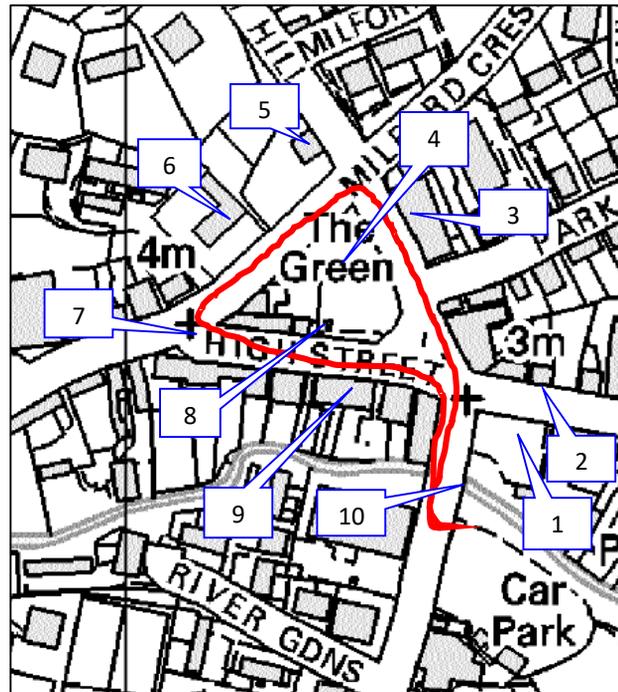
6. **Myrtle Cottage** - was a residence with red brick walls and parapet and was advertised for sale by the vicar in 1785 as "a neat house, fit for a small family, brick and tile built, neat wainscotted parlour, kitchen and brewhouse on ground floor, three chambers over, a pretty garden" and with "a pew thereto belonging to hear a good preacher"!

7. Towards **the west end of the High Street** is The Red Lion was built in the 1790's. A short row of houses next door are early 18th century and have been substantially rebuilt, no.s 34-38 in the 1960's, no.s 40 and 42 back in 1825. No.s 44 and 46 may be late 18th century.

8. **The Smithy** - the surviving part of the 19th century smithy. In 1850 George Cole, the blacksmith, lived opposite in no 46, where back in 1676 an earlier smith, William Thorn, had owned a house, barn and garden plot.

9. **The Biscuit House** – built in the 1700's. It was sold in 1884 a dwelling house with front shop comprising: sitting room, four bedrooms, kitchen, scullery, outbuildings, four-walled stable, coach house for four vehicles, shed, walled-in productive garden and a slaughter house.' It was subsequently a ladies fashion shop. In 2016 the Biscuit House opened.

10. The **Danes Stream** flows from Tiptoe through the Pleasure Grounds, behind the High Street, under Sea Road and eastwards to Sturt Pond and then out to the Solent.



Start anywhere – number 1 is next to the public car park south east of the green.

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