

HISTORY OF THE VILLAGE

The village of Great Horwood resides within Buckinghamshire near the borders to Oxfordshire and Northamptonshire, about five miles from Buckingham. Great Horwood was described in 1806 in "Magna Britannia" as follows:

Great-Harwood, in the hundred of Cotslow and deanery of Muresley, lies about two miles north of Winslow: it had formerly a market on Wednesdays, granted in 1447 to New-College, in Oxford, together with a fair for three days, at the festival of St. James.

The manor was given by Walter Giffard, Earl of Buckingham, to the priory of Newton-Longueville; on the suppression of which, in 1415, it was granted to John Duke of Bedford: reverting to the crown at his death, it was granted in 1441 to the wardens and scholars of New-College, in Oxford, who are patrons of the rectory. In the church are some memorials of the family of Barker.

The Village Green



Derivation of the name "Horwood"

The name Horwood derives from the old english words horh, wudu, and means 'filthy' or 'muddy wood'. The name Great being used as a distinguishing affix.

The village now: The village is now a very friendly community most of whose workforce commute into the surrounding towns of Aylesbury, Milton Keynes and Buckingham. Some residents commute into London using one of the two train lines. Trains from Milton Keynes arrive at Euston, whilst trains from Aylesbury terminate at Marylebone.

The facilities within the village include two pubs, The Crown and The Swan. Both are traditional village pubs offering excellent beer and food.

The Village Church



The Village Hall



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The Swann Inn



The Crown Inn



A local Primary school ensures that new village generations mould into a community before travelling to Aylesbury or more commonly Buckingham for secondary education.

Two miles from the village lies Winslow, where many more facilities are available including several restaurants and public houses serving various cuisine, plus numerous takeaways (traditional Fish & Chips, Chinese & Indian.) There are two "open all hours" stores, one bank with a hole in the wall machine and a petrol station open most evenings until at least 9.00pm. A minibus and taxi services are also available in Winslow.