

# Hello Heritage...

## Appleby Magna—A Village through time

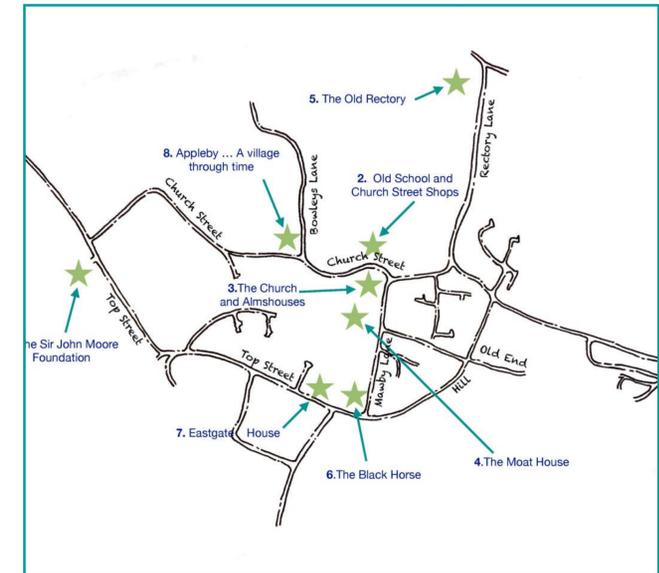
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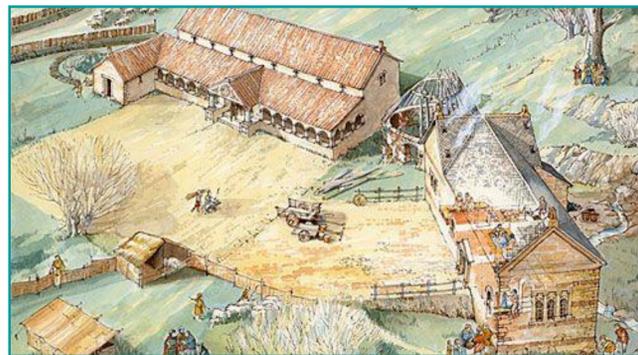
Aerial photograph of the village taken in the 1930's

Welcome to our village. Appleby Magna or Appleberie as it was known in Saxon times later took the Danish ending -by. Appleby has strong links with the past. The school and the Moat House are well documented historic buildings. There are 27 listed structures in the parish and the village has a Conservation Area. Other places worth viewing are the Church and the Almshouses and the bridge across the stream at Old End. The village was described by Nichols History of Leicestershire in 1811 "... viewed from any point, no village is better bosom'd in trees"

The place name Appleby is a combination of Saxon and Danish elements and this is an indication that the settlement appears to date in the Saxon period before the Danish invasions of the 9th century. Archaeological evidence suggests that human activity in and around the Appleby Magna area was as early as the Neolithic Period around 6000 years ago. It is likely that there was a simple Iron Age settlement near Appleby Magna based on evidence from a series of crop marks. It was most probably a collection of single roomed wattle and daub roundhouses surrounding a central area.



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Archaeological excavations in advance of building the hotel at Appleby Fields produced evidence of a small 4th century Roman Farmstead. There was also evidence of a corn drying oven.



Appleby first appeared on a map from a survey of 1576. This map is based in the first Ordnance Survey Of the area. It's dated 1882.



The Old Post Office was situated on the corner of Black Horse Hill and Mawbys Lane. The image shows the Munday family and staff outside in 1903.



After the 1947 Planning Act there was an increased need for housing within the village and the 1950s saw a boom in construction in Appleby.