

WELCOME
TO



RATLEY



EDGEHILL



&
UPTON

PARISH



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USEFUL INFORMATION & CONTACT NUMBERS

WEBSITE for RATLEY and UPTON PARISH COUNCIL

www.ratleyandupton-pc.gov.uk

ALLOTMENTS AT EDGEHILL

(administered by the Ratley and Upton Welfare Trust)

Pete Simkin

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CHURCHES

Ratley Church, St Peter ad Vincula (St Peter in Chains).

A church was recorded here in 1298, but the present building dates back to 1340, and is now one of the "Six Parishes" – Combroke, Kineton, Radway, Ratley, Shotteswell and Warmington. Services are held in rotation at varying times in the six parish churches. Details are available in the monthly "Parish Link" (delivered to homes in the Parish) and on church notice-boards.

Contact Details

Rector of Edgehill Churches Benefice:

The Rev Barry Jackson Tel: 01926 640248 Email: barry@edgehillchurches.org

Associate Minister:

Rev Dr Beren Hartless Tel: 01926 642975 Email: beren.hartless@btinternet.com

Rev Alison Abbott (curate) Tel: 07923 442070 Email: rev.alisonabbott@gmail.com

Rev Matthew Arnold (curate) Tel: 01926 642076 Email: mtr.arnold@googlemail.com

Administrator:

Katie Hartless Rose [Tel:01926 641401](tel:01926641401) Email: edgehilloffice@gmail.com

To receive the Edgehill Churches Newsletter contact Edgehill churches administrator, Katie Hartless Rose, 12, Shortacres, Kineton, CV35 0LH Tel: 01926 641401

The Festival Choir (sings at main Church festivals, e.g. Christmas and Easter)

Contact: Shona Walton

01295 670596

Methodist Church, Kineton

Rev Richard Wilde

Tel: 07971218356

St Francis Roman Catholic Church, Kineton

Rev. Fr David Tams

Tel: 01608 685259

EDUCATION

Adult Courses The Old Fire Station Tysoe 01865 263980

<https://oldfirestation.org.uk/Classes/>

Schools Primary: Tysoe CE Primary 01295 680244

<http://www.tysoe.warwickshire.sch.uk/welcome/>

Secondary: Kineton High School 01926 640465

<http://kinetonhighschool.org.uk/>

ELECTRICITY

Emergency loss of supply

0800 6783 105

FUEL SUPPLIES

Coal, Oil, Logs, Gas, Diesel: **Red Horse Vale Ltd** 01926 642832

LPG (Gas Bulk Supplies): **BP** 0845 300 0038

Petrol, Diesel etc. Nearest is at Gaydon near J12 of M40

LIBRARIES

Banbury Library (Marlborough Road)

Tel: 01295 262282

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/banbury-library>

Kineton Library (Kineton Village Hall Mill Street)

Tel: 01926 641774

<http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/kinetonlibrary>

Wellesbourne Library (Kineton Road, Wellesbourne CV35 9NF)

Tel: 01789 840528

Web: <http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/wellesbournelibrary>

The Mobile library will be at Ratley bus shelter from 14:55 to 15:15

Email: mobilelibraryservice@warwickshire.gov.uk

MEDICAL

GP Surgeries

Kineton and Tysoe

Kineton

01926 640471

Tysoe

01295 680220

Web: <https://www.kinetonsurgery.warwickshire.nhs.uk>

Email: kinetonsurgery@nhs.net

Fenny Compton and Shenington

Fenny Compton

01295 770855

Shenington

01295 678124

Email: Marshall.sharples@gp-m84009.nhs.uk

Web: <http://www.fennycomptonandsheningtonsurgery.nhs.uk>

Hospitals (A&E)

Banbury (Horton)

01295 275500

Warwick

01926 495321

MILK DELIVERIES Milk and More 0345 606 3606

Deliveries Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays

NATIONAL & LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Member of Parliament	Jeremy Wright	01789 292723
County Councillor	Chris Mills	07966 133607
District Councillor	Malcolm Littlewood	07514 951174
Parish Council: Clerk	Jeremy Obbard	01295 670314
Stratford-on-Avon District Council Office		01789 267575
Warwickshire County Council Office		01926 410410

NEWSPAPER DELIVERIES

Smiths Newsagents, 5 Beaumont Business Centre,
Beaumont Close, Banbury, OX16 1TN 01295 268499

POLICE

Inspector Ben Hembry
Sergeant Claire Price
Constable Christopher Taylor

Wellesbourne Safer Neighbourhood Team

Constable Catherine Morgan

Community Support Officers:

Liam Allen Sarah Bailey

Telephone 101 Voicemail 10892

Website: <https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/a/your-area/warwickshire/stratford-on-avon/red-horse/>

Twitter @wellesbournops

POST OFFICES

Kineton	01926 640256
Tysoe	01295 680632

PUBS and RESTAURANTS

The Castle Inn, Edgehill 01295 670255
<http://castleatedgehill.co.uk>

The Rose & Crown, Ratley 01295 678148
<http://www.roseandcrownratley.co.uk/>

The Indian Queen, Wroxton Heath 01295 678888
<http://www.theindianqueen.co.uk>

The Falcon (Warmington) 01295 692120
<http://www.brunningandprice.co.uk/falcon/>

Shukurs Brasserie (Kineton) 01926 642171
<http://www.shukursbrasserie.com/>

Café, the White Swan, Kineton 01926 640664
<https://ukhotels.com/ho619524800/el-café-the-white-swan-warwick-united-kingdom>

Monkey Bean Café, Sugarwell 0203 9838685
<https://www.monkeybeancoffee.com>

The Peacock Oxhill 01295 688060
<https://www.peacockoxhill.com>

The Dun Cow Hornton 01295 670524
<https://www.theduncowhornton.co.uk>

The Malt Shovel, Church Road Gaydon 01926 641221
<https://maltshovelinngaydon.co.uk>

The Bell Shenington 01295 670274
<https://www.thebellatshenington.co.uk>

The Kitchen at Primrose Hill Farm, Arlescote 01295690615
<https://www.thekitchenprimrosehillfarm.co.uk>

Gillk's garage café 01296 640539
<https://gilksgaragecafe.com>

TAKEAWAYS

Kineton Chippy fish and chips (and chicken) 01296 930363
<https://kinetonchippy.co.uk>

Hong Kong Chinese takeaway, Carpenters Arms, Kineton: 01926 640364

RATLEY AND UPTON WELFARE TRUST

Annual gifts are made to pensioners and children of the Parish.

Secretary: Pete Simkin Tel: 07918 340774 email: psimkin6@gmail.com

REFUSE COLLECTIONS

This is from wheely bins and food caddies provided by the Council and is undertaken on Wednesdays.

Food waste should be collected in the caddy provided and is collected every week.

Recyclables (glass bottles, cans, paper, cardboard, plastic bottles, and aerosols) in blue lidded wheely bin is collected every other week

Green (garden) waste (for composting, in green wheely bin) is collected every other week.

This requires a subscription (and sticker on the bin) available from SDC at:

<https://www.stratford.gov.uk/waste-recycling/garden-waste-service.cfm>

Household Rubbish (for landfill), in grey wheely bin is collected every three weeks.

A collection calendar can be found on the Stratford District Council website at:

<https://www.stratford.gov.uk/waste-recycling/when-we-collect.cfm>

If you have any problems with recycling and refuse disposal,:

Contact:

Stratford District Council:

Tel: 01789 260925

Web: <https://www.stratford.gov.uk/waste-recycling/>

SHOPPING for daily needs is available in Tysoe and Kineton.

Farm Shop on B4100 between Shotteswell and Warmington turns.

Petrol Filling Station at Gaydon also has a small shop and café.

A wider range of shops, including superstores, DIY stores, department stores and outdoor markets is available in:

Banbury 8 miles

Royal Leamington Spa 17 miles

Stratford 12 miles

Warwick 16 miles

TRANSPORT LINKS

Airports	Birmingham International	0871 222 0072
	Coventry	02476 308600
	East Midlands	0871 919 9000

Bus Services to Banbury and Stratford are run by Johnsons of Henley-in-Arden
01564 797000

Timetable:

[https://www.johnsonskoaches.co.uk/contentfiles/files/6%207%2050A%20X7%20\(Sept%202020\).pdf](https://www.johnsonskoaches.co.uk/contentfiles/files/6%207%2050A%20X7%20(Sept%202020).pdf)

Motorway Junctions	M40 Northbound J12, Gaydon 7 miles
	M40 Southbound J11, Banbury 10 miles

Banbury Train Station:	(for Birmingham, Oxford, London Marylebone)
Enquiries	0345 600 5165

VETS

Avonvale Veterinary Group,

Ratley branch - horses and other large animals	01295 670501
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Wellesbourne branch - small animals	01926 854181
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S J Hales Veterinary Group, Kineton	01926 641000
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(Kineton branch specialises in small animals)

VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS

Lisa Curtlin

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WEBSITE for RATLEY and UPTON PARISH COUNCIL
www.ratleyandupton-pc.gov.uk

SOCIAL MEDIA

Facebook: Ratley, Edgehill and Upton Parish Council
Ratley/Edgehill/Upton Residents group

PARISH EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Many of these take place in **Ratley Village Hall**.

Website: <https://www.ratleyvillagehall.co.uk>

The Trustees meet 6 times a year plus the AGM in July.

The Village Hall reopened in March 2010 after a refurbishment utilising “green technology”. Details of events held in the Hall can be found on notice-boards in the Parish, (Ratley Village Hall, Ratley High Street post box, Edgehill post box), Upton estate office or from “flyers” through your letterbox.

Most years these activities include:

New Year's Eve Party

New Year's Day Hockey Match (Ratley Recreation Ground)

Family Summer Barbecue and Games

Flower and Produce Show in August

Harvest Festival and Supper in October

5th November Bonfire & Firework Display (Ratley Rec)

Other Village Hall occasional activities have included:

Attic Auctions, Brunches, Concerts, Dances and Films. These are often organised to raise funds for Parish causes, including the maintenance of the Village Hall, the Church or the Youth Club. As well as the main hall the Village Hall also has a kitchen and separate drinks servery, and two meeting rooms. It is used as a general meeting place as well as being a venue for our many clubs and societies. It can be hired for private functions, including children's and family parties.

To book the Village Hall contact Lisa Curtlin 01295 670298

email: lisacurtlin@btinternet.com

or via the website: <https://www.ratleyvillagehall.co.uk>

CLUBS/SOCIETIES

Festival Choir

Performs at local churches for Easter, Harvest Festival and Christmas
Rehearsals Thursdays 7:15 p m in Ratley Church 6 weeks before festival
All welcome. Contact: Shona Walton 01295 670596.

Gardening

Last Monday in the month 7:30pm at Radway Village Hall
Contact: Brenda Llewelin 01295 670383

Sewing class

Every other Wednesday 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the village hall
Contact: Sheila Jones 01295 670674

Yoga

Every Tuesday in the village hall See: <https://jogalovesyoga.com>

Tea and Chat:

last Friday of every month between 3:00 pm and 4:30pm
Come and have a natter with neighbours over tea and cakes. Only £1

Film Club:

Last Friday of the month. 6:00 pm for Children, 8:00 pm for Adults

Ratley Creative : Crafting evenings

First Tuesday in the month at 7:15pm in the Village Hall

Womens Institute

Meets in Kineton. Contact Sue Flintoff 01295 670278

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

There are the **Recreation Grounds in Ratley** with a children's play area and equipment, and a football pitch.

Ratley Youth Club

For children aged 8 to 13. Meets on periodic Fridays throughout the year for a variety of events. To find out more, contact Shona Walton on 01295 670596.

Children's Group

At Old Fire Station Tysoe

01295 680624

Scouts Guides, etc.

are all in Kineton:

Website:

<https://www.scouts.org.uk/groups/kineton>

ENTERTAINMENTS

Arts Centres

Banbury, The Mill	01295 279002
Coventry, The University of Warwick Arts Centre	024 7652 4524

Art Gallery

Compton Verney	01926 645500
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Cinemas

Banbury, Odeon	0871 224 4007
Leamington, Royal Cinema	01926 888997
Leamington, Apollo	0871 220 6000
Stratford, Picture House	0870 755 1229

Theatres

Leamington,	
Royal Spa Centre	01926 334418
Loft Theatre	01926 426341
Chipping Norton Theatre	01608 642350
Stratford RSC	0844 800 1110
Civic Hall	01789 207100

Also see:

<https://www.theatresonline.com> > theatres > stratford-upon-avon-theatres

Warwick,

Bridge House Theatre	01926 776438
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DID YOU KNOW?

- ❖ Ratley, Edgehill and Upton is the **highest parish** in Warwickshire, at 200m (660ft) above sea level.
- ❖ The Civil War Battle of Edgehill **wasn't** fought at Edgehill, but on the plain below, beyond Radway, on October 23rd 1642. Although about 1500 men were killed, neither Royalists nor Parliamentarians won. There is an exhibition about the battle in Radway church. The site of the battle isn't open to the public, as it is on MOD land. However, you can get a good view of the battleground from
- ❖ The Castle Inn, Edgehill – which was **never** a castle at all! It was a tower folly built in the mid-18th century by the gentleman architect Sanderson Miller, whose home was Radway Grange. He wanted somewhere to entertain his friends, which would also be an “eyecatcher” on the hilltop ridge, visible from his house.
- ❖ There **was** a castle at Ratley, built in the mid-12th century and consisting of a central mound, complete with a wooden tower (motte) on stone foundations, and surrounded by two stone-built embankments (baileys). It lasted for less than 100 years, but the mound can still be seen behind Mount Farm, High Street Ratley.
- ❖ The name “**Ratley**” has nothing to do with rats, but comes from the Saxon name “Rotelei” meaning “**red field**”. “**Upton**” means the “**high settlement**”, whilst “**Edgehill**” is a recent name; formerly it was known as “**Ratley Grange**”.

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- ❖ The Manor of **Upton** was originally a hamlet within Ratley Parish. It lost its population in the early 16th century when its open fields were enclosed, and a substantial house was built there. In the 17th century this was replaced by a new house in the Classical style, which passed through several families. In the 18th and 19th centuries it was used as a hunting lodge, rented out or left empty. In 1927 it was bought by the second Lord Bearsted (of Shell petrol fame) to house his collection of porcelain and pictures, and was given in 1948 to the National Trust. For details of **Upton House**, its gardens, opening times and events, ring 01295 670266 or see the website:

<http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/upton-house-and-gardens>.

- ❖ You can find out more about the parish by following the **Millennium Sculpture Trail**, which represents the four elements:

Earth - the obelisk at Hornton Quarry Workshops, Edgehill

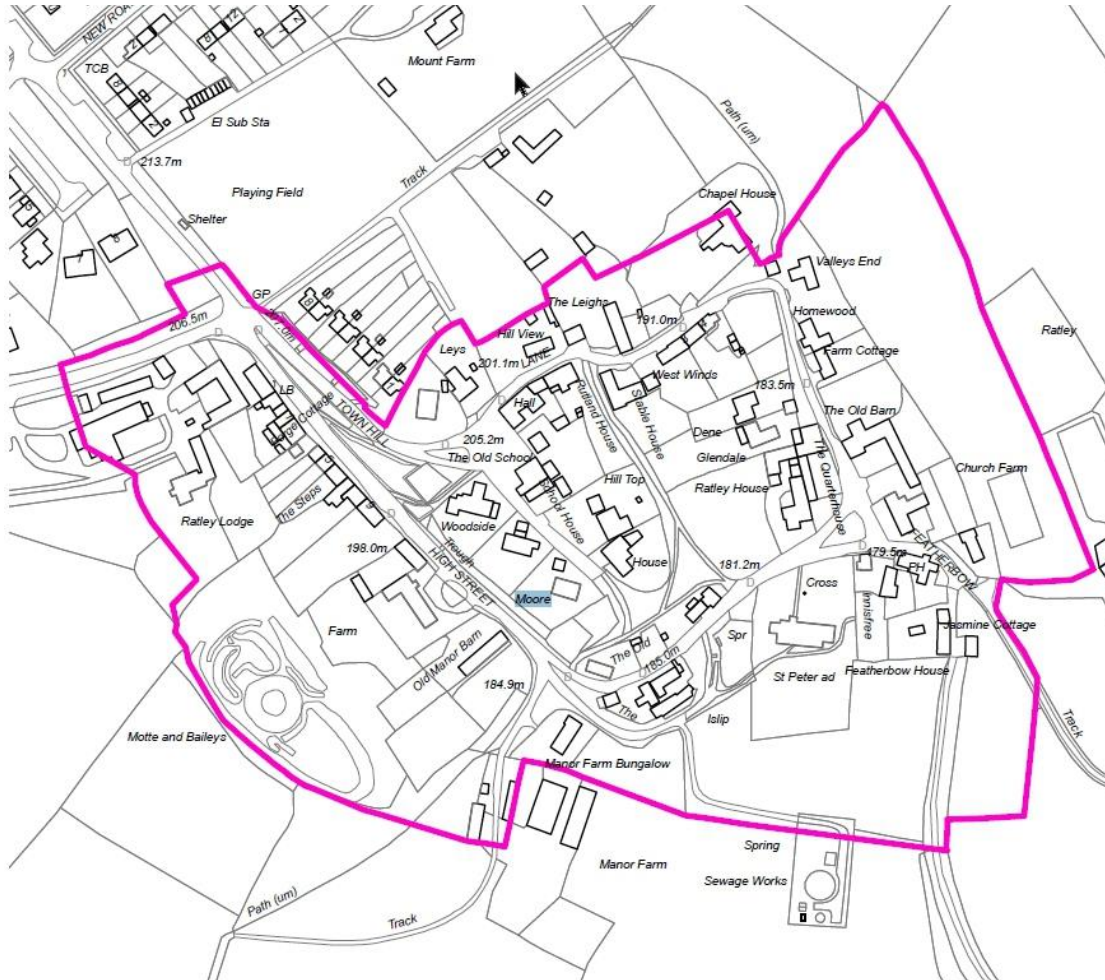
Air - the weather vane on Ratley Village Hall, and the remains of Ratley Castle (“airily situated on its ridge”!)

Fire - the Lower Recreation Ground in Ratley, site of the annual bonfire, and the time-capsule buried in 2001 for future parishioners.

Water - the Goggs spring next to Ratley Church in which you can see the Millennial font cover showing all four monuments.

LIVING & WORKING IN A CONSERVATION AREA

Part of Ratley is a Designated Conservation Area



It has several listed buildings. To find out more see:

<http://www.britishlistedbuildings.co.uk/england/warwickshire/ratley+and+upton#.V5SfWY-cEU>

Conservation areas exist to protect the special architectural and historic interest of a place - in other words the features that make it unique and distinctive. This explains what it means to own a building in a conservation area.

How being in a conservation area can affect you:

Although conservation areas mean some extra planning controls and considerations, these exist to protect the historic and architectural elements which make the place special. They are most likely to affect owners who want to work on the outside of their building or any trees on their property.

Your House

Being in a conservation area might mean that your house is affected by special controls (called 'Article 4 Directions'), which restrict work you can normally do without planning permission such as replacing a door or window or altering gutters and downpipes.

These controls are tailored to each area by the council, and are put in place when there are particular elements of local buildings they want to protect. Find out if an Article 4 Direction applies to your area by contacting your local planning authority.

Trees

If you want to cut down, top or lop any but the smallest of trees in a conservation area you must notify your local planning authority six weeks before work begins. The authority will then consider the contribution the tree makes to the character of the area and if necessary create a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) to protect it.

Demolition

If you live in a conservation area and want to demolish your building, you will need Planning Permission. If the building is listed you will also need Listed Building Consent.

Who do I ask about changes?

Your local planning authority will tell you what you can do to your home if you live in a conservation area. They can tell you if there are special controls in place and explain what permissions will be needed.

Many local planning authorities prepare Conservation Area Appraisals for their conservation areas. An appraisal outlines the history of an area and explains what makes it special. It also provides some general guidelines on managing and carrying out development in the conservation area.

In addition, local planning authorities will sometimes produce Supplementary Planning Documents for their conservation areas. These show how the authority intends to manage the area in the long term.

It is worth checking with your local planning authority to see if any such documents exist for your conservation area.

Stratford planning department is at:

Elisabeth House

Church Street

Stratford-upon-avon

Warwickshire

CV37 6HX

Tel: 01789 267575

Website: <https://www.stratford.gov.uk/planning-building/>

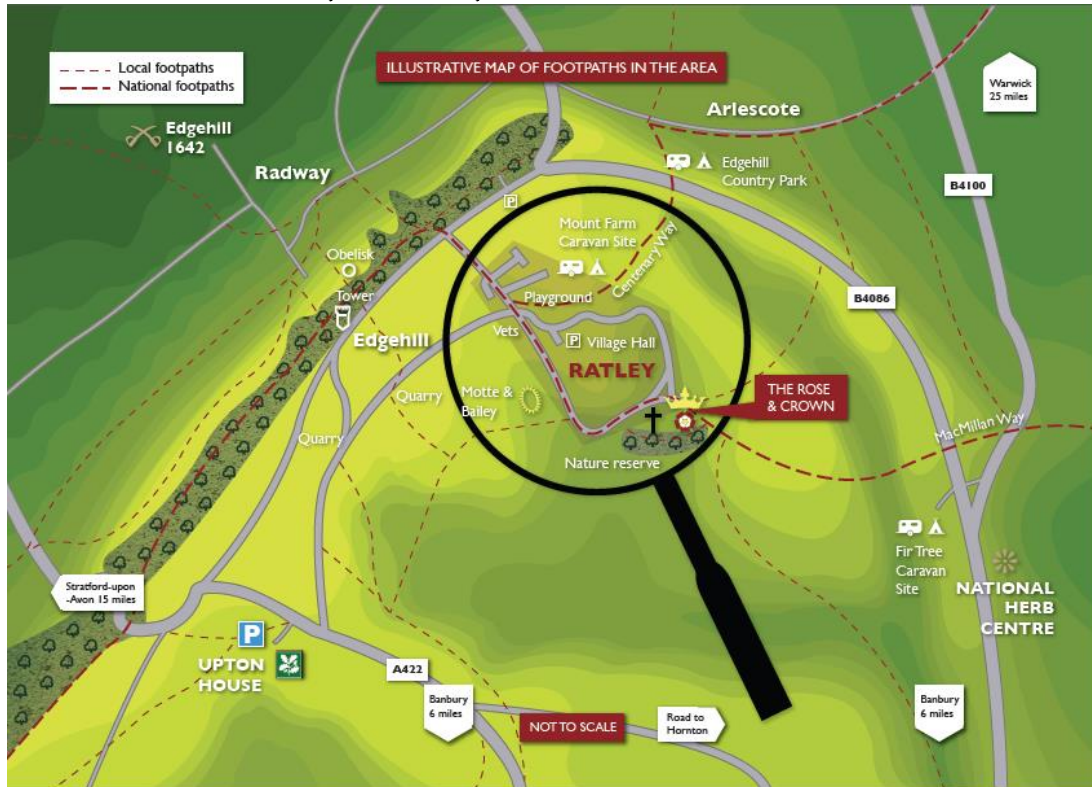
The financial benefit of conservation areas

People value conservation areas for their distinctiveness, visual appeal and historic character and research by the London School of Economics and Historic England has found that this value is reflected in the price of properties in conservation areas.

Generally they cost more and appreciate in price more than properties in other areas, even after adjusting for location and other factors.

MAP OF PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

❖ There are many public footpaths in and through the Parish –



Also see:

<http://dickleith.communityartsworkshop.org/public/pdfs/walk12.pdf>

<http://www.walkingbritain.co.uk/walk-2125-print>

<http://www.withinwarwickshire.co.uk/explore/trail/edge-hill-battlefield-upton-house>

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/upton-house-and-gardens/trails/a-ley-line-walk-from-upton-house-and-gardens>



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