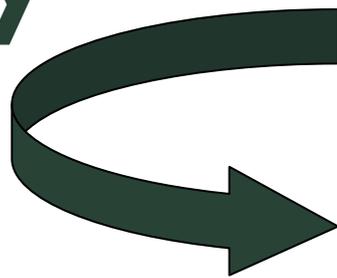


Oxfordshire Way

Points of interest from Shipton-under-Wychwood to Charlbury



Points of interest

A **Shipton-under-Wychwood** has stone-built houses around a triangular green, mostly dating from the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries. It has two outstanding buildings; Shipton Court and the Shaven Crown Inn. **Shipton Court** is one of the largest early Jacobean houses in the country, built about 1603 by the Lacy family. Although it has undergone a considerable amount of modernization, its essential character remains. The entrance front, facing west and visible from the A361, is elegant and well-proportioned. The **Shaven Crown**, built originally as a hostelry, became a guest house for Bruern Abbey and later an inn, and so has a five-hundred-year-old tradition of sheltering and sustaining travellers. The warehouse at **Shipton railway station** is a reminder that Shipton was once an important stopping place on the line.

B **Langley Mill**, beyond the winding river, is set in the angle of an ancient weir, enclosed by willows.

C Look for the grassy terraces and hollows between here and the river bank – all that remains of the **motte-and-bailey castle** of centuries ago.

D **Ascott Mill** is no longer in use as a mill, but has been converted into a private house in a delightful riverside setting.

E **Ascott-under-Wychwood** links the two settlements of Ascott Earl and Ascott d'Oyley. It has a small and simple early thirteenth century church. The **manor house** stands on an ancient site, within the bailey of the castle of Ascott d'Oyley, built in the middle of the twelfth century. It is mainly a sixteenth- and seventeenth-century building, but still has some medieval buttresses. Some of the original wooden mullioned windows have survived, and the farm buildings include a seventeenth-century barn with a dovecot in the gable and a brick and half-timber granary standing on staddle stones.

F **Charlbury** lies in the valley of the Evenlode. The gloving industry flourished here until quite recently. The Great Western Railway arrived in 1853 and **Charlbury station**, designed by Brunel, became an important stop on the Paddington/Worcester line. Almost the whole of the centre of town forms a conservation area. The **church** was originally Norman, but enlarged in the thirteenth century and restored in 1874. **Church Street** used to be the site of the market. The **fountain** in the green was erected in 1897. Anybody interested in the history of the area can visit the small **museum** adjacent to the Corner House.



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