

Kington St Michael (2 miles upwards)

Kington St Michael is located one mile west of Plough Lane. The village has a very pretty high street and lovely church. It is well serviced by a lovely pub, cafe and an excellent village shop. It's well worth a visit.

Getting There

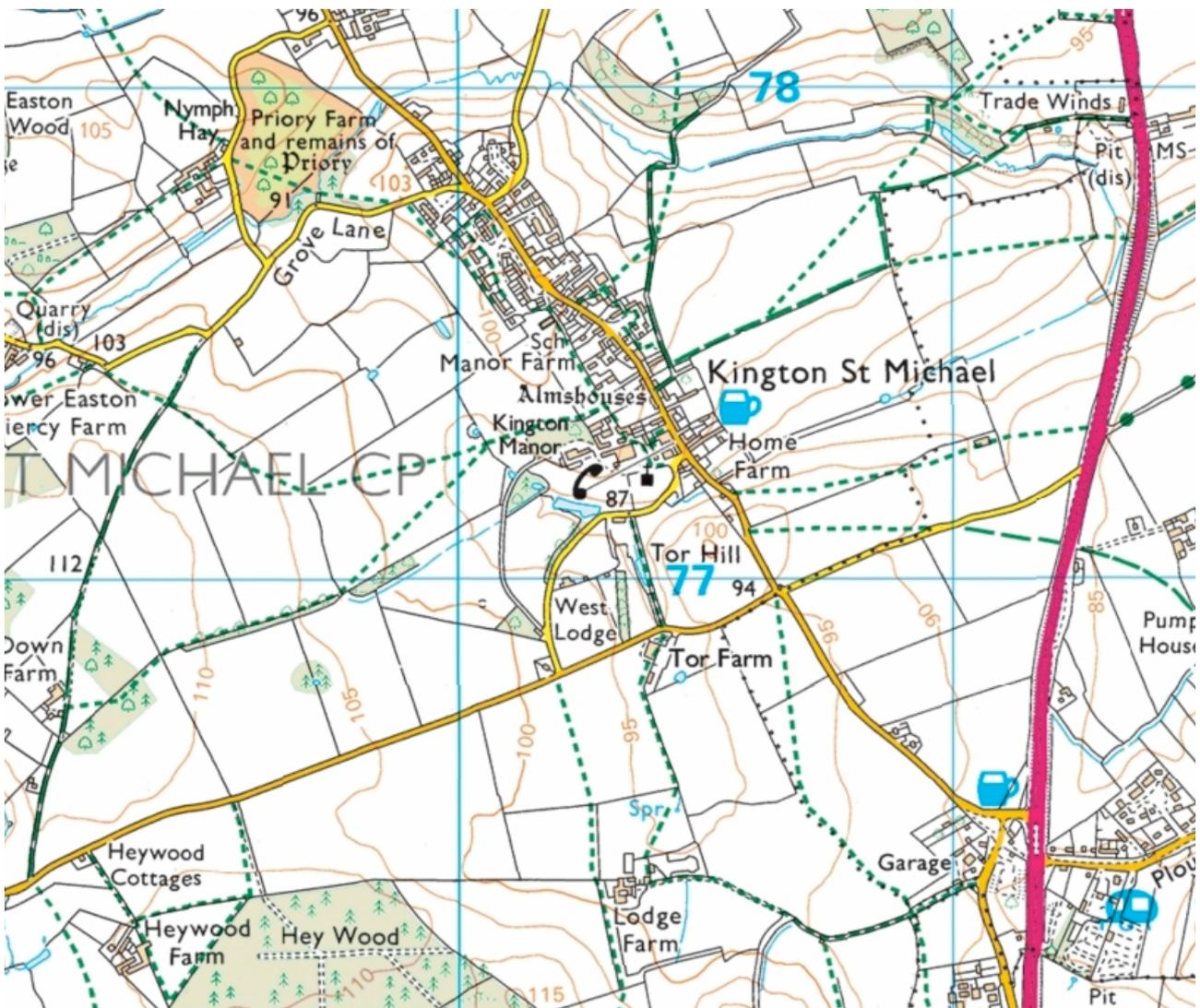
- 1) Leave the site, turn left on pavement. Cross dual carriage way walking past pub.
- 2) Follow road straight ahead continuing onto the village.

Alternatively...

- 1) Leave the site, turn left on pavement. Cross dual carriage way walking past pub.
- 2) Just beyond the pub turn left, then first right onto tarmac lane. There are two footpaths which run from this lane across the fields to Kington St Michael (see map below).

Exploring Kington St Michael

There are a number of short walks which you can follow from the village - see the OS map below. We recommend visiting Nymph Hay Wood (top left of the map).



Kington St Michael - Quick History

- Kington St Michael was originally called Kington, indicating a royal manor. It was first recorded in 934AD.
- A sheep market used to be held on the main high street of the village in front of the Almshouses.
- The village pub, the Jolly Huntsman, used to brew its own beer. The well supplying the water to its brewery is 80 feet deep and is still accessible today.
- The unique almshouses on the main high street were built in 1675 with money left by a locally born man who went on to become a member of the Court of Aldermen in London.



Old Photo of Kington St Michael High Street

- Just west of the village you can see the remains of Medieval ridge and furrow ploughing system typical of Middle age open field farming.
- The beautiful Priory Manor, which is located NW of the village, incorporates remains of a Benedictine Priory which dates back to before the 1100's.
- The hamlet of Easton Piercy, located just west of the village, was the birthplace of John Aubrey (born 1626). Aubrey was a pioneering archaeologist who is particularly noted as the first person to carry out an in-depth study of the Avebury henge monument (a world heritage site located not far away on the Wiltshire Downs).