

# MILLENNIUM MAP

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## Davenham, Moulton & Bostock Parish Paths



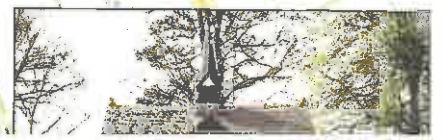
The Lion Hotel of 1896, Moulton

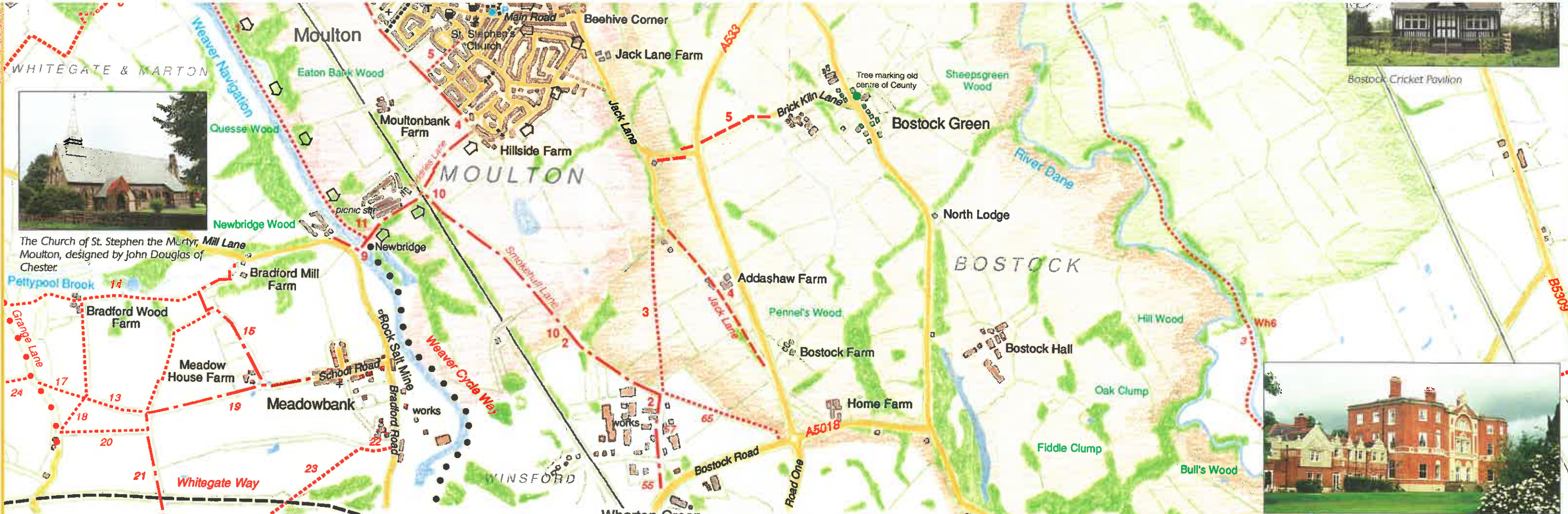


Once a mere, the area now known as Church Moss, Davenham, may have been home to Middle Stone Age hunter-gatherers. © Picture courtesy of Chronicle Newspapers Ltd



Davenham Hall





The Church of St. Stephen the Martyr, Moulton, designed by John Douglas of Chester.



Bostock Cricket Pavilion



Scale 1:16600 4" = 1 mile or 7cms = 1 km  
 0 1km  
 0 1mile

## DAVENHAM

Davenham is first recorded in the Domesday Book as Devenham meaning the ham (village/homestead) on the Dauen - a British river name meaning perhaps 'trickling water'. Already a centre of worship in pre-Christian times, a church was established, reputedly by St. Wilfrid, during his journey through Cheshire. Many of the village's older cottages and farmhouses were built in the traditional black and white half-timbered Cheshire style. During the 19th century Davenham boasted a green, two public bakehouses, three mangle houses for communal laundry work and a church school. The fountain monument at the end of Fountain Lane was erected in 1865 in memory of John Hosken Harper of Davenham Hall. Over the last two centuries the village's population has increased from 300 to over 3,400 in 1997.

## MOULTON

Moletone is listed in the Domesday Book of 1086 as being among the estates of Baron Richard de Vernon of Shipbrook. George Ormerod described the village in 1882 thus: 'Moulton occupies a high ridge of ground, running parallel with the general course of the Weaver, and commanding a most extensive view over the vales of that river, and of the Mersey, in the several directions of Delamere Forest and Lancashire.' Census returns have recorded population increases from 187 inhabitants in 1810 to 2,330 in 1997. During the nineteenth century many workers in the salt mining industry lived in Moulton, and terraced housing was specially built in Church Street and Regent Street for the employees of the salt trade. The Methodist Chapel dates from 1875, the Co-operative Store was built in 1894 and nearby Moulton Cottage with its dated clock of 1871 was formerly Mr Wilson's shoe shop where clogs were made. The church dedicated to St Stephen the Martyr was erected in Moulton in 1876/77 by the Revd. Thomas France-Hayhurst of Bostock Hall.

## BOSTOCK

At the time of the Norman Conquest the area known as Botestock was taken over by Osmer, a Saxon earl who had given up his lands around Davenham to the Normans. It gave its name to the descendants of Osmer, Lord of Bostock, and the family name of Bostock became common throughout Cheshire. A spacious brick hall, Bostock Hall was built in 1775 by Edward Tomkinson. The estate was purchased by the France-Hayhurst family in the 18th century and continued under their ownership until its sale in the 1950's. Its former laundry has been transformed into the village hall. The estate cottages and lodges with their distinctive half-timbered gables were constructed of locally made bricks, although the brickyard at Brick Kiln Lane no longer exists. The pavilion and recreation ground were presented to the Parish Council in 1912 by Col. France-Hayhurst. Bostock prided itself on being placed centrally in the heart of Cheshire and an oak tree marking the spot was planted in 1887 in Queen Victoria's Jubilee Year. Changes to the structure of Cheshire in 1998 have meant that the village of Darnhall now lays claim to being at the heart of the County.

### Public Rights of Way

Each of the routes shown in red on this map is a public right of way which members of the public have the right to use at any time. You may take a pram, pushchair or wheelchair along a right of way, if practicable. There are four different types of right of way.

### Public Rights of Way

- Public footpaths - - - - - Available for walkers only. Often waymarked with yellow arrows
- Public Bridleways - - - - - For walkers, horse riders & cyclists. Waymarked with blue arrows.
- Roads used as public paths "RUPPs" - - - - - Available to the same users as bridleways, these often have the appearance of green lanes (although this term has no legal meaning). There are public vehicular rights along some RUPPs. - seek local guidance
- Byways open to all traffic "BOATS" - - - - - Available for use by motor vehicles, motorcycles, riders, cyclists & walkers. None in this area at present

Path numbers in Davenham, Moulton & Bostock parishes are shown in bold red figures, eg; **12** Elsewhere they are shown in italics, eg; *12*

### Other routes with public access

In addition to public rights of way, members of the public have access to a number of routes and pieces of land in the area, either by local tradition or by agreement. Please observe local byelaws and notices.

- Weaver Cycle Way - For cyclists and walkers ●●●●●●●●●●
- Whitegate Way - For horse riders, cyclists and walkers - - - - -
- Permissive paths, estate paths etc - walkers only - - - - -
- Routes of described walks: The Towpath Trail ⇨ St. Wilfrid's Way ⇨ The Salt Trail ⇨
- Public roads (shaded yellow)
- Public buildings (selected) ■
- Public conveniences, telephones (selected) PC T
- Public roads with unsealed surfaces (shaded green)
- Car parks & pubs (selected) P ■
- Churches, with spire and without ✚

The parishes of Davenham, Moulton and Bostock have been shaded in different colours to identify them. Current parish names are shown in GREY. Each public right of way within any parish can be identified by its own number - the path from Church Street to London Road, Davenham, for instance, is Footpath no 12, Davenham. Please be aware that many parish boundaries have changed in this area since paths were numbered. Paths in the former parish of Whatcroft, for example, which now forms part of Davenham parish are labelled Wh.

Care has been taken to ensure the accuracy of this map as a guide for walkers, horse riders and cyclists. It is not however intended to be a legal record of the public's rights of access in the case of any dispute, reference should be made to the highway authority. Public rights of way etc. are shown subject to the limitations imposed by the scale of mapping. Information believed correct as at 1 6 99.  
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