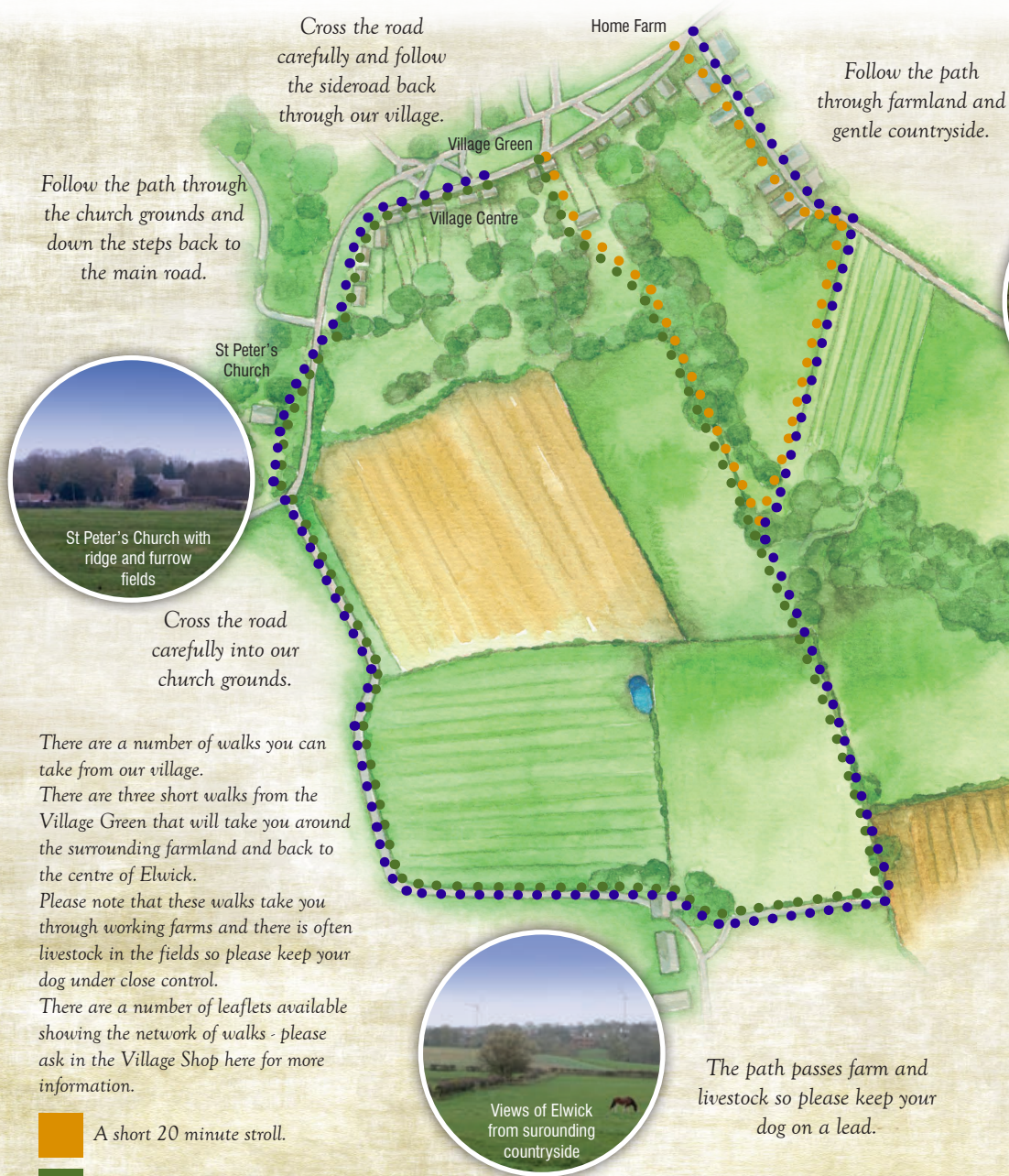




WALKS *around* ELWICK

Three easy walks around our ancient village and countryside



A short 20 minute stroll.

An enjoyable 30 minute outing.

An easy 40 minute ramble.

Elwick Village has a traditional medieval broad green with buildings either side. However the place name, meaning 'Ella's Dairy Farm' suggests that Anglo-Saxons were here before the Norman Conquest. There are also Anglo-Scandinavian carvings built into the fabric of the Church of St. Peter that date to the 10th or 11th centuries.

The village had a manor house (Elwick Hall) and the earthworks of a medieval fishpond survive to the west, built to ensure the lord of the manor had a constant supply of fresh fish for the dinner table.

Despite lying close to the A19 trunk road the village still has an agricultural feel and contains many cottages and farm buildings from the 18th and 19th centuries, and possibly earlier.

In World War II the village was classed as a coastal defended locality and pillboxes were built at either end of the village. The village expanded shortly after the war with additional housing built on its northern side along North Lane. A new school and several cul-de-sacs were also added in the later half of the 20th century.

Our Village Walk takes you through this historic landscape and allows you to view Elwick in context to its surroundings.

With many thanks to Limestone Landscapes and our partners in the Village Atlas project.

Your Dog's Poo Belongs to You
Please pick up after your dog

WALKS *around* our VILLAGE



A THOUSAND YEARS *of* ELWICK

The village of Elwick has changed very little in outline from that first planned by the Normans. Looking from above you can see how the homesteads were possibly planned, with those on the south side of the Green being smaller than those on the north.

These larger, plots would have been allocated to the Yeoman farmers who would have encouraged craftsmen such as blacksmiths and carpenters to follow them to the village - all of whom would have been essential for the survival of an agricultural community.

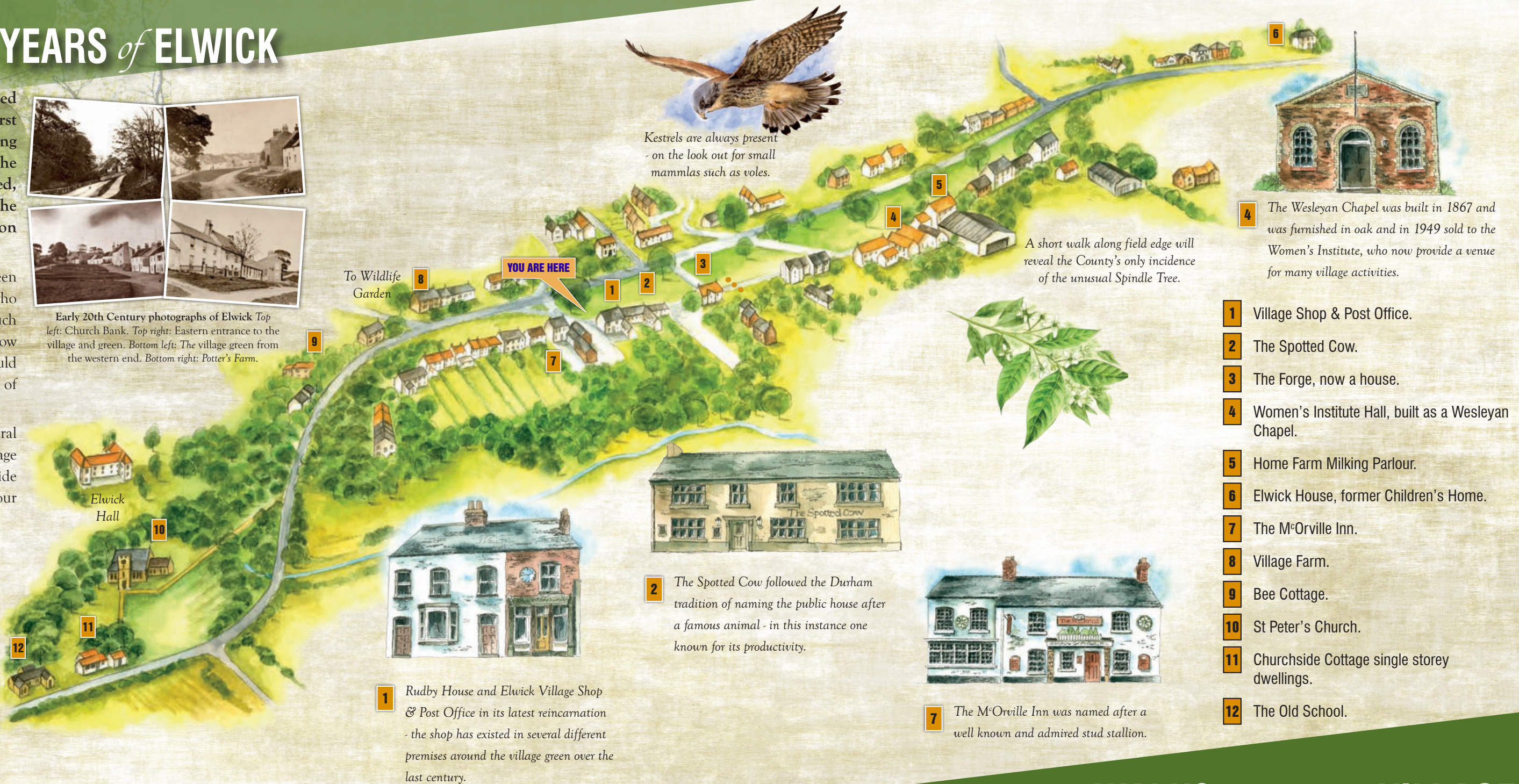
There are many examples of architectural interest surrounding the pretty village green and the surrounding countryside provides the opportunity to stretch your legs.



Early 20th Century photographs of Elwick Top left: Church Bank. Top right: Eastern entrance to the village and green. Bottom left: The village green from the western end. Bottom right: Potter's Farm.



10 St Peter's Church is built largely of Magnesian Limestone and follows the Transitional Style of the 12th Century.



1 Rudby House and Elwick Village Shop & Post Office in its latest reincarnation - the shop has existed in several different premises around the village green over the last century.

2 The Spotted Cow followed the Durham tradition of naming the public house after a famous animal - in this instance one known for its productivity.

7 The M^cOrville Inn was named after a well known and admired stud stallion.

4 The Wesleyan Chapel was built in 1867 and was furnished in oak and in 1949 sold to the Women's Institute, who now provide a venue for many village activities.

1 Village Shop & Post Office.

2 The Spotted Cow.

3 The Forge, now a house.

4 Women's Institute Hall, built as a Wesleyan Chapel.

5 Home Farm Milking Parlour.

6 Elwick House, former Children's Home.

7 The M^cOrville Inn.

8 Village Farm.

9 Bee Cottage.

10 St Peter's Church.

11 Churchside Cottage single storey dwellings.

12 The Old School.

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