

Mottistone Mill

Find this mill in Brighstone, at the end of the bridleway at the top of Moor Lane.



The mill is called Mottistone Mill because it used to be in that parish. The people of Mottistone did not have their own stream so they came to use this mill over the Buddle Brook.

Years ago it was used as a corn mill, producing mainly food for the animals for nearby farms. The people of Mottistone used to bring their corn up Moor Lane to be ground. By 1900 Mottistone Mill had stopped working.

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Brighstone Mill



Brighstone Mill in 1988

The mill is about 200 years old and was in use until late in the 20th century. It mostly ground animal food but did produce some coarse flour.



Brighstone Mill Pond

Go down the footpath behind the buildings to see this mill pond, shown here in an old postcard, and a bit further on to the Dragon Tree over the Buddle Brook, which powered the mill.

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Waytes Court Manor

It's worth a diversion off this cycle route down Broad Lane, to find this spooky place!



Built around 1500 with most of the current building of the 17th century. The Wayte family had owned most of the land around here from the 1200s until the 1680s. Supposed to have had a court room from which malefactors (criminals) whose crimes warranted execution (and there were 200 offences that did!) were taken out to the nearest oak tree and hanged.

The court was haunted by a ghost (that we think was hanged.) Go there and see if you can spot the oak tree, or the ghost!

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