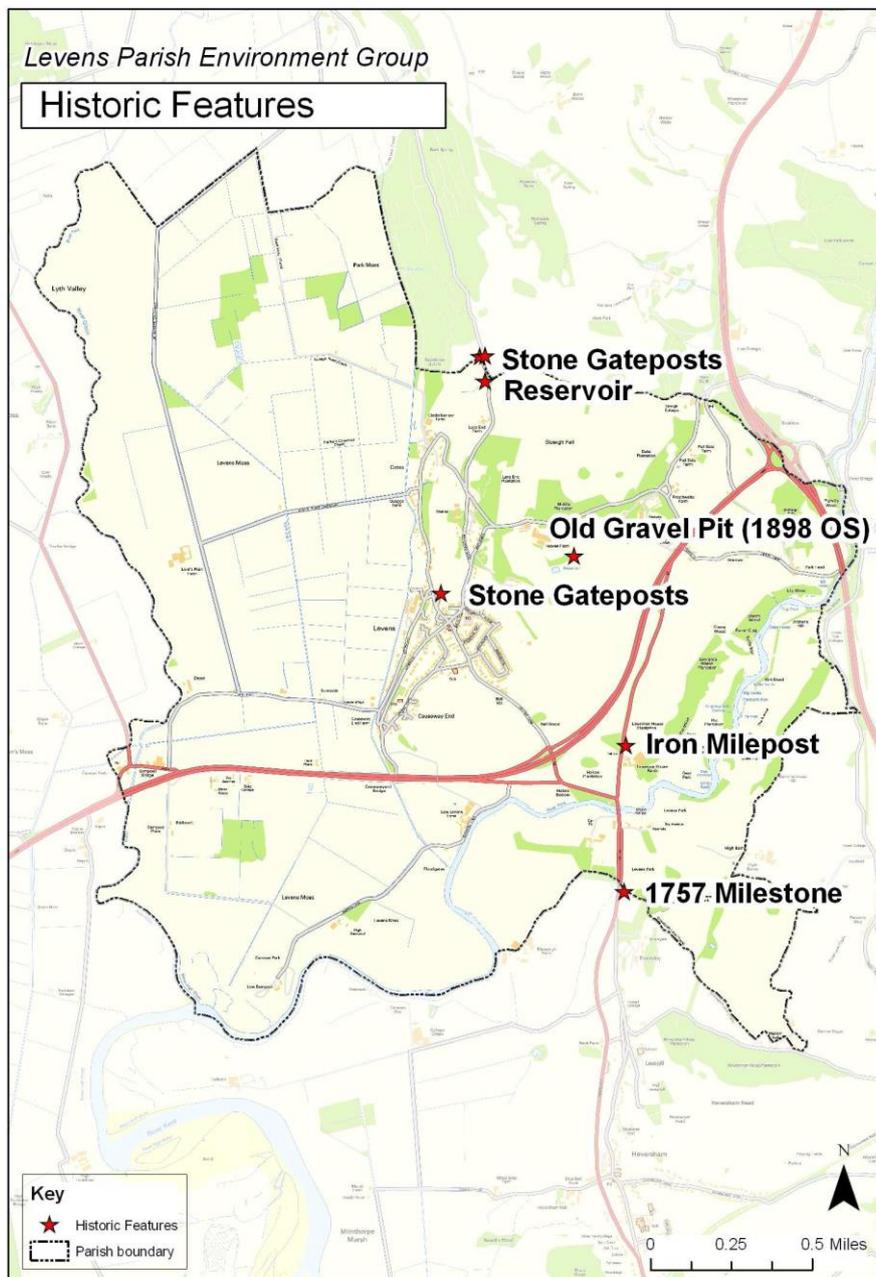


Historic features in Levens

The features marked on the map below include street furniture, notable gateposts and gravel pits etc. but exclude sites of archaeological significance. More detailed information for particular features follows the map.



Gateposts

- 2 stone posts at sycamore, Brigsteer Lane, marking entrance to Brigsteer Park with pintle holes and one pintle.
- Old Chapel Lane – 2, approx. 6'6'' with pintles. Purpose unknown. Not marked on any OS maps, new or old.

Milestones/Posts

- Cast iron – E side of A6, Laurence House Farm Milnthorpe 2½ m Kendal 5m Marked: T.Winder Foundry, Gatebeck
- Stone marked 'GP' on OS. S. corner of A6 and Icehouse Wood (Grievegate Lane) *See notes below.*

Gravel Pits

- East of Hyning 1956 & 1969 (marked 'old'), OS maps 1898, 1863

Lime kilns

- Causeway End
- Levens Park – above 'Long Rake' bend in river (OS 1898 map)

Ice House

- Levens Park

Unidentified

Marked on 1956 and 1969 but no trace:

- 2 'GP's at Frosthwaite
- Sheepwash at Frosthwaite
- Trough at Spout House (also on 1898)

The stone Guide Post (GP), Levens

This Guide Post is believed to have originally stood about 25 feet west of its present position. It marked the junction of the Kendal - Milnthorpe Dixies (Sandside) Kirkby Lonsdale Turnpike Trust Road (opened in 1753) with Grievegate Lane, which was the Medieval packhorse route to Kirkby Lonsdale via Mabbin Hall and Depthwaite and on to Crooklands. The Trust's Aisgill Tollhouse was on the opposite side of the road, at the corner of the farm track to Ninezergh, by the wall at Levens Hall. The Tollhouse was demolished during

construction of the Heversham Bypass (*Princes Way*), which was opened by H.R.H. Edward Prince of Wales in summer 1927.

- The front face of the post indicates **TO KIRBY** with a pointing left hand beneath. The date, 1757, is clearly visible.
- The right side (according to Curwen) originally showed **K** (Kendal) at the top with **M** (Milnthorpe) beneath, both with pointing fingers, but little trace of this can be seen today.
- The left side and rear were not inscribed so far as is known.
- The right hand side has clearly suffered from the prevailing weather over two and a half centuries.
- The Stone was repositioned following the construction of the double track section of the A6 in front of Levens Hall in 1953.

*Note - **Guide Posts** normally indicated the direction to villages or towns. They were instituted by the government following the 1745 Scots Rebellion when the King's forces had difficulty locating Bonnie Prince Charles's men. These Guide Posts did not normally show distances. By contrast **milestones**, in wood, stone or metal, normally showed distances to Market Towns and were often inscribed at the base with the location (Parish).*

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