



Old Place Yard House. This 16th century farmhouse was converted from the entrance gatehouse of the Priory.



The Dovecote. A 17th century structure for keeping pigeons for the table. It stands in the centre of what was the the main courtyard of the medieval Priory.



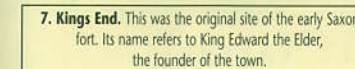
St Edburghs Church. This Church was founded as a Saxon Minster. It was rebuilt and extended between the 11th and 14th Centuries.



The Old Vicarage. The oldest house in Bicester. Built around 1500 so that the Vicar could live outside the Priory. It has a fine timber roof structure over what was originally an open hall.



Manor Farmhouse. When built in the late 17th Century the Farmhouse would have been very close to open fields.



7. Kings End. This was the original site of the early Saxon fort. Its name refers to King Edward the Elder, the founder of the town.



Bicester House. First built in 1582 by John Coker as the Manor House. It was rebuilt in 1780 and again in 1820. It remained the home of the Coker family until 1978.



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Historic Town Trail



The Old Priory. This house was rebuilt sometime after 1587 on the site of the Priory guesthouse. It contains reused medieval masonry.



The Priory. Site of a medieval watermill. Formerly a convent and the town's first Catholic Church since the reformation.



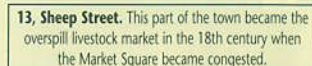
St Edburghs Hall. A Victorian Gothic Church Hall



The Garth. This house was built as a hunting box by the Keith-Falconer family who were members of the Bicester hunt. The grounds contain a cemetery for horses and hounds. Now the offices of Bicester Town Council.



Town Lockup. This tiny 17th century prison its walls three feet thick, held local prisoners overnight before their journey to court.



13, Sheep Street. This part of the town became the overspill livestock market in the 18th century when the Market Square became congested.



Market Square. Not a square but a triangle. Commercial heart of the Town and site of the market since 1239. The island buildings in the centre were built by wealthy townspeople in the 16th and 17th centuries.

9. Catholic Church. Built in 1963, to an Arts and Crafts Movement design by Desmond Williams.

10. The Causeway. This narrow medieval street was built along an embankment by the canons of the Priory to link the two parts of the town.

11. Town Bridge. Site of the medieval Bridge over the River Bure.

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