

Places of Interest in Minting (as shown on the map overhead)

1 Minting Village Hall opened in Oct. 2002 as a community venue for Minting, Gaultby, Waddingworth and Wispington. It provides a versatile venue for groups, events or private parties. A computer, broadband access and A4/A3 scanning and copying facilities are all available.

2 The cottage known as The Priory is perhaps the oldest building in the village and dates from the 17th century. The site it occupies was once within the medieval Priory and later contained a "Moated Mansion House" owned by the Monson family. More history can be found in the village book "Glimpses and Gleanings" on the house and in the details of the research into its history.

3 Minting Priory was one of two Benedictine priories established by Ranulph de Meschines, Earl of Chester, before his death in 1129. It began as land given to the Abbey of St. Bertin sur Loire at Fleury and included the manor and church of Minting, and of Gaultby, and other lands. About 1238, Bishop Grosseteste wrote to the Abbot of Fleury telling him "I ought not to send to such a distance from their home but the manor land and found Gaultby. The monks of Minting had likely been bound to bring humbly with horses, they had reached Minting and being obliged to eat meat, even on Wednesdays."

4 The Green is a public house, owned by the Monson family. More history can be found in the village book "Glimpses and Gleanings" on the house and in the details of the research into its history.

5 The Grade 2 listed church of St. Andrew dates from c.1200 with 15th century additions but it mostly comprises an 1865 restoration to plan by Ewan Christian - a dean supported by information on the east towers when the nave and side walls, arcade, chancel and porch were rebuilt. Inside, a roll of honour for Thankful Minting commemorates the safe return of the village who fought in WW1.

6 The Manor House was built by Francis Farr in 1838 whilst his wife, Mary, was in the possession of the manor. However, the 1901 census makes no specific mention of either Minting House or Manor Farm (8). Both are now private houses.

7 The Old School House was built in 1851 by Francis Farr as a single classroom building on the site of his two-bedroom school. The school was run by Robert Viner of Gaultby Hall. Pupils were taught reading, writing and arithmetic administered by a trust, headed by Robert Viner of Gaultby Hall. Pupils were read every day but no child was excluded on the grounds of religion. This is now a private house.

8 The Priory Field is a public house, owned by the Monson family. More history can be found in the village book "Glimpses and Gleanings" on the house and in the details of the research into its history.

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Heritage Trail

Walking Route Summary: Chambers Farm Woods Visitor Car Park to Minting and back.

Route Length: 10.8km, c. 2 1/2 hours.

Route Description: Circular, on forest paths, green lanes and quiet country roads. Can be muddy in places.

Start and Finish Point: Chambers Farm Wood Visitor Car Park, Grid Ref: TF 158743. Accessible toilets available here.

Alternative Wheelchair Friendly Route: Park at Minting Village Hall and follow circular route from village hall.

Two Local Businesses: Find more at
www.mintingandgaultby.co.uk

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Minting Heritage Trail

- From the car park information board outside the Chambers Farm Wood Centre go past the Forestry Commission emergency access barrier, following the Red Trail along woodland tracks until you reach a fork. Take the right fork and follow this until you come to another fork at **B** (actually a triangle of paths with a pond in the centre). Here go right, leaving the Red Trail and follow the track through the woodland. Along the route look out for yellow primroses, cowslips and blue forget-me-nots in Spring.
- Where it meets a hedge before veering left, you catch glimpses of fields to the south west. Until you leave the woodland, the track here can become muddy even when it seems dry elsewhere.
- Eventually, you will see the rear of a Forestry Commission sign and a yellow and green metal gate. 50 yards before this, on your right you might miss a woodland pond, where dragonflies and damselflies abound in season.
- Here, the route begins to leave the woods behind, and you find yourself walking along a track, lightly shaded by hedges on both sides. The path meets a track from the right at **D**.
- In front, on the right, you will find Minting's Village Hall. Continue straight across the road, keeping the village hall on your right, heading along Grundy's Lane. The first property on the right is The Priory **2**.
- Continue along the lane and you will see a large field on your left, called Priory Field. (Alternative Route: Should you wish to use the public footpath which crosses the Priory Field, continue towards Minting centre and, at The Green, cross the small bridge, turning immediately left and follow the track as it leads between some houses and their back gardens, reaching a kissing gate, giving access to the field.)
- As you come towards the centre of the village, on your right, there is a small triangle of grass with trees - **1**. Here you can pause, have a rest on the seat and enjoy the view across into Priory Field. There is an interpretation board on the plinth telling you about Minting's history.
- To the northeast of The Green lies Minting's Old School House, down a private lane. Adjacent to The Green you will find The Sebastopol Inn **5**.
- Further along, on the opposite side of the road to the pub, you will find St. Andrew's Church. The route now continues along the road, ignoring Silver St. off to the right, and follow Pinfold Lane (a Pinfold was where livestock were collected and kept) until it meets Chapel Lane. Turn left into Chapel Lane and a few hundred yards on the right you will see the entrance to Minting House **6**.
- Continue down Chapel Lane and you will find the entrance to Manor Farm **8** on the left, just opposite Cow Lane. Continue straight on down Chapel Lane until you find yourself once again at the Village Hall **1**.
- Turn right and retrace your steps along the track heading straight on into Chambers Farm Wood. Once in the wood, keep left on the main track and you will find yourself back at the car park.

D At this junction, if you look across the field to the southwest you can see Minting Park Farm on the horizon, on a slight rise. Minting Park was originally part of Thorley, also known as Thurlow or Turfal, which was a Domesday manor in the possession of two Taillebois. This is likely have been the site of a Hunting Lodge, as Minting Park was surveyed by Henry VIII in 1546/7, and Minting Lodge was described:

"...recently repaired and standeth upon a hill by estimation in the middle of the park."

It was *disaparked* shortly after the death of Henry VIII, broken up and sold, reunited again in 1771 when the Vyner family purchased the manor of Minting Park. It was eventually sold off piecemeal. Today there is a Butcher's Shop on site and rare breed Log Pigs, as well as beef cattle and sheep are reared and their meat sold in the shop.

Continue straight ahead at this junction heading directly east to Minting. (The track to the right leads to Gaultby.) Keep heading due east on what is sometimes a rough and rutted path until you reach a crossroads at Minting **1**.

Thanks to the Forestry Commission for access to their land and to Mr and Mrs P. Kyme for the kind use of the permissive bridleway at D.