

1. All Saints' Church



Churches have stood on this site since the Saxon period. The distinctive tower has an unusual saddle-back roof, rare in England, added in about 1350.

2. The Old Rectory, Birthplace of Thomas Laxton



(1830 – 1893) Laxton conducted plant-breeding research, notably for Charles Darwin. Among many varieties bred by the family are 'Laxton Superb', Laxton Fortune' apples, and the 'Royal Sovereign' **strawberry**.

3. Tinwell Forge and Bakery



The forge and adjoining bakery were built in 1848. The stone surround to the spring in front of the forge was built for the Golden Jubilee of Queen Victoria. Note the Victorian post-box. The bakery closed in 1948.

4. Tinwell Mill



A mill stood on this site in the Domesday period. Steam power was installed in the 1840s. In 1887 an explosion there killed two men. It was destroyed by fire in 1892, rebuilt in 1896 and burnt down again in 1916. It is a private house.

5. Peter's Pond

A pond, now smaller than before the river was diverted in the 1950s, is visible to the right of the path. It is a significant breeding place for frogs and toads every spring.



6. Tinwell Railway Crossing

The path to Easton crosses the railway. The foundations of a crossing-keeper's cottage can be made out. The old track bed of a siding can still be seen; from here trucks carried ironstone from a quarry further up the hill.

7. Site of the Polish Air Disaster



On 8 July 1944 two US Dakota aircraft collided above Tinwell killing 26 Polish paratroopers and eight Americans. The aircraft were part of a formation training for the Arnhem air assault. There is a memorial in Tinwell church.

8. Easton on the Hill



The village of Easton on the Hill is well worth a visit with its Norman church, pretty stone houses and the Priest's House, an unusual small National Trust property.

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TINWELL FOOTPATH MAP

A guide to footpaths around the village of Tinwell, Rutland with illustrations and local historical information.



A colour version of this map can be found beside the footpath at All Saint's Church.