

The Old Roads and Trackways of **MIDDLETON & SMERRILL**



Monyash Road looking back to Middleton over the Bakewell-Newhaven road. This was once the site of Middleton Thorn, a waymarker for travellers journeying across Middleton Common.

MONYASH ROAD

Monyash Road leaves Rake Lane and crosses the Grindleford - Newhaven road before joining Long Rake. There are two routes onwards to Monyash. The first is through the stile opposite Derbyshire Aggregates which visits Ferndale before entering Monyash along Milkings Lane. The second is the bridleway from the junction to Cales Farm and onto Monyash along Derby Lane. This was the Manchester - Derby Road, a trader's route, which once cut across Middleton Common to continue along Lowfield Lane to Gratton.

Travellers on foot from Youlgrave arriving along Moor Lane could simply cross Long Rake and take the direct path via Calling Low, One Ash Grange and Ferndale, but the steep drop into Cales Dale would have been prohibitive for horses. It is now part of the Limestone Way.

The junction of Monyash Road and the Grindleford - Newhaven Turnpike was the site of Middleton Thorn, a waymarker for those crossing Middleton Common. The Thorn is shown on the Township of Middleton and OS First Series maps. The Middleton Thorn has now gone, but the name lives on in Thorntree Farm further down the Turnpike and over 300 thorn trees continue to grow along the verges of Monyash Road.

Further Reading

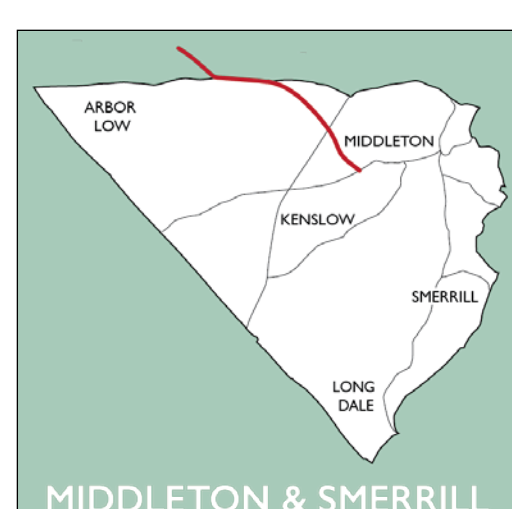
1813 Township of Middleton (Middleton Hall)

1837-38 OS 1" to the mile (The Old Series)

1884 OS 6" to the mile map of England and Wales

2004 Peakland Roads and Trackways, AE Dodd & EM Dodd

2010 Monyash, the making of a Derbyshire Village, Robert & Shirley Johnson



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