

Maulds Meaburn

'Meaburn' is derived from the Anglo-Saxon meaning 'meadow stream'. The 'Maulds' refers to a story of murder and treachery. Lord of the Manor, Hugh de Morville, was one of the knights who murdered Thomas à Becket in Canterbury in 1170. As punishment part of the manor was confiscated by the Crown, Kings Meaburn, and the remainder was granted to Hugh's sister, Maud - Maulds Meaburn.

Remnants of the medieval village are visible in fields around the village with 'tofts' - houses facing the main street and 'crofts' - gardens to the rear.

The Village Green

This is one of only three greens in England still grazed by sheep. In 1585 Christopher Lowther, Lord of the Manor, tried to build a court house on the Green. The builders were abused and pelted with stones by the wives of local tenants and the court house was levelled to the ground.

Lyvennet Beck

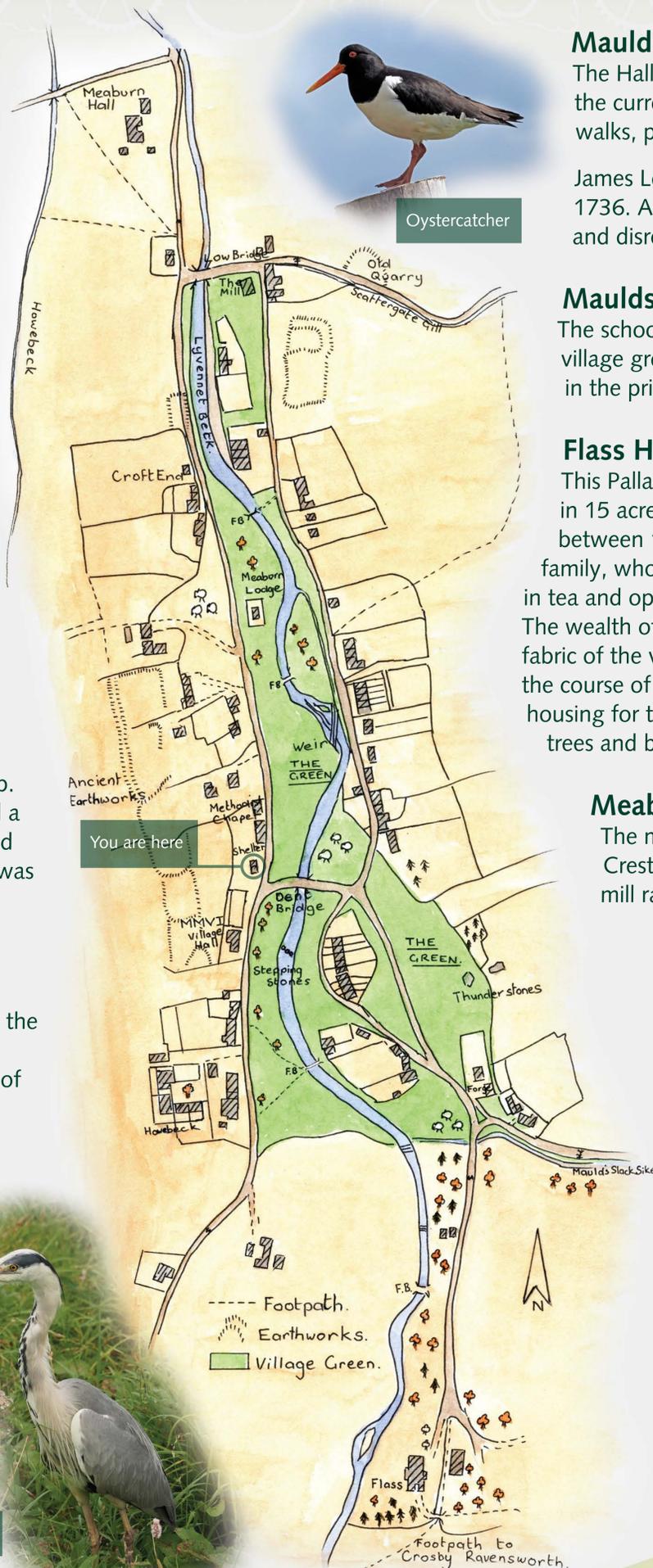
The beck has a weir, salmon ladder, footbridges and stepping stones linking the riverside paths. In the 2015 Storm Desmond the beck burst its banks damaging the southern footbridge, which was replaced in 2017. The beck contains a healthy population of native white clawed crayfish.



Heron



Oystercatcher



Maulds Meaburn Hall

The Hall and Manor dates from Norman times. The Lowthers built the current building in the 17th century with a deer park, terraced walks, pleasure gardens and fine avenues of trees.

James Lowther, nicknamed 'Jammy Lowther' was born at the Hall in 1736. As an MP he was infamous for his abuse of power, infidelities and disregard for others, hence his other nickname 'Wicked Jimmy'.

Maulds Meaburn School

The school was built in 1834 on the site of the former cross of the village green. Built as a "National School for the education of the poor in the principles of the Church of England", it closed in 1963.

Flass House

This Palladian-style mansion set in 15 acres of parkland was built between 1848-1861 by the Dent family, who made their fortune in tea and opium trading in China. The wealth of the Dents altered the fabric of the village. They changed the course of the beck, provided new housing for their workers, planted trees and built new bridges.



Meaburn Mill

The mill has been on this site since the 13th century. The Lowther Crest is dated 1690. Water powering the mill was taken along the mill race from the weir near Elizabeth Cottages.



Social Life

There were two pubs in the village, the Mason's Arms with the Brew House next door, and the Bay Horse.

Maulds Meaburn Village Institute

A second-hand shooting lodge, built of wood and corrugated iron, was moved to this site in 1921. It was rebuilt with the help of a Lottery grant in 2011.

