



High Street and the Millennium Stone

High Street

'Stanhus' is recorded in the Domesday Book of 1086, but people were living in the area long before that.

The road near where you are standing was part of an ancient route from the Thames valley to the River Severn. The medieval village developed along this road to create today's High Street. The manor house and church stand some distance to the South. The wide spaces along the roadsides once belonged to the Lord of the Manor; the remains of them are now the Greens.

The shops and houses opposite were all once medieval buildings, which have been replaced. The oldest now standing is the Tudor House, built c1600. Most of the others were rebuilt in the 1800s.



High Street c1900.



Tudor House in 1864 – now Tudor Tandoori.



High Street in the 1950s. The garage was demolished in 1971, replaced by a supermarket.

The Crown and Anchor

The building facing you contains parts of a medieval house belonging to Stonehouse manor.

In about 1780 the Bath coach started to run through the village, and the house was developed as the Crown and Anchor Inn, with stables to the left, and Assembly Room to the right. It operated as a coaching and commercial inn until a new frontage was added in the 1890s, after which it was developed as a hotel. The hotel closed in the 1990s. The doctors' surgery opened in 1997.



Postcard c1900 shows the Crown and Anchor, Elm House (demolished c1967) and the old Post Office (opened in 1899), now a hardware store.



The 18th century milestone still stands beside the road today.

Millennium Stone

A sculpture made to reflect the history of Stonehouse at the start of the Millennium.

It represents a doorway from one millennium to the next and the stone house after which Stonehouse is believed to be named.

It was carved from Portland Stone by sculptor Jamie Vans and students from Maidenhill School. The design incorporates symbols of many aspects of Stonehouse history.

Front:

Tudor Rose- the town's symbol

Doves for Doverow Hill

Grapes for the old vineyard

A Stonehouse brick - the Brickworks chimney is featured on the back

The Ocean on the canal with a narrowboat

Great Crested Newts- an endangered species found in Stonehouse

Back:

Flying fish - there are 3 fish sculptures around the town

The Brushworks - a lost industry

Stonehouse Paper & Bag Mills at Bridgend

Severn Valley Fruit Co. - made jams and bottled fruits

Dairy Crest chimney

'Dudbridge Donkey' train on the Nailsworth Branch Line

Left Side:

Beehive industry

The Regal Cinema which used to be on Gloucester Road

Right Side:

The cloth mark of the Clutterbuck family - mill owners

Bearings produced locally for jet engines

