

You will notice as you cross the bridge that the old way is very overgrown on the left. The right hand section is now a private drive to Castle Farm. You will already have glimpsed the farm while approaching the bridge, but the view of the building improves as you walk. The back of the house is timber framed and very old. As so often happened a brick front was added in Georgian times.

If you would like to learn more about the development of farming around Coleshill. There is an excellent chapter on Agriculture in *The Story of Coleshill*, a recent publication of the Civic Society. The chapter explains how farm buildings reflect the development of farming through the ages.

Castle Farm has an extremely large threshing barn, and the usual outbuildings. There is also the remains of a large pond, now quite dry. You can also just see a very old example of a sheep dip.

Your route continues along the wide, straight track towards a wooded shelter belt of birch. The trees mark the boundary of Maxstoke Park Golf Course, which is usually alive with golfers. You cannot fail to notice that the landscaped park is beautifully maintained. The footpath traverses the course, so keep an eye open for golfers who may be playing a shot across your path. It is not only polite to give way to them, it is also much safer! Your view of Maxstoke Castle on the left improves as you walk along.

