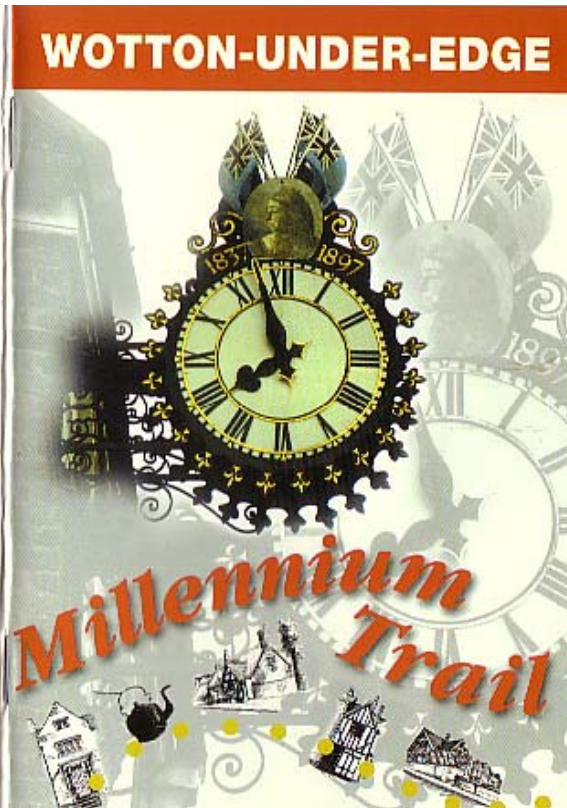




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## WELCOME TO THE MILLENNIUM TRAIL

This trail has been created by Wotton Civic Society to mark the millennium. Wotton-under-Edge may not have a spectacular focal point but it does have a surprising diversity in architecture and history that is not immediately apparent. Through appreciation of our history we can look forward to our future.

The MILLENNIUM TRAIL is a walk around the town indicating points of interest. The walk should take about 1½ hours and is easy walking.

The trail follows the BRONZE MARKERS in the pavement and these should be used together with the map of the town at the centre of the booklet.

The BOOKLET provides the background to the trail and is intended to be entertaining and informative.

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## PROLOGUE

Wotton is first mentioned in AD 940 when King Edmund of Wessex leased some land in Wudetun - 'a settlement in woodland'. 'Under-edge' only appeared in the 14th century and even then there have been many variations such as 'under-hegge' and 'underidge'.

It only deserved a brief mention in the Domesday Book as part of the manor of Berkeley. It was used as a summer residence by the Berkeleys when the Vale got too hot and unpleasant. Since then many a visitor has enjoyed the fresh air and wonderful scenery of Wotton.

As you go on the trail it will become apparent that there are two parts to the town. We start and finish in the 13th century planned town of Jone, Lady Berkeley, with its close, regular building. This was unusual in Gloucestershire in that most similar developments were started by the clergy while Wotton was developed by the Berkeley family. In between is the more open and irregular older part.