

## From little acorns...

Welcome to Queen Mary's Plantation, a mainly oak wood with a special tale to tell. It was lovingly planted by the Victorian school children of Parham.

## Imagine the scene

The date is 1890. Life on the land is demanding, but the labouring classes of Parham are pleased to see their children receiving an education, thanks to the local squire and benefactor, Frederick Corrance of Parham Hall, who set up the new village school just 18 years ago in 1872.

As owner of the estate, Frederick has a plan to form a new wood in the field known as Great Horse Close. And today he invites a group of children from the school to help him in his endeavour by collecting and planting acorns.

There's a job to be done, but even the little ones have fun joining in. The buckets are soon full and the future soon planted.

## To mighty oaks

No-one knows for sure why Frederick Corrance created Queen Mary's Plantation, but today the towering oaks make a wonderful haven for wildlife. Some trees have been thinned out for timber, but otherwise the original oaks planted by the children over a century ago are still growing strong.

# Queen Mary's Lane

## From Framlingham to the Throne

Look to the past... *Mt 1553*  
Why is Queen Mary's Lane no longer the main road to London?  
What caused it to fall out of use and how is it being made more accessible now?

Visit: [www.QueenMarysLane.info](http://www.QueenMarysLane.info)



## A ghost from the past

Queen Mary's Lane, possibly the highway to England's capital city during Tudor times, has all but faded into Suffolk farmland.

On today's maps, its route is only just traceable along the Parham/Great Glemham parish boundary, the line betrayed by the occasional field edge or strip of woodland.

Gradually abandoned over the centuries, sections became overgrown, were planted with trees or disappeared under the plough, being included in neighbouring fields.

## Remembered for the future

Queen Mary's Lane today may be a shadow of its former self, but its future should be more secure now that these glimpses of its historic past are lodged in the memories of villagers and visitors alike.



## Please follow the Countryside code

- Always stay on footpaths and bridleways
- Keep dogs under close control
- Protect plants/animals
- Take your litter home

This route passes through a working farm.

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