

Local facilities

Pub

If you want to visit a pub, turn right out of the main door of the hall, walk along the footpath for 100 yards, and you will find The Bay Tree facing the Grove Denchworth Road.

Shops

By the Tesco Express, where you finally turned into School Lane, are a variety of little shops around Millbrook Square - also about 100 yards, but left out of the hall door. There is a large supermarket in Grove (a Midcounties Co-operative) in Savile Way off Newlands Drive.

Immediately adjoining Grove Parish to the south is the market town of Wantage, birthplace of King Alfred, and family home of late poet laureate John Betjeman for 20 years. Markets are on Wednesday and Saturday. Big in-town Sainsbury's and Waitrose stores with plenty of their own parking; you can also park at the Beacon civic centre, first 2 hours free. Cheapest petrol in the area will probably be at Sainsbury's, entrance off Grove Road or at Bellingers on the A338 at Grove.

Want to stop over?

Try, for instance, the Bear Hotel in the Wantage market place.

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