

Explore the crossroads area (see overleaf for the starting point for the walk)

The Priory

The Priory was built to replace the Longcliffe in 1937, and provided off-road parking for motorists.

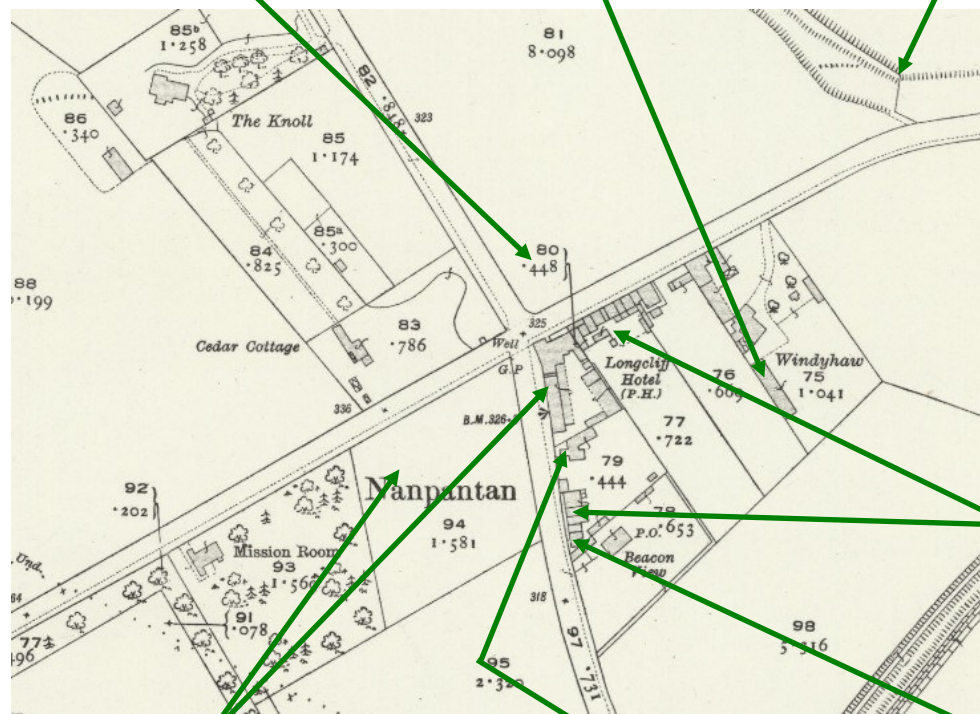
Temperance Hotel

(now a private house, no. 276). Between 1896 and 1914 a Temperance Hotel (serving no alcohol) competed with the Longcliffe Hotel for trade.

Former canal wharf (footpath by no. 259a)

The Charnwood Canal opened in 1794 to bring coal from the north Leicestershire coalfield to Loughborough and on to Leicester.

There was insufficient water for the locks needed between Nanpantan and Loughborough, so a wharf was built here and the coal was transferred from barges to a railroad that started at this point. The canal was abandoned in the early 1800s. It is possible to walk along part of its route (see separate leaflet).



Longcliffe Hotel and Sports Field

The former pub was extended along Woodhouse Lane in the 1890s, to provide two large dining rooms to accommodate work's outings and excursions. The field opposite was rented, so patrons could enjoy an afternoon of sports.

Laundry House

Built by Edward Handley Warner in 1890 (see date plaque) this property served as a laundry for many years.

Shop

There used to be a small shop and Post Office here, in the building that is now a private garage.

Paget Cottages

Red paintwork indicates the properties owned by the Paget estate.

Explore the Story of Nanpantan

An Ordinary Place, an Extraordinary History

Nanpantan stands between Loughborough and Charnwood Forest. There was a canal wharf here and an early railroad leading to Loughborough.

Factory workers and others came here on their days off, sometimes as part of a work's outing. A large public house and a temperance hotel provided refreshments and a space to relax and enjoy popular sports.

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Explore key buildings along Nanpantan Road

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Nanpantan Hall

This was built for Edward Handley Warner in the 1880s. It was purchased by the Paget family c.1898.

St Mary in Charnwood Church

Emmanuel Anglican church in Loughborough began a mission in Nanpantan in 1884. The church was built on land given by Edward Handley Warner in 1888.

Former School

A school for 64 children of 'all ages' was built by Loughborough School Board. It opened in 1893 and cost £549. From 1945 children over 7 years moved to Loughborough schools. It closed as a school in 1968.

Scout Hut

The first scout troop was formed in 1912. A scout hut opened here in 1949. It was rebuilt in 2025.

The walk starts at Nanpantan Sports Ground (off Watermead Lane, LE11 3YE)

The land belonging to Brook Farm was purchased by Brush Electrical Engineering Co. in 1967 to replace their sports ground on Forest Road. It was sold to Charnwood Borough Council c.1980.

