

ANCIENT IFIELD



Probably the most widely known feature in the Parish is Ifield Millpond, but how many people know of it's long history of industrial activity? The earliest relic found in the area is a late 12th century medieval iron bloomery which was discovered during 2014/15 whilst the pond was drained to enable work to be carried out on the dam.

This, along with an adjacent bloomery of either the 13th or 15th century, were found next to what was the original path of Ifield Brook before the shallow valley was dammed to create what we now know as the Millpond. Further bloomeries from the same eras have been found alongside Broadfield Brook and the Douster Brook in Bewbush, just before both enter the millpond, and there are undoubtedly many more yet to be discovered.

