Appendix 1: Midsomer Plaque Positions on Buildings, Plaque Artwork

Thame Town Hall
Spread Eagle Hotel

MIDSOMER
'Midsomer Murders' Filming Location
Morcroft Hotel

Midsomer Life
'Midsomer Murders'
Series II

Thame Town Council

The Spread Eagle Hotel,
Correngate, Thame, Oxen, OX9 2BW
Tel: 014420895

Library

Car Park

BUTTERMERE

Market House

PCs

Mortenson Square

ST. ALBANS AVE

TCB

LIBRARY

DORCHESTER LANE

BANK

CORNAMER

St. Albans AVE

Market House

PCs

Mortenson Square

ST. ALBANS AVE

BBC

CENTRAL

ST. ALBANS AVE

MORTON

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Rumsey’s Chocolaterie

Madrigal’s Camera Shop

Thame Town Council

Rumsey’s Chocolaterie

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Midsomer market town

South Oxfordshire’s thriving market towns with their independent shops, traditional butchers and quirky cafes are the perfect setting for Causton.
Thame

The most filmed location of Causton is a thriving market town with independent shops, traditional butchers and quirky cafes. Stay central and you won’t need the car for a couple of days. There’s a weekly fresh produce market (Tuesdays), small theatre, pubs with great character and good choice of restaurants. The Town Hall has doubled as both its Causton equivalent, and Causton Arts Centre.

Guided Midsomer tours of Thame are available weekly, on Wednesdays between May and October. Ad hoc tours on other days of the week can be arranged independently by emailing thamemidsomer@tours@gmail.com. You can book online, at Thame Museum or at the Town Hall Information Centre.

Have a look at the Self-guided walking trail of Thame’s Midsomer locations, that take you round 21 town centre filming locations. Take the opportunity to stop off for a Barnaby Bun at Rumsey’s Chocolaterie, one of Thame’s filming locations.
Wallingford

The original location of Causton, Wallingford is a traditional market town that played a big role in English history and retains ancient castle ruins. The town centre, particularly around Market Place, offers independent shops, restaurants and cafes. The Corn Exchange small theatre/cinema was Causton Playhouse four times. The choir at the church is Midsomer Worthy choir.

There are a range of self-guided walks available from the information centre (including Midsomer Murders walks), plus the opportunity to walk part of The Thames Path. No market town is complete with a market or two – Wallingford's Charter market takes place on Fridays and a local producers market is held on Saturdays.

Download the self-guided walking trail of Wallingford's Midsomer locations
Henley-on-Thames

Featured once as Causton, Henley is a Riverside town with a Georgian facade of special architectural and historic interest. The town offers specialist shopping for art and antiques plus boutiques and curiosities. There’s a thriving Café culture, (or the more English version, afternoon tea, if you prefer), pubs, restaurants and a microbrewery, alongside town centre hotels and B&Bs. Other amenities include a Theatre, cinema, boat trips along the Thames, self-guided walking trails and the national River & Rowing Museum.

Surrounded by beautiful countryside for walks along The Thames Path, the Chiltern Way or Sustrans cycle routes, there’s even an electric bicycle network or an Environment Trail for kids or fun-loving adults. Find out more at the information centre based in the Town Hall.

Download the self-guided walking trail of Henley’s Midsomer locations

ACCESS VIA:
M4, junctions 8 or 9
Watlington

Reputedly England's smallest town offers, as well as interesting architecture and history, a curious white mark carved into the nearby hill. Legend has it the 270ft triangular mark was designed by local squire Edward Horne in 1764 because he felt the church required a spire. Watlington is the heartland of the re-introduced red kites and is a wonderful vantage point to see these large and distinctive birds of prey in flight.

The library featured as Midsomer Library.

Further Afield

Marlow is without a doubt one of the loveliest locations on the River Thames. Situated on a broad sweep of the river between Henley and Windsor and alongside the woodlands of the Chiltern Hill. The charming Georgian market town is made up of historic streets, boutique shops and an abundance of character.

The historic market town of Marlow is home to ‘Causton' Library featured in the episode ‘The Black Book'. Marlow library is where you will find the visitor information service and it's a great place to start your exploration of the town.

ACCESS VIA:
M40, junction 6
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Follow filming locations in and around the historic market town of Thame

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THAME AND ITS MIDSOMER MURDERS FILMING LOCATIONS

MIDSOMER WALKING TRAIL OF THAME TOWN CENTRE

Midsomer Murders is based on the novels of Caroline Graham. The original pilot programme, The Killings at Badgers Dill, was aired on 23rd March 1997 and the four episodes of the first full series in 1998. Written in Blood, Death of a Hollow Man, Faithful Unto Death and Death in Disguise, were based on her books. Elizabeth Spriggs was a leading actress in the first episode and she is buried in St Mary’s Churchyard, Thame.

1. THAME MUSEUM
Thame Museum was used for the interior scenes of Croughton Manor Bar & Spies. An object, an animal’s skull, is suspected as the murder weapon (not one of the museum’s exhibits). Coughton Museum is broken into and is investigated by DS Barnaby. The Curator, Amanda Wolton, Thame Museum was originally built in 1864 as the County Court House. It was converted into a magistrates’ court in 1984 and finally became the town’s museum in 2005.

2. LEAVE THE MUSEUM, turn left, cross Bell Lane and walk along the High Street.

3. THAME TOWN HALL
As you walk along the High Street, you will see a large red brick building facing you - this is Thame Town Hall. In Days of Myrtle it appears in the Christmas scene, with Joyce Barnaby singing carols round the Christmas tree outside Coughton Town Hall. The Town Hall was again used as Coughton Town Hall in Shot of Dawn and became a Centre Arts Centre In The Mad in Splendour. Across the Town Hall, Connaught Estate Agents appears as Connaught Bookies, in a sub-plot of the same episode.

4. TIMS HUSBAND & COMPANY
In The House in the Woods Tim’s Company, Frends Agents, is seen in the background of the house. It is also seen in In the Shadows of Sibford in a series of scenes.

5. THE COFFEE HOUSE
In In the Shadows of Sibford, Barnaby is sitting in the Coffee House looking out of the window at him speaking to a woman. He notices a man in the background and orders a coffee to his name.

6. PRETTY LIKE PICTURES
At the Inn of Buttermilk, Pretty Like Pictures is seen in the background of the building. It is also a pub.

7. THE SWAN HOTEL
In The House in the Woods, Theodora (from Theodora’s Chocolatier) is sitting in the background of the building.

8. OXFORD BOOKSHOP
This was the Cover to Cover Bookshop in Thame’s Run. It was managed by Jenny, who was the love child of Fred Dyke Butler (deceased). Before he passed away, he had set her up in COVER to COVER.

9. THE SPREAD EAGLE HOTEL
The Spread Eagle becomes the Monarch Hotel in In the Shadows of Sibford. It also features in The House in the Woods where it is used for the interior shots of the Spread Eagle. The Spread Eagle was built in the eighteenth century and over the years has had a bakery, a shop, an inn, and a helicopter pad. The Spread Eagle was used for the interior shots of the Spread Eagle. The Spread Eagle was built in the eighteenth century and over the years has had a bakery, a shop, an inn, and a helicopter pad.

10. OXFORD SHOP
The Oxford Shop, a place of memory and history, plays a part in the episode. In this episode, the shop was used for the interior shots of the Spread Eagle. The Spread Eagle was built in the eighteenth century and over the years has had a bakery, a shop, an inn, and a helicopter pad.

11. PARKERS ESTATE AGENTS
Parker Estates, agents, was used as the offices of Coughton's Gazette in Last Year's Alibi.

12. THE MIDSOMER MURDERS FILMING LOCATIONS

There have now been over 200 episodes. John Neilsh played Barnaby for the first 81 episodes, stepping down in 2011. After the end of series 15, Neil Dudgeon has played DCI Barnaby ever since. Thame has been featured in 1.5 episodes. In some it barely makes a cameo, such as a picture of innocence and Vixen’s Run, it features heavily. A recent episode features Thame’s renaissance house and nearby castles.

The walking trail is 1.5 miles to a quarter of a mile at the locations used around the town centre. It is suggested you start the tour at Thame Museum, 7a High Street, Thame, OX9 7YE...
THAME - A MIDSOMER MARKET TOWN

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THAME is one of the filming locations in the fictional Midsomer County for the popular TV series Midsomer Murders. As a thriving Oxfordshire market town set at the foot of the Chiltern Hills, Thame has much to attract visitors who come to see places featured in the TV series.

Thame is an award-winning town. In the 2016 Great British High Street Competition it was Small Market Town runner-up and it also won a Rising Star Award in the 2015 Competition. The town also took second place in the Royal Town Planning Institute’s England’s Greatest Places Competition of 2015.

Until recently, Thame was thought to be Anglo-Saxon in origin, but in 2013 archaeologists made a discovery of an early Neolithic enclosure in the town, dating from nearly six thousand years ago. There is also evidence from the Iron Age and the Roman period.

Thame has developed as an individual character whilst preserving its rich history. Ancient medieval buildings stand alongside Georgian and Victorian architecture and the iconic boats shaped High Street stands as testimony to the market traders for which it was originally designed. Today, Thame hosts a popular weekly market, which in 2015 celebrated 800 years of continuous trading, as well as regular farmers' markets.

Visitors can follow Thame’s own Midsomer Walking Trail and the town is also a great base for enjoyable excursions to the many picturesque villages in the local area featured in episodes of Midsomer Murders.

Thame is perfectly situated to enjoy the beauty and tranquility of the Chiltern Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, with many public footpaths, including the Chiltern Hills, Ridgeway Path and the Oxfordshire Way, where pleasant views of the surrounding area can be enjoyed.

Thame has an active calendar of events hosted by local organisations throughout the year, including Thame Food Festival, Thame Arts & Literature Festival, Music in the Park, and Thame Town Music Festival.

MIDSOMER LOCATIONS NEAR THAME

Soak up the atmosphere of the English rural villages that make up “Midsomer County” by taking a guided tour or following Midsomer driving trails. These are some of the delightful and historic villages that have featured in episodes of Midsomer Murders. For more information go to www.villagehunting.com, www.english-heritage.org, www.english-heritage.org and www.english-heritage.org.

Adwell, Oxfordshire
St Mary’s Church - Midsomer Manor Church, The Sword of Quitlame, Death and the Devil.

Aston Rowland, Oxfordshire
Village houses - The House in the Woods - A Sacred Stain (The Virtue Arms, a village inn).

Beckley, Oxfordshire
The main street – Electric Vendetta.

Bledlow, Buckinghamshire
The Lion of Bledlow pub, Holy Trinity Church, Houses jail Church (2000).

The Kissing at Bodgeryman’s - Death’s Shadow, Death of A Stranger, V.O. Blue Nettles, Dark Autumn - A Man in the Buff, Body of Proof, Ring’s Chalice, A Rare Bird.

Bletchley, Buckinghamshire
All Saints Church - Four Furnitures and a Wedding.

The Painter pub - the John Knox pub, Four Furnitures and a Wedding.

The Village - England Inn.

Bletchley House - A Tale of Two Innards.

Cholesbury, Buckinghamshire
The Bell Inn - The Woodman pub.

Country Matters.

Cherry Pupil Office & Stores - Eynsham Village Store, Country Matters.

Chinnor, Oxfordshire
Chinnor & Princes Risborough Railway Station - Heain Lane Junction, Death in a Chocolate Box.

Village houses - New Inn’s Noke, Waddow and Waddow Tales.

The Old House - Mister Marlow.

Christmas Common, Buckinghamshire
Cold Case - The Kissing of Bodgeryman’s & Ring Out Your Dead.

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Villages houses - Picture of Innocence. The Silent Land, Days of Menace, Hidden Deaths, Midsomer Murders.

Great Milton, Oxfordshire

Hoddlesham, Buckinghamshire
St Mary’s Church and pub - Birds of Prey - Judgement Day, A Talent for Life.

Villages properties - Wean’s Run, Orca Field, Midsomer Life.

Horton, Oxfordshire
A village house - Feathet’s Inn.

Little Moreton, Cheshire
A Tale of Two Towns.

Lindsey, Lincolnshire
A Tale of Two Houses.

Little Moreton, Cheshire
The Red Lion public - A Talent for Life.

Stanton St John, Oxfordshire
A village pub - Electric Vendetta.

Stoke Turville, Oxfordshire
The Rose Inn - One of the finest 17th century inns in England.

Thame Church - The Stag Inn, The Night of the Stag.

Thame Park, Thame, Oxfordshire
Thame Park House - The House in Death’s Shadow.

Thame Park - A Talent for Life.

Towcester, Northamptonshire
Village house - Adams’ Paradise pub, The New Inn’s Noke, Tattersall’s House, Death in a Chocolate Box.

Walsham, Buckinghamshire
Wardle Railway Crossing - Death in a Chocolate Box.

Warlingham, Buckinghamshire
Warlingham Village Hall - Midsomer Manor Church, Second Sight.

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Why not join a tour led by one of our knowledgeable Midsomer tour guides? Tours for groups of up to 15, lasting up to 1.5 hours, run at 11 am every Wednesday between April and October. The tours start from Inside Thame Museum, 79 High Street, Thame, OX9 3AE.

Tickets cost £17.50 each and may be purchased online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/thamemidsomer. Tickets may also be purchased in person at Thame Museum (open Tue, Wed, Sat, 10am - 4pm and Sun 12pm - 4pm), or online on the Thame Museum website www.thamemuseum.org.

Alternatively, simply turn up on the day and pay the guide.

For more information visit www.thametowncouncil.gov.uk or www.visitmidsomer.com.

Part of the proceeds from Midsomer tours goes to charitable causes.

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Thame is 14 miles east of Oxford, 10 miles south west of Aylesbury and 47 miles from London. It is well connected to Birmingham and London by the M40 motorway and just an hour from Heathrow.

ACCOMMODATION
In the town centre, both the Spread Eagle Hotel and the Swan Hotel have been used as Midsomer filming locations. Near Thame there is a wide choice of hotels, inns, B&Bs and guest houses to choose from, including Midsomer locations such as Long Crendon Manor and The Pointer in Brill. For further information on where to stay, visit www.thamecouncil.gov.uk.
www.visitbuckinghamshire.gov.uk.
www.visitbuckinghamshire.org.

EATING & DRINKING
There are many excellent choices for eating and drinking in Thame, why not try Midsomer locations such as Kumsey’s Chocolaterie - where you can sample delicious Primrose Buns served with jam and cream, the newly refurbished Black Horse Pub & Brasserie, or the Caffeine House on Beaminster Road. The village has many traditional English pubs and restaurants serving contemporary English, Italian, Indian and Chinese cuisine. Alooyo’s Kebabs (Upper High Street) has been voted Best Kebab Van in Britain for the second year running.

There are also many great pubs and gastro pubs near Thame, including Midsomer locations such as The Plough at Great Haseley, The Old Fisherman in Shenley, and The Eight Bells in Long Crendon.

SHOPPING
The town centre boasts a fantastic range of unique shops and delicatessens as well as high street names. Goods on offer range from beautiful handmade jewellery to local produce such as artisan breads and oils. More information on shopping in Thame can be found at www.thamecouncil.gov.uk.