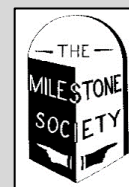


Guidelines for PHOTOGRAPHS in the Milestone Society database



The Milestone Society welcomes photograph submissions of **milestones, boundary markers, fingerposts, toll houses, wayside crosses** and **AA village signs** to update our online databases. These guidelines illustrate what information should be shown and examples of what not to include.

If you provide a photograph it must be freely available for use under a Creative Commons Licence so it can be uploaded to the Geograph website. Photographs of items located on private property will only be accepted for publication if the item can be viewed from a public highway/ road; a public right of way; access land or a towpath.

All digital images submitted must be in a **PNG** or **JPEG** file format only with a minimum 1024 resolution.

Good practice

- Show all the text of any inscription, including ancillary information such as a benchmark or foundry name. Clear away moss, ivy etc. to make it as legible as possible. If the inscription is worn consider using soft white chalk to highlight the text for the photograph. This will not harm the stone and can easily be wiped off.
- Take sufficient photos to ensure all sides are visible. This is particularly important for fingerposts where it is often difficult to read all arms on one image.
- Include a wide view context photograph to illustrate the location of the item in relation to the roadside and other identifiable features (e.g. houses, road signs). This helps to subsequently locate it on site if it becomes overgrown. For a toll house include the roof/ chimney as this helps with dating.
- Take photos horizontally at the same level as the feature, without pointing the lens up or down, and with the feature in the centre of the photo.
- Remove distracting items such as litter, portable signs, chairs etc.

What to avoid

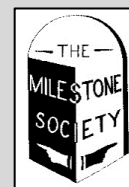
- Taking the photo from too far away so the feature is too small
- Taking photos through windows or windscreens or from a moving vehicle or train
- Strong shadows
- Smudges or reflections from the camera lens
- Blurred image
- Using a wide angle or fish-eye lens to avoid converging verticals

The **Geograph** website will not accept these features for submission

- Any writing on the photo such as date/time
- A composite image from several photos
- A white space border around the photograph

We look forward to seeing your own photographs soon – thank you for helping with the database.

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GOOD – distinctive five-sided shape of guidestone clear; inscription on two faces visible



POOR – too far away; shape of the guidestone unclear and no inscription visible



Take additional photographs to show other text, dates or benchmarks



Use of soft white chalk can enhance the inscription for legibility on the photo

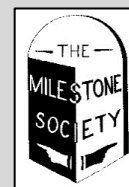


GOOD – shows the context, the size of the plaque and the inscription



POOR – the inscription is legible but there is nothing to provide scale or context





GOOD – all inscription visible and foundry mark on post; buildings behind indicate location



POOR – text not clear, foundry mark not visible, clutter behind the post



GOOD – shows all the toll house and context



POOR – needed vegetation cleared

