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Didcot Railway Station (London Paddington within the hour) - 2 ½ miles ♦ Wallingford on Thames - 3 ½ miles ♦ Oxford - 7 ½ miles  
(Distances and times approximate)

Located just upstream from the Barley Mow pub where 19th century author Jerome K. Jerome wrote the timeless classic *Three Men in a Boat*, situated in a particularly scenic and private mature setting affording awe-inspiring views facing due west across the River Thames to delightful private grazing meadows opposite.

A rare opportunity to purchase a river mooring plot with approximately 75 ft of direct river frontage and slip way within a pretty gated garden.



## SITUATION

Long Wittenham lies in an area known to be a Celtic Romano/British and Saxon burial ground, indeed the old Saxon name for the village was Witta's Ham. Saint Birinus of Dorchester brought Christianity to the village in the 7th Century.

The present church of St Mary was built of Caen Stone in about 1120 and boasts a Norman leaded font on an original stone base, which was disguised under a wooden cover during the Civil War in the 17th century to protect it from Cromwell's soldiers who would have used the lead to melt down into bullets. The font was eventually uncovered in 1839. The church also has a recumbent effigy in the vestry of a Crusader, Gilbert De Clare Earl of Gloucester, who was then the lord of the manor which, at only 3' long, is said to be the smallest sculptured monument in England.

At the west end of the village, flowing into the Thames, is a stream known as St Anthony's well which is believed to have certain healing powers. The village has numerous interesting properties, many half timbered, reflecting its long architectural history. The scenic surrounding countryside includes Wittenham Clumps, now protected and from the top of which there are glorious views especially over the winding River Thames.

Just under a mile from the village is the beautiful brick, arched bridge which leads over the Thames to Clifton Hambden, built by Sir George Gilbert Scott. By the bridge is the Barley Mow, originally a 15th century cruck designed building where in the 19th century author 'Jerome K. Jerome' wrote the timeless classic *'Three Men in a Boat'*.



The present day village has a, a flourishing primary school, two local inns, a well revered Indian restaurant and the Pendon Museum noted for its modern miniature village and railway.

There are good road communications especially with Didcot which has an excellent shopping centre and a mainline station giving fast commuter services up to London Paddington in approximately under the hour.

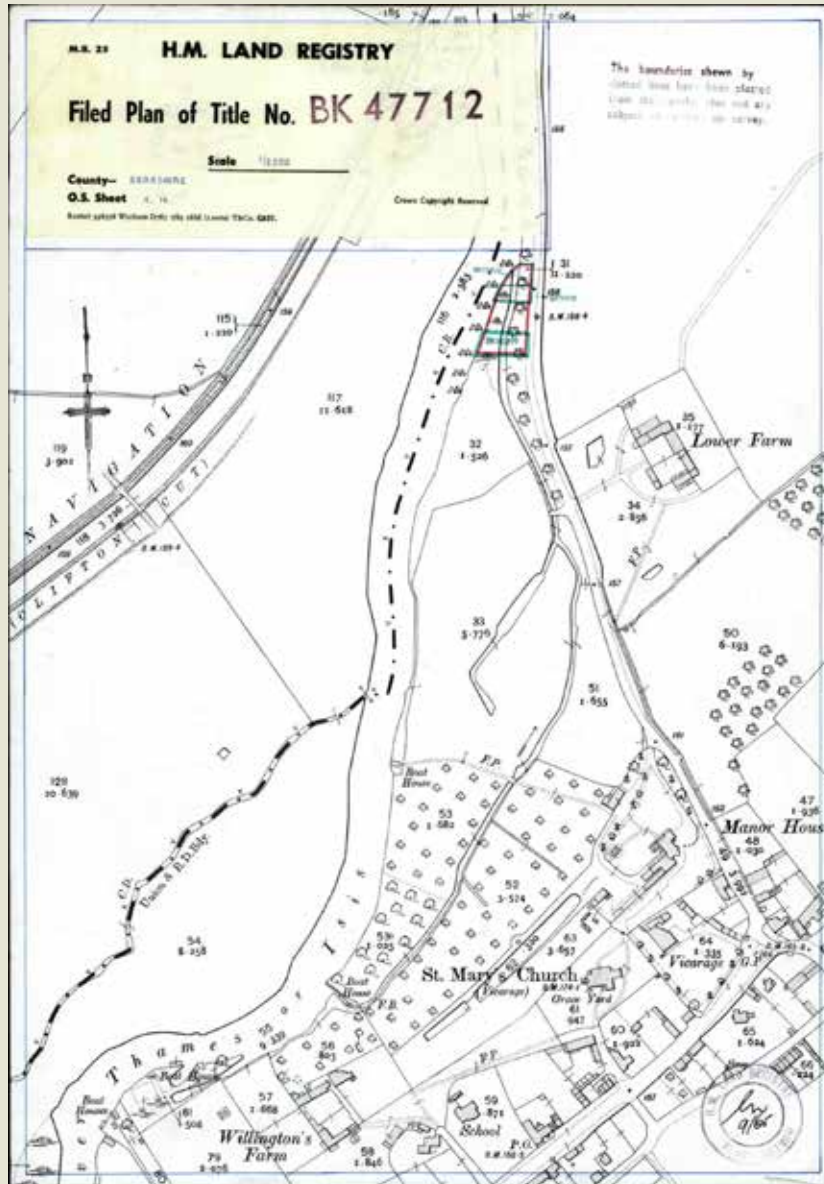
## PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

The River Bank mooring plot is located a short way upstream from the Barley Mow pub where 19th century author Jerome K. Jerome wrote the timeless classic Three Men in a Boat. Walking distance of the village centre of Long Wittenham, village amenities are afforded.

Situated on a peaceful stretch in this favoured part of the River Thames, the river plot is accessed directly off Long Wittenham High Street via a private wooden vehicular access gate which opens onto a large gravelled forecourt. The setting is idyllic, with part fence and hedged boundaries offering screening and large willow tree providing an appealing outlook. Railway sleepers have been used as an attractive boundary and then steps take you down to the river garden and slip way. A “utility area” with in-built sink and water connection provides a useful working space and there is a secondary water tap in the middle of the lawned area. A seating area facing west and overlooking the mooring provides a restful place. The mooring itself is approximately 75 ft and there are 3 high steel girders for securing a boat. The mooring is a year round secure jetty for any boat size. Another large willow tree sits to the edge of the mooring and to the right is a slip way into the River. Opposite the plot on the other side of the River are private grazing meadows, which altogether provide a wonderful private outlook. A rare opportunity and early viewing is advised.







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## GENERAL INFORMATION

**Services:** Mains water and electricity are connected. Other services should be available for connection off the main road.

**Outgoings:** Annual private accommodation charge for floating stage 20.7 sqm £301.20 payable to Environmental Agency.

**Local Authority:** South Oxfordshire District Council

## VIEWING

Strictly by appointment through Warmingham & Co.

## DIRECTIONS

The River Bank is located to the north of Long Wittenham as you head out to Clifton Hampden. Driving along the High Street heading North West out of the village the plot will be found off to the left accessed via wooden double gates.

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