



Palaeolithic
50000 BC
- 9999 BC

Mesolithic
10000 BC - 3999 BC

Neolithic
4000 BC - 2599 BC

Bronze Age
2600 BC - 700 BC

Iron Age
701 BC - 42 AD

Romano-British
43 AD - 409 AD

Anglo-Saxon
410 AD - 1065 AD

Medieval
1066 AD - 1539 AD

Post Medieval
1540 AD - 1901 AD

Modern
1901 - present

MEDIEVAL & LATER BIDFORD

Medieval & later Medieval Bidford

In the late 11th century Medieval Bidford was a sizable settlement with a population of at least 230 people. Activity would have focused around the church and the market place, which was a small square near the church.



One of the most impressive structures present in Bidford is the medieval bridge.



The bridge is likely to have been designed by the monks of Bordesley Abbey in Worcestershire.

This is believed because between 1135 and the 1530s Bidford, and some of the surrounding area, belonged to the monks.

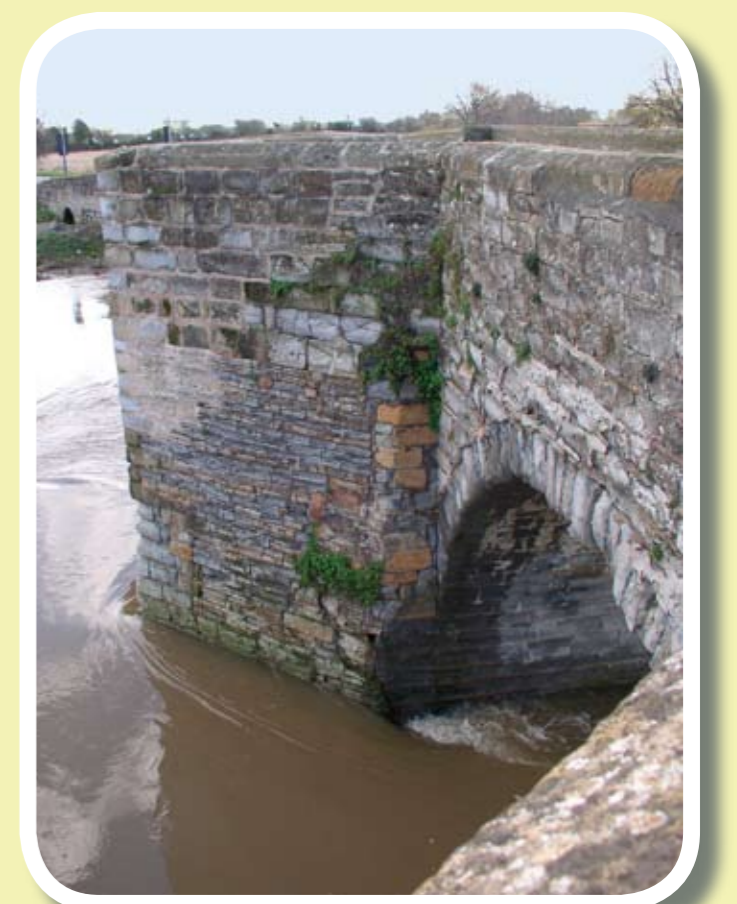
By 1449 the bridge was in a poor state. John Carpenter (Bishop of Worcester) offered



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Number	Name
MWA585	The possible site of a Medieval or Post Medieval market cross. It may have been situated on the High Street, Bidford on Avon.
MWA586	The Church of St. Laurence originally built during the Medieval period and later altered during the Imperial period. It is situated south of the High Street, Bidford on Avon.
MWA588	Bidford Bridge, a Medieval Bridge with later alterations and repairs. It spans the Avon 200m west of St Laurence's Church. The remains of Medieval buildings, ditches and pits were found during an excavation. Located on the High Street, Bidford on Avon. The possible extent of Medieval settlement of Bidford on Avon suggested by documentary evidence.

a year's Indulgence to anyone who contributed to its repair. This meant they could be pardoned instead of punished for a sin. The bridge was rebuilt in 1545 using stone from the demolished priory at Alcester.



In 1644 Charles I's army destroyed part of the bridge as it fled south to Oxford. It lay in disrepair for 6 years.

Whilst it was being repaired in 1650 one of the arches was made higher than the others to allow boats through.



Most of the buildings on the High Street were built in the Post Medieval Period.