

# Musgrave Bridge Railings

People and animals have crossed the River Eden here since time immemorial, on the stone-paved **Musgrave Wath** (or Ford, still visible) or over a wooden bridge which was often damaged by floods. **St. Theobald's Church and Musgrave Rectory** were always 'subject to inundation by an high flood'.

**The Great Flood** on 2 February 1822 swept away all Eden's bridges, except at Warcop.

**Musgrave Bridge** was built in stone in 1825.

The flooding became worse in the Church and Rectory. In 1830, these wrought-iron railings were installed in the new stone walls to let the water through. Severe flooding continued. The Church was rebuilt on higher ground in 1845. The Rectory was demolished in 1884 - the remains can still be seen. The iron railings were restored in 2008.

**Musgrave Church Field** still floods regularly.

On 6 December 2015, **Storm Desmond** washed down parts of the old walls and railings, which have been repaired.

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