



The Wellington Oak is situated on the A1079 just outside the town of Pocklington, East Yorkshire. From Wednesday to Sunday they have home cooked food available, which is very popular with the locals as well as travellers heading to or from the coast. The A1079 is the main route between York and Hull and via Market Weighton it is one of two routes between York and Bridlington on the East Coast of Yorkshire. The Wellington Oak is situated at the head of The Pocklington Canal which is fed by two large springs in the foothills of The Wolds above Pocklington. The Pocklington Canal is a broad canal which runs for 9.5 miles (15.3 km) through nine locks from the Canal Head behind the pub, to the River Derwent which it joins near East Cottingwith. Most of it lies within a designated Site of Special Scientific Interest. Alongside the canal is the Wellington Oak Caravan Site which is a small site accommodating eight caravans with electric hook-ups.

Pocklington is a picturesque market town. The town's skyline is dominated by a 15th-century tower of All Saints church. The town's architecture is a mixture of quaint old houses and modern buildings and the town has several unusual street names reflecting its history from the Iron Age onwards. Pocklington gets its name via the Old English "Poclintun" from the Anglian settlement of Pocel's (or Pocela's) people and the Old English word "tun" meaning farm or settlement, but though the town's name can only be traced back to around 650 AD, the inhabitation of Pocklington as a site is thought to extend back a further 1,000 years or more to the Bronze Age. In the Iron Age Pocklington was the regional capital of the Parisi tribe and by the time of the Domesday Book in 1086 it was the second largest settlement in Yorkshire, after York itself. Pocklington developed through the Middle Ages while many similar places fell into dramatic decline. Pocklington owed much of its prosperity in the Middle Ages to the fact that it was a local centre for the trading of wool and lay on the main road to York, an important national centre for the export of wool to the continent.

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