

## The Ribbesford Avenue

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"The Parish of Ribbesford covers a triangular piece of land bounded on the east by the River Severn and on the south-west by Gladder Brook; it contains, including the Borough of Bewdley, nearly 3,713 acres, of which 455 are arable, 1,560 under permanent grass and 1,224 woodland. The church of St. Leonard, Ribbesford, stands in a beautifully kept churchyard not far from the river, and a narrow avenue of lime trees leads from it in the direction of Bewdley."

"Ribbedford, Ribeford (11th century), Rybbesford (12th century)". (A History of the County of Worcester: Volume 4. Victoria County History, London, 1924)

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Ken Quayle and felled diseased limes, 1964