

Arts, Culture and Industrial Heritage

From international events and award-winning museums to theatrical events and independent galleries, Wiltshire is rich in both arts and culture.

The [Ageas Salisbury International Arts Festival](#) takes place for two weeks at the end of May/beginning of June (will resume in 2019). The festival brings with it classical and world music, theatre, dance, visual arts and more.

For two weeks in the summer, the [International Street Festival and Carnival](#) comes to Devizes. The festival includes a confetti battle and carnival parade as well as lots of street theatre.

Anyone with an eye for the arts should head to [Fisherton Mill](#). Here lies a treasure trove of amazing artwork in the largest independent art gallery in the South West. See on-site artists in their studios and discover beautiful handmade cards and jewellery for sale.

In Bradford on Avon, the [Wiltshire Music Centre](#) hosts regular concerts in its 300 seater hall attracting internationally renowned musicians including the City of London Sinfonia, jazz legend Courtney Pine and famous guitarist John Williams.

Wiltshire is also a country with an intriguing industrial heritage. Traditionally a very agricultural county, Wiltshire's main development during the Industrial Revolution came from the cloth industry, the development of the [Kennet & Avon Canal](#) and later the Great Western Railway. Some of these sites can still be visited today and help preserve the history of the area.



The Caen Locks of the Kennet and Avon Canal



Steam Museum of the Great Western Railway

The Great Western Railway (GWR) was designed by famous engineer Isambard Kingdom Brunel to link Bristol and London. Swindon played a large part in the GWR and housed the Swindon Railway Works which was used to repair and maintain the network. The works remained open until 1986 and since this time the site has been redeveloped housing [STEAM - the Museum of the Great Western Railway](#) and the [McArthurGlen Designer Outlet Swindon](#).

Other museums and sites well worth visiting include the [Trowbridge Museum](#), [Wilton Windmill](#) and [Wadworth Brewery](#).

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