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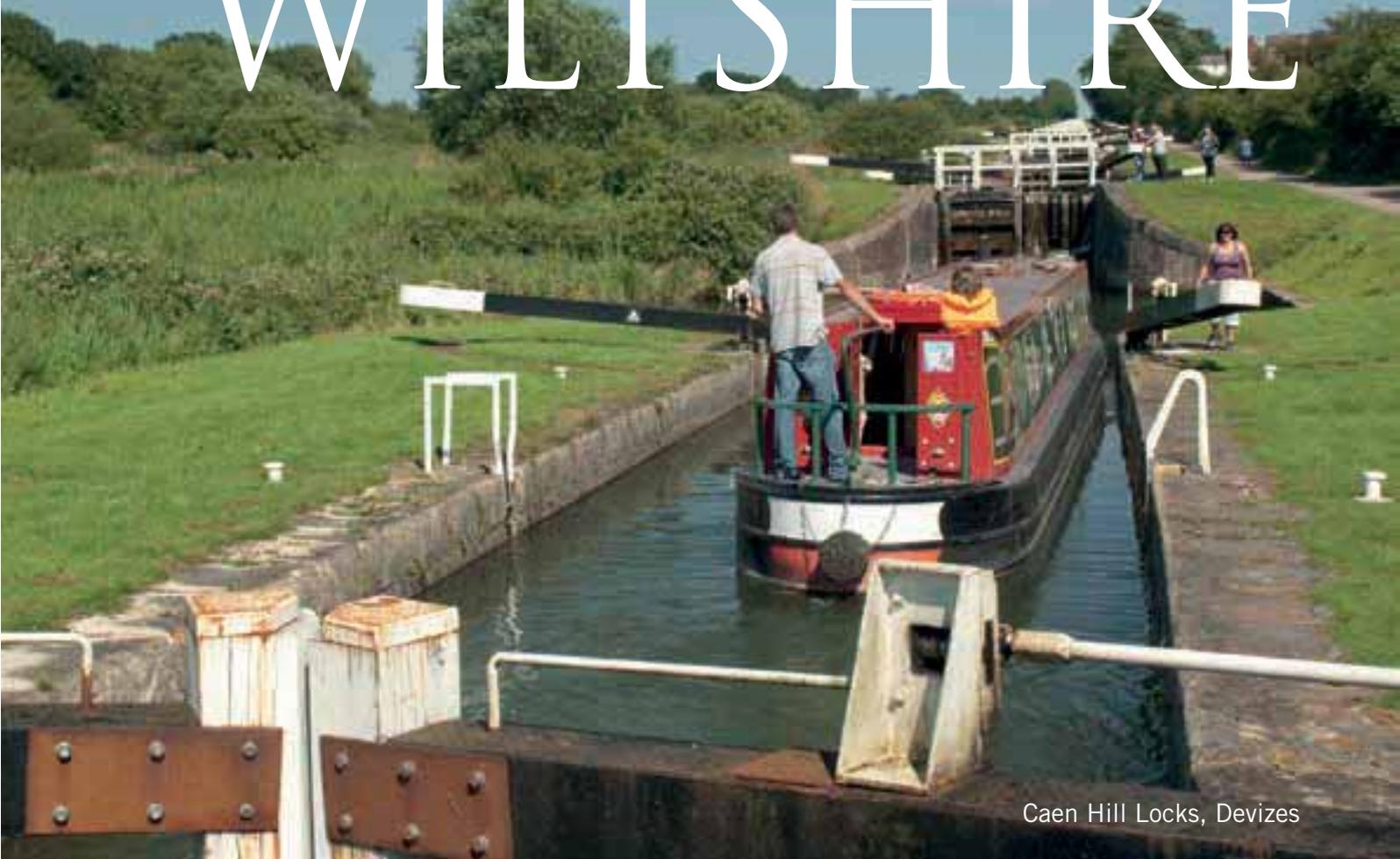
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It's time for WILTSHIRE



Caen Hill Locks, Devizes

Today life is hectic. Too hectic. We're all so busy. 24/7 this, 4G that. Forever rushing around. Time poor. Sometimes you just need to escape, press pause and let time stand still.

Instead of living in the fast lane, take things at a gentler pace. Step off the world for a while. On a narrow boat trip along Wiltshire's Kennet & Avon Canal, for example, you'll find just three speeds: slow, very slow and stop. No need for speed cameras (although the more conventional kind could come in handy).

Wiltshire has been a special place for a very long time and the World Heritage Site of Stonehenge and Avebury stands testament to the ages. Wiltshire is also rolling green downs, ancient woodlands and bustling market towns. Parish churches, grand historic houses and country inns. Timeless monuments and contemporary luxury. Local ales and picnics in the park.

All this, yet only an hour and a half, or less, from London.

So come to Wiltshire and write your own chapter in our never-ending story: less racing against the clock and more timeless pleasures to enjoy.

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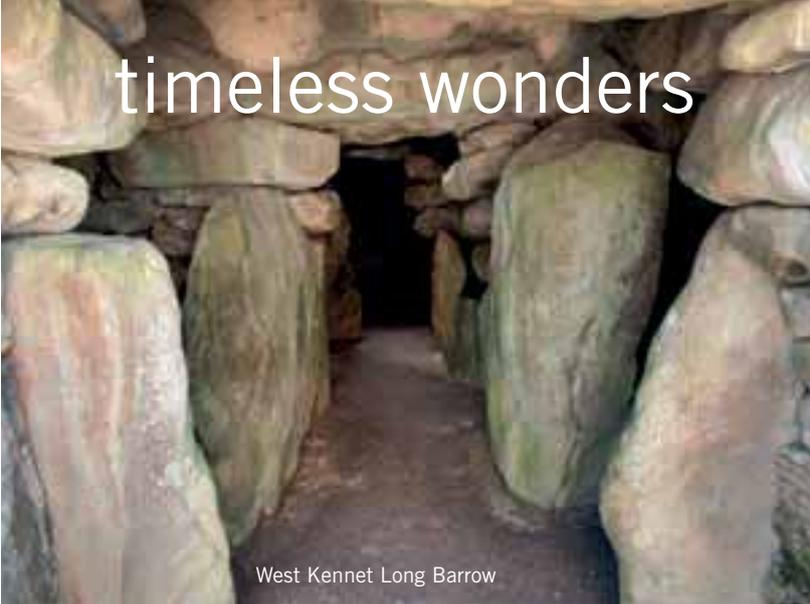
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timeless wonders



West Kennet Long Barrow

timeless pleasures



Bath Arms, Horningsham

timeless nature



Martinsell Hill, near Pewsey

timeless places



Lacock

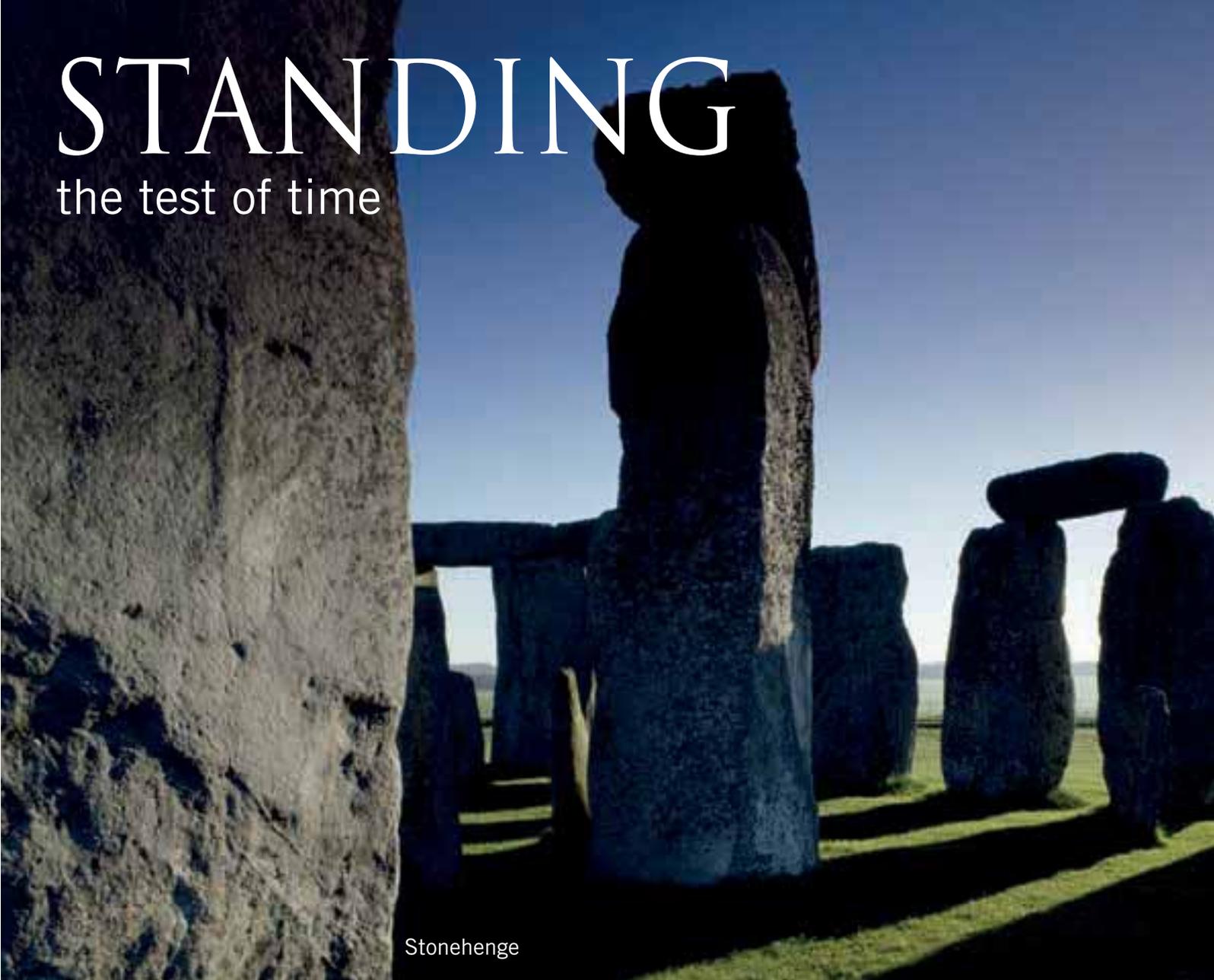
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Avebury Stone Circle (© Neville Stanikk)

STANDING

the test of time



Stonehenge

Somehow, time has more meaning in Wiltshire.

Stonehenge and **Avebury** have a magnetism that has drawn people to them for centuries, and celebrations marking the summer and winter solstices still take place here every year.

On a misty morning at **Avebury** you can understand the appeal this sacred place held for our ancestors. A massive outer bank and ditch surround the world's largest prehistoric stone circle, which in turn encloses two smaller stone circles and part of the village. Nearby you will find an 'avenue' of stones that once led to a further site known as The Sanctuary, and from the early Neolithic causewayed enclosure of Windmill Hill you can enjoy spectacular views across the surrounding

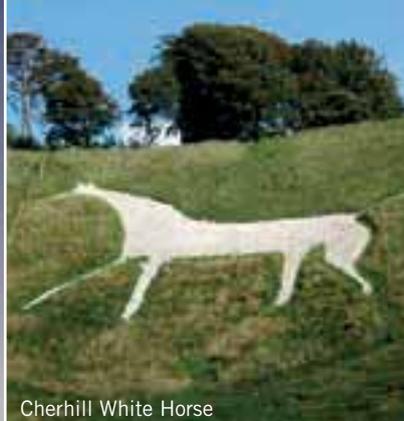
landscape. The Alexander Keiller Museum and Avebury Manor and Gardens make fascinating additions to your visit here.

If you stand on Salisbury Plain at sunrise or sunset it's easy to see why the ancient Britons believed **Stonehenge** was special, and even today people from across the globe make the pilgrimage here to marvel at one of the most timeless and iconic wonders in the world. Its orientation on the rising and setting sun is one of its many unique features, but why it was built in this way remains a mystery. With outstanding exhibition galleries, a 360° audio-visual presentation and Neolithic houses built using authentic materials, **Stonehenge visitor centre** brings its story to life. Entry is by timed ticket, so pre-booking is strongly recommended – see www.english-heritage.org.uk/stonehenge for details. Understandably it's a popular place, so to enjoy a more peaceful experience try to visit in the early morning or late afternoon,

or during the quieter months of the year. **The Stonehenge Tour** which picks up from Salisbury railway station and the city centre, then runs via **Old Sarum** to the stones themselves, before returning via **Salisbury Cathedral** is a convenient way to travel.

Overlooking rolling countryside near Avebury, **West Kennet Long Barrow** contains a series of shadowy chambers and is one of Britain's largest Stone Age burial sites; close by, its origins lost in the mists of time, **Silbury Hill** is the largest man-made mound in Europe; while at **Marden Henge** archaeologists are working to uncover the secrets of Wiltshire's third 'super henge'. The landscape around Stonehenge is equally rich, with Bronze Age burial mounds at **Kingbarrow Ridge**; the massive henge at **Durrington Walls**; **The Cursus**, a huge rectangular earthwork enclosure; and **The Avenue**, a bank-and-ditch earthwork over 2.5km long.

“No visit to Wiltshire is complete without experiencing the magic of our World Heritage Site”



Cherhill White Horse



Salisbury Cathedral



Silbury Hill



Kingbarrow Ridge



West Kennet Long Barrow



Avebury

Sheltered by the massive stone walls of the surrounding Close, **Salisbury Cathedral** is a magnificent example of the early English Gothic architectural style. Its spire is the tallest in Britain, soaring a breathtaking 404 feet (123 metres) into the sky, and at the heart of an exhibition within the Cathedral's Chapter House you'll find the best preserved of four original 1215 **Magna Carta** manuscripts. For an unforgettable experience a Tower Tour takes you up narrow, winding staircases to the foot of the spire, 225 feet (over 68 metres) above ground, for panoramic views across the city.

Among Wiltshire's most iconic views are its **White Horses** carved into the rolling chalk downs. Of the original thirteen, eight can still be seen today. The oldest, at Westbury, dates from 1778 and is situated on a steep slope beneath the Iron Age hill fort of Bratton Camp. The most recent, at Devizes, dates from 1999 and was cut into Roundway Hill to mark the millennium.

These timeless wonders are within easy reach of all accommodation in this guide and an overnight stay is highly recommended. For a wide range of places to stay go to visitwiltshire.co.uk/accommodation

A selection of timeless wonders events – see pages 12-13 for more

Ancient Technology Demonstrations, Stonehenge	Sat 14 & Sun 15 Jan, Sat 11 & Sun 12 Feb, Sat 11 & Sun 12 Mar
WW1 Biplane at Stonehenge	Sat 11-Sun 19 Feb
Stonehenge Up Close (English Heritage Member Only Event)	Wed 15 Feb & Wed 29 Mar
Sarsen Trail & Neolithic Marathon, Wiltshire Wildlife Trust (starts Avebury, ends Bulford)	Sun 30 Apr
Spooky Samhain Trail, Avebury	Sat 21-Sun 29 Oct



Vintage Nostalgia Festival



Castle Combe Circuit



Ageas Salisbury International Arts Festival



Chippenham Folk Festival



Barbury International Horse Trials



Marlborough College Summer School



Salisbury Christmas Market



Daily Mail Chalke Valley History Festival



Downton Cuckoo Fair



Iford Arts Festival

“Authentic and entertaining experiences”

We've got entertainment down to a fine art in Wiltshire.

Often based on stories that have helped shape the history of England, our year-round programme of festivals and events showcases the county's outstanding creativity and inventiveness. 2017 is set to be another bumper year, so escape the everyday and make the most of our timeless pleasures...

Among the stars of the show is the **Ageas Salisbury International Arts Festival** which takes place from 26 May-10 June, showcasing an array of theatre, music, dance, comedy, visual arts and a full literature programme. In 2017, in the final leg of its four-year journey around the cardinal points of the compass, the Festival will look west to the province of Quebec, the heartland of French-speaking Canada. From bustling cities to the icy floes of Hudson Bay, Quebec has used its particular culture to define its place in the vast continent-spanning country of which it is a key part.

Swindon Festival of Literature, from 1-13 May, celebrates all things well thought, well written and well said, with novelists, poets, politicians, travellers, scientists, storytellers, sportsmen, historians, comedians, artists and activists. From 27 May to 4 June the **Wylde Valley Art Trail** is a 9-day festival of visual art and crafts comprising open studios and workplaces, galleries and exhibitions, demonstrations, workshops and children's activities. For two months from 4 June-7 August, **Iford Arts Festival** tops the bill with a mix of opera, jazz proms and cloister concerts from the idyllic surroundings of the Grade I Listed Peto Garden at Iford Manor.

From 26-29 May you can get into the swing of things at **Chippenham Folk Festival** which combines nationally acclaimed performers with dynamic young musicians, dancers and singers. In all there are more than 200 individual events and workshops in and around the Georgian town of Chippenham. The annual **Edington Music Festival** from 20-27 August features sacred choral works including plainchant, new commissions, organ recitals and some of the most complex and beautiful music ever written.

If you're in carnival mood, head for **Downton Cuckoo Fair** on Saturday 29 April. This friendly event takes place on the picturesque village greens, with over 250 stalls, craft demonstrations, maypole and Morris dancing, music and more. The ancient market town of Malmesbury has been home to a carnival for over 90 years. These days **Malmesbury Carnival & Festival** has grown into a whole range of events throughout August, culminating in the carnival procession on 2 September. **Devizes Festival Fortnight** runs from 20 August-2 September, offering two whole weeks of colourful events, including Picnic in the Park, the Confetti Battle, Carnival Parade and Devizes International Street Festival.

From 2-4 June you can chill out at the **Vintage Nostalgia Festival**, a hidden gem held in the heart of the Wylde Valley offering live music, vintage trade stands and exhibits from the turn of the 20th century to the 1980s. Featuring a star-studded line-up of speakers, the **Daily Mail Chalke Valley History Festival** runs from 26 June-2 July. This unique event celebrates all things historical within an idyllic downland setting.

With its first events in April, and more taking place every month from then until September, **Gurston Down Speed Hillclimb** gets the sporting season off to a cracking start. From 6-9 July (dates tbc) **Barbury Castle International Horse Trials** sees the world's top eventers compete over this renowned cross country course set in a natural amphitheatre formed by the beautiful Marlborough Downs. Popular with visitors of all ages **Marlborough College Summer School** runs from 9 July-5 August, offering a mix of art, cultural and sporting courses for adults, plus inspirational activities for children. While the Wilton Classic and Supercar Event will offer a fabulous weekend of automotive fun during June.

Now a well-established and successful event, **Salisbury Christmas Market** runs from 23 November-17 December (dates tbc) and offers tasteful, high quality gifts and festive goods, with a strong emphasis on products from Britain and Europe. A programme of festive music from local choirs and other groups completes the seasonal experience.

And, of course, it doesn't stop there... there's a huge and diverse range of other events around the county and throughout the year – to find out more just go to visitwiltshire.co.uk/whats-on

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“Remember to double check dates and times as these can sometimes change”

Spectacular Film and TV LOCATIONS

“An ever popular location for film and TV series”

Wiltshire has taken centre stage in a whole host of productions from *Dr Dolittle* to *Dr Who*. The following is just a small selection of big screen movies and TV costume dramas to be filmed around the county – for more information go to www.visitwiltshire.co.uk/film

Chocolat (2000) – River scenes from this film featuring Juliette Binoche and Johnny Depp were filmed at **Fonthill Lake**, near the charming village of Fonthill Bishop on the Fonthill Estate.

Cranford (2007) – The village of **Lacock**, with its cottages and inns dating back to the 15th century was the backdrop to this BBC production.

Downton Abbey (2015) – Filming for the sixth and final series of this hit TV series took place in the National Trust village of **Lacock**, much to the delight of visitors.

Far from the Madding Crowd (1967) – The town of **Devizes** featured as Casterbridge in this major hit starring Julie Christie, Peter Finch, Alan Bates and Terence Stamp. Scenes were shot in the Market Place, St John’s Church, the Corn Exchange and the Shambles Market.

Harry Potter & The Half Blood Prince (2009) / Harry Potter & The Chamber of Secrets (2002) – Sequences from both of these family favourites were filmed at **Lacock Abbey**, including scenes where its cloisters represented the corridors at Hogwarts.

Lark Rise to Candleford (2008–2011) – Locations near Corsham in north Wiltshire featured in this popular BBC costume drama.

Poldark (2015 and 2016) – The novels on which this series is based may have been set in Cornwall, but it was the charming Wiltshire market town of **Corsham** that locations scouts selected as the perfect match for 18th century Truro in the first series, while **Great Chalfield Manor and Gardens** featured in series two.

Pride & Prejudice (2005) – In this cinema version of the Jane Austen classic, starring Keira Knightley and Matthew Macfadyen, viewers will recognise not only **Wilton House** – which doubled as Pemberley, the family seat of Mr Darcy – but also the magnificent gardens at **Stourhead**, where Elizabeth Bennett initially rejects his proposal of marriage.

Sense & Sensibility (1995) – The National Trust’s **Mompesson House** in Salisbury’s Cathedral Close achieved celebrity status as the London home of Mrs Jennings, while the Double Cube Room at **Wilton House** was used for ballroom scenes in the film.

Transformers: The Last Knight (due for release in 2017) – This action-packed intergalactic battlefield movie was filmed in part at Stonehenge – both at the ‘real’ stone circle and also at a highly convincing replica erected nearby.

War Horse (2011) – Often referred to as ‘the prettiest village in England’, stunning **Castle Combe** played a major role in *War Horse* and featured in *Stardust*, *The Wolf Man* and *Dr Dolittle*.

The White Princess (filmed in 2016) – This 8-part TV series, adapted from a historical novel of the same name by Philippa Gregory, was filmed in Bradford on Avon.

Wolf Hall (2015) – In this BBC serialisation of Hilary Mantel’s novel, the exterior of **Lacock Abbey** represented Wolf Hall, the Seymour family seat, while the interiors of fellow National Trust property **Great Chalfield Manor** stood in for Austin Friars, home of Thomas Cromwell.

The Young Victoria (2009) – In Momentum Pictures’ film about the life of Queen Victoria, **Wilton House** doubled not only as Prince Albert’s home, Rosenau Castle, but also as Buckingham Palace.

Other big screen films featuring Wiltshire locations include *The Wolfman* (2010), *The Other Boleyn Girl* (2008) and *Saving Private Ryan* (1998).

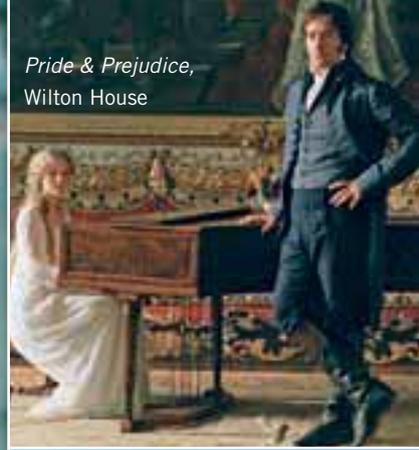
TV series filmed at various places around the county include: *Agatha Raisin* (2015), *Galavant* series two (2015), *Outlander* series two (2015), *The Hollow Crown* series two (2014), *And Then There Were None* (2015) and *The Royals* series one (2013), plus *Doctor Who* (2010), *The Victorian Farm* (2009), *Tess of the d’Urbervilles* (2008) and various episodes of *Time Team*. *Sherlock ‘The Abominable Bride’* was filmed at Longleat, which has also hosted various series of *Animal Park*, while Salisbury Cathedral was the inspiration behind TV mini-series *Pillars of the Earth*.

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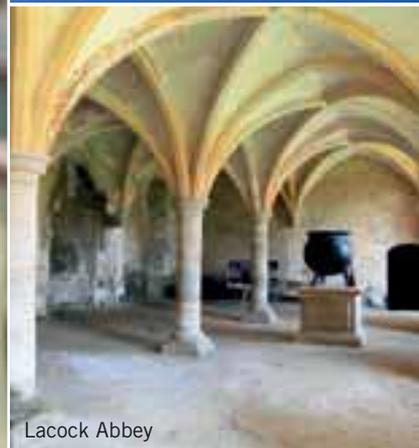
Filming *Poldark* in Corsham



Pride & Prejudice,
Wilton House



Fonthill Lake



Lacock Abbey



Great Chalfield Manor



Filming *War Horse*
at Castle Combe

“Everything from swashbuckling adventures to Jane Austen classics, Hogwarts to Wolf Hall has been filmed here”

Let your imagination take FLIGHT



It's hardly surprising we're a creative lot in Wiltshire...

With such beautiful and diverse countryside as our backdrop there is much to fire the imagination... in fact you could say that the whole county is a canvas for creativity. If you appreciate art in any of its forms, you'll find plenty of inspiration in our many galleries, theatres, arts centres and stately homes.

Throughout the year **Salisbury Playhouse** stages a range of theatre, including plays, musicals, one-night events and children's productions. Many of these are created here in Wiltshire, using the skills of the Playhouse's on-site scenery and costume departments. **City Hall** is Salisbury's largest entertainment venue, with three seasons of live entertainment throughout the year and a wide range of productions to suit all interests. Showcasing a variety

of art forms, **Salisbury Arts Centre** is dedicated to making imaginations fly. From theatre and dance to music, comedy, film and exhibitions you can discover a vibrant hub of arts activity housed in a beautiful deconsecrated church building.

The Pound arts centre in Corsham is a thriving venue, offering a year-round programme of performances, films and exhibitions. The purpose-built, 300-seat concert hall at **Wiltshire Music Centre** in Bradford on Avon hosts over 120 events each year. According to Sean Rafferty of BBC Radio 3 it has 'the finest acoustic outside London', so it's no surprise that it attracts internationally renowned musicians and world class music from classical to folk and jazz. Pay a visit to the **Wyvern Theatre** in Swindon for a mixed programme of

concerts, comedy, drama, dance and musical theatre.

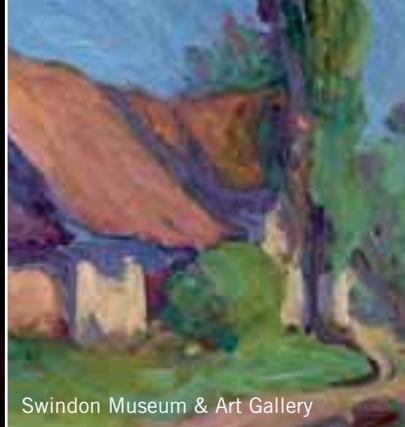
If you fancy a little hands-on creativity, **Eastcott Studios** in Swindon offers fun for all the family, including the chance to 'create a pot' or personalise a variety of gifts, plates and mugs. Visiting artists are also happy to demonstrate their craft and share their skills in a range of workshops. **Fisherton Mill** in Salisbury is the south of England's largest independent gallery, with on-site café and artist studios. The gallery exhibits work by many leading artists, furniture makers and sculptors, as well as an ever-changing array of jewellery, ceramics, glasswork and decorative items.

Swindon Art Gallery features impressive and thought-provoking works by some of Britain's finest modern artists, including

Little Shop of Horrors at Salisbury Playhouse



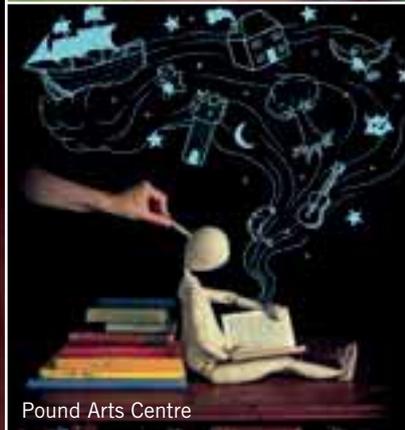
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Swindon Museum & Art Gallery



City Hall, Salisbury



Pound Arts Centre



Alison Balsom,
Wiltshire Music Centre



Wyvern Theatre



Eastcott Studios

“Wiltshire: the home of imagination and creativity”

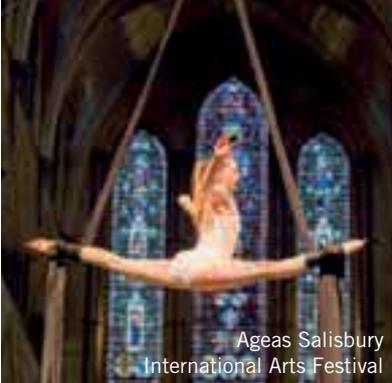
Lucien Freud, Leon Kossoff, Frank Auerbach, Alfred Wallis and LS Lowry, alongside an important collection of studio ceramics. **Corsham Court** houses furniture by Chippendale, mirrors by Adams and portraits by Sir Joshua Reynolds. The magnificent Inigo Jones Staterooms at **Wilton House** include the famous Double Cube Room – the finest surviving

17th century stateroom in England – which was designed to display family portraits by Van Dyck. This is the greatest collection of paintings by the artist still to be seen in its original setting. Just over the county border the **Victoria Art Gallery** in Bath offers an exciting programme of exhibitions and a stunning permanent collection from Turner and Gainsborough to the moderns.

Other historic properties such as **Stourhead, Old Wardour Castle, Old Sarum, Longleat, Lacock, Arundells** and **Bowood** host events such as open-air theatre and concerts, historic re-enactments, firework displays and Christmas celebrations.

For more information on the many timeless pleasures to be enjoyed around the county go to: visitwiltshire.co.uk/whats-on

“Our arts and entertainment will leave you calm, soothed and refreshed”



Ageas Salisbury International Arts Festival



Devizes Carnival



Gurston Down Speed Hillclimb



Salisbury Racecourse

Events CALENDAR 2017

January 2017

'Star of Bethlehem' Exhibition, Salisbury Cathedral	To Thu 2 Feb
'John Constable: Salisbury Cathedral from the Meadows', The Salisbury Museum	To Sat 25 Mar
'Drawn to the Land' Photography Exhibition, Fox Talbot Museum, Lacock	Sun 1 Jan-Sun 12 Mar
Bradford Roots Music Festival, Wiltshire Music Centre	Sat 14 & Sun 15 Jan
'Rena Gardiner, Artist & Printmaker' Exhibition, The Salisbury Museum	Sat 14 Jan-Sat 13 May

February 2017

Ghost Stories by Candlelight, Larmer Tree	Fri 3 Feb
'Banned' – An Exhibition Exploring Outsider Art, Trowbridge Museum	Sat 4 Feb-Sat 29 Jul
'The 3rd Battle of Gaza and the Advance to Jerusalem' Exhibition, The Rifles Berkshire & Wiltshire Museum	Tue 7 Feb-Thu 30 Nov
Valentine's Afternoon Tea, Avebury Manor	Sat 11 & Sun 12 Feb
LEGO Art! The Salisbury Museum	Tue 14 Feb
Conservation in Action Demonstrations, Lacock Abbey	Tue 21 Feb-Thu 30 Mar (Tue, Wed & Thu)
Brilliant Young Musicians Concerts, St Peter's Church, Marlborough	Sun 26 Feb, Sun 26 Mar
Pancake Race, Bradford on Avon	Tue 28 Feb

March 2017

Cirque du Soleil, McArthurGlen Designer Outlet	Wed 1 Mar
'Flies in my Teeth and Paint in my Hair', Fisherton Mill	Sat 4-Sat 25 Mar
Larmer Tree Races	Sat 11 & Sun 12 Mar
Eleanor Bartlett Requiem, Salisbury Cathedral	Sat 11 Mar-Sun 23 Apr
Exhibition Celebrating 40 Years of the National Trust Opening Mompesson House to Visitors	Sat 11 Mar-Sun 5 Nov
'Magnification of Plants' Photography Exhibition, Fox Talbot Museum, Lacock	Sat 18 Mar-Sun 18 Jun
'1920s Jazz Age: Fashion & Photograph' Exhibition and 'Joyce Petschek: Breaking the Pattern' Exhibition, American Museum in Britain	Sat 18 Mar-Sun 29 Oct
'Heath at 100: A Life in Cartoons' Exhibition, Arundells	March-May 2017 (dates tbc)

April 2017

'Printmakers' Exhibition, Fisherton Mill	Sat 1 Apr-Sat 6 May
Calne Spring Sing	Sat 8 Apr
Spring Trail, Mompesson House	Sat 8-Sun 23 Apr
Easter Cadbury Trail, Avebury	Sat 8-Sun 23 Apr
'British Art: Ancient Landscapes' Exhibition, The Salisbury Museum	Sat 8 Apr-Sun 3 Sep
4th Morning Cloud Sailing Talks, Arundells	Thu 13 Apr
Devizes to Westminster Canoe Race	Fri 14-Mon 17 Apr
National Trust & Cadbury Easter Egg Hunts, Mompesson House & Stourhead	Fri 14-Mon 17 Apr
Easter Duck Race, Bradford on Avon	Mon 17 Apr
Downton Cuckoo Fair	Sat 29 Apr
Ana Maria Pacheco, Salisbury Cathedral	Sat 29 Apr-Sun 23 Jul
Family Race Day, Salisbury Racecourse	Sun 30 Apr
Brilliant Young Musicians Concerts, St Peter's Church, Marlborough	Sun 30 Apr & Sun 4 Jun

May 2017

Vintage Brocante, Larmer Tree	Mon 1 May
Swindon Festival of Literature	Mon 1-Sat 13 May
'Men's Work – The Tentmakers of Cairo', Fisherton Mill	Tue 9-Tue 30 May
26 Engineer Regiment March through Ludgershall	Sat 13 May
Stourhead Immortal Triathlon	Sat 13 & Sun 14 May
Chippenham Folk Festival	Fri 26-Mon 29 May
Ageas Salisbury International Arts Festival	Fri 26 May-Sat 10 Jun
Wylde Valley Arts Trail	Sat 27 May-Sun 4 Jun
Lions Family Fun Day, Bradford on Avon	Mon 29 May
St Aldhelm's Fair, Malmesbury	Mon 29 May

June 2017

Devizes Arts Festival	Thu 1-Sat 17 Jun
Vintage Nostalgia Festival, Stockton	Fri 2-Sun 4 Jun
Classic & Supercar Weekend, Wilton House	Sat 3 & Sun 4 Jun (dates tbc)
Iford Arts Festival, Iford Manor	Sun 4 Jun-Mon 7 Aug
Bee Day, Mompesson House	Sat 10 Jun
Amesbury Carnival & Show	Sat 17 Jun
Cricklade Festival	Sun 18 Jun
Calne Summer Festival & Carnival	Sat 24 Jun
St John's Church Fete, Tisbury	Sat 24 Jun
Armed Forces Weekend, Around Wiltshire	Sat 24 & Sun 25 Jun
'Fractured Pictures' Photography Exhibition, Fox Talbot Museum, Lacock	Sat 24 Jun-Mon 25 Sep
Bibury Cup Day, Salisbury Racecourse	Wed 28 Jun
Open Air Theatre, Lydiard Park	Jun (dates tbc)



Christmas Lights Switch On
Melksham



Marlborough
Big Mop Fair



Duck Race, Calne



Longleat
Festival of Light

July 2017

Cider with Rosie, Open Air Theatre, Sir Harold Hillier Gardens	Sat 1 Jul
Barbury Horse Trials, Marlborough	Thu 6-Sun 9 Jul (dates tbc)
Music from the Movies, Sir Harold Hillier Gardens	Sun 9 Jul
Marlborough College Summer School	Sun 9 Jul-Sat 5 Aug
Marlborough International Jazz Festival	Fri 14-Sun 16 Jul
Royal International Air Tattoo, RAF Fairford	Fri 14-Sun 16 Jul
Active Festival, Trowbridge	Sat 15 Jul
Victorian Toys & Games, Trowbridge Museum	Sat 15 Jul
Ladies' Evening, Salisbury Racecourse	Sat 15 Jul
Melksham Party in the Park	Sat 15 Jul
Romsey Art Festival – Family Day in the Gardens, Sir Harold Hillier Gardens	Sat 15 Jul
Inspire of Warminster (free live music event)	Sun 16 Jul
Melksham Carnival & Fun Day	Sat 22 Jul
Summer Soul Garden Party, Sir Harold Hillier Gardens	Sat 22 Jul
Summer of Play at Avebury	Sat 22 Jul-Thu 31 Aug
WOMAD, Malmesbury	Thu 27-Sun 30 Jul
Wilton Horse Trials, Wilton House	Sat 29 & Sun 30 Jul
Auto Retro Festival, Lydiard Park	Jul (date tbc)
Tidworth Town Festival	Jul (date tbc)

August 2017

Malmesbury Carnival Events	Throughout Aug; finale Sat 2 Sep
Pewsey Music Festival	Sat 5 Aug
'Surface' – Summer Exhibition at Fisherton Mill	Sat 5-Sat 26 Aug
Wessex Country Fair, Wilton House	Sun 13 Aug
Racing, Salisbury Racecourse	Wed 16 & Thu 17 Aug
Edington Music Festival	Sun 20-Sun 27 Aug
Devizes Festival Fortnight	Sun 20 Aug-Sat 2 Sep
'Peter Pan' Outdoor Theatre, Lacock	Fri 25 Aug
Picnic with Fireworks, Sir Harold Hillier Gardens	Sat 26 Aug (eve)
Melksham Comic Convention	Sat 26 & Sun 27 Aug
WEFT (West of England Festival of Textiles), Trowbridge Museum	Sat 26 Aug- Sat 18 Nov
Great Amesbury Duck Race	Mon 28 Aug
Open Air Cinema, Lydiard Park	Aug (date tbc)

September 2017

Malmesbury Carnival Procession	Sat 2 Sep
Calne Heritage Week	Mon 4-Sun 10 Sep
'Revelation Threads', Salisbury Cathedral	Mon 11 Sep-Mon 20 Nov
Twilight Racing, Salisbury Racecourse	Fri 15 Sep
Calne Town Criers Competition	Sat 16 Sep
Bratton at War, Trowbridge Museum	Sat 16-Sun 17 Sep

September 2017 continued

Country Comes to Town, Wiltshire Wildlife Trust, Devizes	Sat 23 Sep
Flying Monk Arts & Crafts Trail, Malmesbury	Sat 23 & Sun 24 Sep
Marlborough Literature Festival	Fri 29 Sep-Sun 1 Oct
Peacock Arts Trail, Corsham	Sat 30 Sep-Sun 8 Oct

October 2017

Great Western Brick Show, STEAM Museum	Sat 7 & Sun 8 Oct
Marlborough Big and Little Mop Fairs	Sat 7 & Sat 14 Oct
Warminster Festival	Fri 20-Sun 29 Oct
Warminster Carnival	Sat 28 Oct
Mere Literary Festival	Week commencing Mon 9 Oct

November, December & Christmas 2017

Bonfire & Fireworks Events, around Wiltshire	Nov (various dates)
Christmas Lights Switch On and Christmas Shopping Events, around Wiltshire	Nov & Dec (various dates)
Christmas Fayre, Cricklade	Nov (date tbc)
Longleat Festival of Light	Mid Nov-early Jan
Warminster Christmas Market & Lights Switch On	Sat 25 Nov
Wishing Tree, Corsham	Sat 25 Nov
The Christmas House, Mompesson House	Sat 25 Nov-Sun 17 Dec
Santa Specials,	Sat & Sun
Swindon & Cricklade Railway	from Sat 25 Nov-Sun 17 Dec
Christmas at Lacock	Thu 30 Nov-Sun 31 Dec
Christmas Season, American Museum	Thu 23 Nov-Sun 17 Dec
The Christmas House, Stourhead	Sat 25 Nov-Wed 20 Dec
Salisbury Christmas Market	Thu 23 Nov-Sun 17 Dec (dates tbc)
Christmas Fair, Larmer Tree	Fri 1-Sun 3 Dec
Darkness to Light Advent Processions, Salisbury Cathedral	Fri 1, Sat 2 & Sun 3 Dec
Calne Christmas Festival & Lantern Parade	Sat 2 Dec
Melksham Christmas Fayre & Lights Switch On	Sat 2 Dec
Christmas at STEAM Museum	Sat 2 & Sun 3 Dec
Meet Father Christmas, Stourhead	Sat & Sun from Sat 2-Sun 17 Dec
Dickensian Christmas Exhibition, Trowbridge Museum	Sat 2- Sat 23 Dec
Tis the Season (Christmas Market & Festivities), Tisbury	Sat 9 Dec
Christmas at Roves Farm	Dec (selected dates – tbc)

Additional events on a variety of themes can be found on pages 5-37 of this guide, and full details of these and many other festivals and events can be found on our website: visitwiltshire.co.uk/whats-on

Please be sure to double check dates and times prior to arrival, as details can be subject to change

SAVOUR

the taste of Wiltshire

What better way to start the day than by tucking into a hearty Wiltshire breakfast?

The market town of **Calne** is where the long-established English technique of producing ham – known as the Wiltshire Cure – was invented by the Harris family, so bacon is sure to be on the menu. Home-made bread, jam and preserves feature widely and, who knows, you could even find yourself dipping your toasted ‘fingers’ into the very eggs you collected fresh from the hens that morning!

If a busy day’s sightseeing leaves you feeling peckish, our coffee shops and tea rooms – as well as the occasional ice cream parlour – offer a mouth-watering array of cakes and pastries, giving you the perfect excuse to linger over elevenses or treat yourself to afternoon tea. Wiltshire also has an abundance of friendly watering holes – from town pubs and country pubs to pubs with gardens and pubs with ghosts – offering tasty food and drink at reasonable prices. Walkers, cyclists, families, dogs... all are widely welcomed.

Seasonal menus at restaurants, wine bars and bistros across the county also make the most of Wiltshire’s top quality local produce. Happily, as life moves at a gentler pace here, you can take your time to savour the culinary magic wrought by our chefs, bakers and brewers and while away the hours over a long lunch or dinner with family and friends. From burgers to biryani; seafood to steak and chips you’ll find something to whet your appetite here in Wiltshire.

If celebrations are the order of the day, **The Bell at Ramsbury** and **The George & Dragon** at Rowde have both been awarded two AA Dining Rosettes for the high standard of their food. When you really want to push the boat out, look no further than the **Red Lion Freehouse** at East Chisenbury, **The Harrow** at Little Bedwyn, or the hotel restaurants at **Lucknam Park** near Chippenham and **Whatley Manor** near Malmesbury, all of which are holders of a coveted Michelin star (or two!).

Many unique Wiltshire recipes have been handed down through the generations, including Wiltshire Lardy Cake, Wiltshire Loaf (a cheese, not a bread) and Malmesbury Pudding, all of which taste as good today as they have ever done. If you fancy sampling a home-grown pint or two then keep an eye out for local craft beers and ales from **Wadworth Brewery**, **Box Steam Brewery**, the **Three Daggers** at Edington and the **Red Lion** at Cricklade, not to mention **Ramsbury Brewery & Distillery** which has recently added vodka to its repertoire!

With such an emphasis on top quality local fare you won’t be surprised to hear that Wiltshire sets great store by its mouth-watering range of foodie events. Sample the beer festivals in Devizes (February and July), Chippenham and Malmesbury (April) and Swindon (May). Or savour the food and drink festivals in Devizes (May) and Calne, Melksham and Salisbury (September). Wander among an array of tempting stalls, inhaling the aromas of freshly-ground coffee and herbs, and eat your fill from sizzling sausages, barbecues or a hog roast, before washing it all down with one of our lip-smacking local brews - Tunnel Vision, Bishop’s Tipple and Flint Knapper are just a few to look out for.

Across the county you’ll find top quality indoor and outdoor markets, as well as farmers’ markets specialising in local food from local producers, such as seasonal fruit and vegetables, meat, poultry and game, cheeses, free range eggs, artisan loaves and more.

When it comes to local produce, Wiltshire’s pedigree is second to none. Eating out is one of the many pleasures to be enjoyed on a holiday or short break here, and our food and drink is one taste you’ll definitely want to acquire.

“A wealth of traditional Wiltshire specialities”

A selection of food and drink events – see pages 12-13 for more

Devizes Festival of Winter Ales	Fri 24 & Sat 25 Feb
Malmesbury Beer Festival	Fri 7 & Sat 8 Apr
Devizes Food Festival	Sat 13-Sun 21 May
Real Ale & Cider Festival, Swindon & Cricklade Railway	Sat 27-Mon 29 May
Taste of Corsham	Sat 17 Jun
Devizes Beer Festival	Sat 1 Jul
Melksham Food & River Festival	Sat 2 & Sun 3 Sep



The Three Daggers



Ramsbury Brewery



The Bridge Tea Rooms



Guyers House Hotel



Fisherton Mill



The Lock Inn



The Boat House



Beatons Tearoom and Bookshop



Giggling Squid



Bushy Ra Ox Row Inn

Spend some quality TIME

Wiltshire is no stranger to top notch designer shopping.

Housed in the tastefully converted Grade II Listed buildings of the former Great Western Railway works – with over 90 stores selling a wide range of high street and designer labels at up to 60% off recommended retail prices, plus cafés, restaurants and children’s activities – the **McArthurGlen Designer Outlet Swindon** makes a great day out for all the family.

At the other end of the scale, numerous small, family-run outlets continue to thrive across the county as they have for generations, offering a relaxed and unhurried shopping experience. The streets of Salisbury and many historic Wiltshire towns are home to a wealth of independent retailers, so it’s well worth taking time out of your busy schedule to discover some of the unique items on offer.

If you are looking for elegant shopping in a stylish, cosmopolitan setting, Marlborough and Bradford on Avon are popular choices. Many of the Bath stone buildings on Corsham’s High Street are independent businesses, providing irresistible retail opportunities, while the bustling village of Tisbury offers a tempting selection of shops and amenities.

If there were a prize for the most unique location it would surely go to **The Henge Shop**, located within the world’s largest prehistoric stone circle at Avebury. Elsewhere around the county, other popular centres serve visitors and local communities alike: find antique clocks and barometers at **P A Oxley** near Calne, or cask and bottled beer from the **Box Steam Brewery** near Trowbridge.

In Salisbury you can discover organic toiletries at **Neal’s Yard Remedies**, or locate fine lingerie at **Annie’s Just Jane**. Head to **Chas H Baker** for classic and contemporary menswear, **Goodfayre** for ethical goods or **Ingrams** for briefcases, handbags and luggage. An eclectic range of shops can be found in the covered **Cross Keys Shopping Centre**, while **Fisherton Mill**, with its galleries, studios and workshops, is an Aladdin’s cave of interesting and individual items. Anyone with a sweet tooth should head straight to **Roly’s Fudge Pantry** and if you want to stock up on plants and gifts, **Wyevale Garden Centre** is the perfect place.

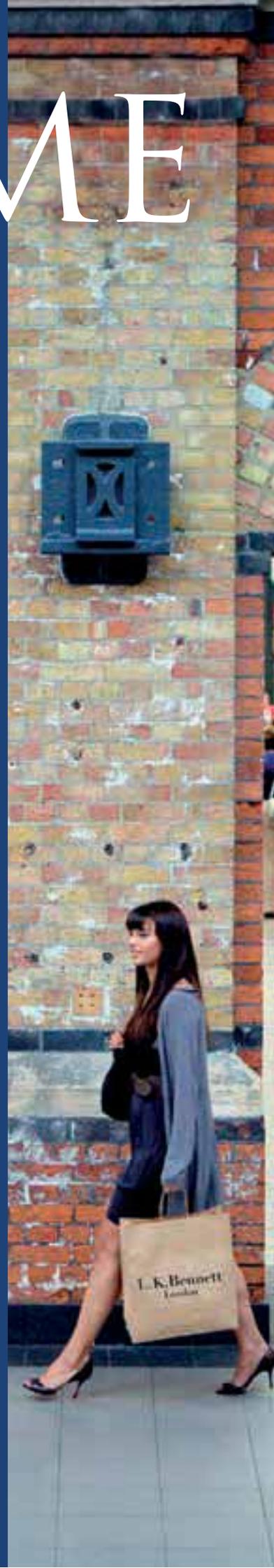
As befits a county famous for its local produce there are plenty of farm shops to choose from, including **Allington Farm Shop** near Chippenham, **Neston Park Farm Shop** near Melksham, **Edington Farm Shop** near Westbury or **Berwick Farm Shop** near Salisbury.

Wiltshire is proud of its range of markets too, from indoor and outdoor to farmers’, artisan and international. What better way to spend an hour or two than browsing the many stalls where every imaginable item is on offer, from top quality fruit and vegetables to meat, fish, cheeses, eggs, haberdashery, clothes, shoes, jewellery and more.

Trowbridge, Wiltshire’s county town, has a Market Charter dating back to the year 1200 with markets every Wednesday. Salisbury’s Charter Market has been coming to the city on Tuesdays and Saturdays (except the third Tuesday in October) for almost 800 years. Other bustling market towns include Amesbury (Wednesday), Bradford on Avon (Thursday), Calne (Friday), Chippenham (Friday and Saturday), Corsham (Tuesday), Devizes (Thursday), Marlborough (Wednesday and Saturday), Melksham (Tuesday), Pewsey (Tuesday), Royal Wootton Bassett (Wednesday), Warminster (Friday) and Wilton (Thursday). Additional markets may take place on other days.

See visitwiltshire.co.uk/whats-on/markets for up-to-date details.

“Interesting and individual items you won’t find on every high street”



McArthurGlen
Designer Outlet
Swindon



A McArthurGlen Property



High Street,
Marlborough



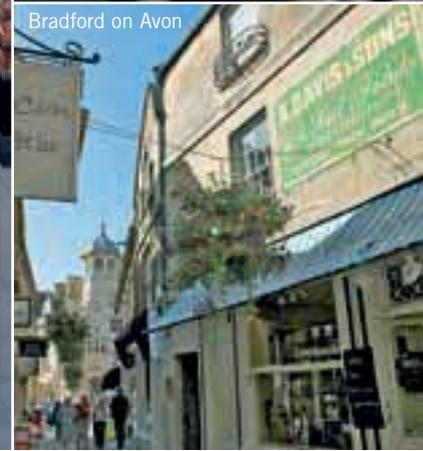
Devizes Market



Fisherton Mill,
Salisbury



The Henge Shop



Bradford on Avon

A selection of shopping events – see pages 12-13 for more

Wilton House Antiques Fair	Fri 3, Sat 4 & Sun 5 Mar
Summer Family Festival, McArthurGlen Designer Outlet Swindon	Thu 27 Jul-Sun 27 Aug
'Shine' – Christmas Exhibition at Fisherton Mill	Sat 11 Nov-Sat 30 Dec
Christmas Launch, McArthurGlen Designer Outlet Swindon	Sat 11 Nov
Black Friday Event, McArthurGlen Designer Outlet Swindon	Fri 24 Nov

Looking for the ultimate adrenalin rush?

Then skydiving is the activity for you: one day, one jump, one big adventure! Tandem skydiving over the stunning backdrop of Salisbury Plain with **GoSkydive** or **Skydive Netheravon** is the experience of a lifetime. The excitement and exhilaration of the jump combined with the elation and sense of achievement as you land is unrivalled. For those with over 200 jumps under their belt there is even the chance to discover a new sport at Netheravon: wingsuiting!

On a hot air balloon flight with **Aerosaurus Balloons** you can experience 'lighter than air' travel as you drift peacefully at dawn or dusk over some of Wiltshire's most beautiful countryside. Throw in complimentary in-flight champagne and a post-flight certificate signed by your pilot, and you are all set for a truly memorable trip.

If you would prefer to be at the controls yourself, **GoFly** offers both flight training and fun air experience flights in a selection of aircraft, from modern day training planes to the majestic vintage Tiger Moth. Racing School Experiences at **Castle Combe Circuit** give you the chance to drive real race cars on a real race circuit: kick up dust with a spin round the rally field, or buckle up and enjoy a white knuckle passenger ride. Those with a head for heights will enjoy the Challenge Wall at **Golden Gecko Climbing** which offers an exciting 6-metre roped climb. With 10 auto belays and over 40 routes of varying difficulty there is something for all abilities.

Sign up for a **Salisbury Plain Safari** and their Land Rover Defender will transport you to parts of Salisbury Plain that are inaccessible to cars or buses and inhabited by wildlife that exists only here. Take spectacular views of Europe's largest chalk downland, throw in some rutted tracks, deep puddles and bumpy roads, and you have all the makings of an adventure to write home about. A day spent driving the byways and tracks on and around Salisbury Plain with **Stonehenge ATV** is another great way to see this amazing landscape, and also the best fun ever! Their two-seater, road-legal Quadzilla buggies are able to cross any terrain, and local knowledge means they can go places that others can't... no dull tracks in a field, only the open countryside, access all areas!

If you want to become part of the action, **Virtual Warfare** is home to a tactical game of team-based combat known as Battlefield Live – laser combat for the 21st century, with massive ranges and ultra-realistic arenas to make the blood freeze in your veins. On the same site, **Wessex Raceway** has created one of the largest indoor tracks in Europe – free of pillars, and with no ramps or bridges. For those who prefer water-based activities, the **Cotswold Water Park** has plenty to choose from including windsurfing, sailing, kayaking, cable skiing and banana boating.

Following a treasure trail is a great way to have fun with friends and family. Download a self-guided booklet to one of over 20 locations in Wiltshire from **Treasure Trails** and solve the intriguing clues which can be found on buildings, statues and monuments, revealing fascinating history and beautiful scenery. Alternatively, find your way around Salisbury the fun way with **Text Quest**. You are sent a text with directions and a clue; reply with the right answer and you receive the next clue. Pit your wits against other teams and race against time, or amble round at your own pace, enjoying the sights... it's up to you.

Real life escape games have been taking the world by storm. Your team is confronted by an array of puzzles, riddles and clues and has to work together to solve the mystery and escape from captivity before time runs out. Unique, interactive challenges are offered by **11th Hour Escape Rooms**, **Live Escape Salisbury** and **Salisbury Escape Rooms** – choose your favourite theme, or make a weekend of it and tackle all three. But remember, for each challenge you have just one hour, and the clock is ticking...

“Let's get muddy!”

Pulse racing events – see pages 12-13 for more

Race Meeting, Castle Combe Circuit	Mon 17 Apr, Mon 1 May, Mon 29 May, Mon 28 Aug
Gurston Down Speed Hillclimb	Sat 22 & Sun 23 Apr; Sat 27 & Sun 28 May; Sat 17 & Sun 18 Jun Sat 22 & Sun 23 Jul Sat 26 & Sun 27 Aug, Sun 10 Sep



Salisbury Plain Safaris



Stonehenge ATV



Treasure Trails



GoFly



Golden Gecko Climbing

Aerosaurus Balloons



Set your

PULSE RACING

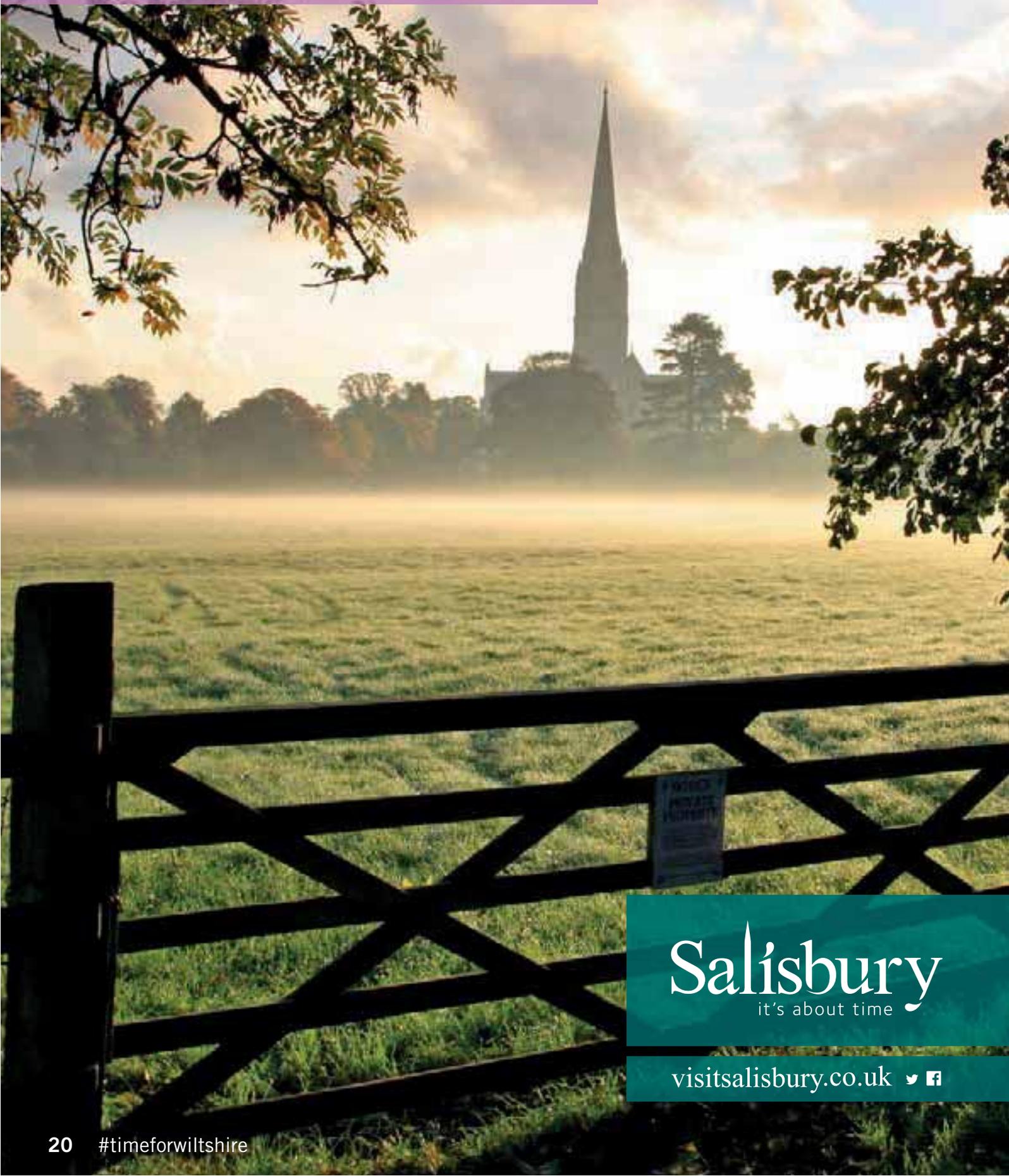


Skydive Netheravon



Castle Combe Circuit

Time to explore.



Salisbury
it's about time

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SALISBURY

– quintessentially English

The perfect fusion of ancient and modern, Salisbury is rooted in time and place.

The historic heart of the city offers a charming mix of architectural styles with many of the medieval names preserved, so keep an eye out for locations such as Cross Keys Chequer, Trinity Street and Blue Boar Row.

Among an array of tempting markets throughout the year, the hustle and bustle of the historic Charter Market fills the Market Place on Tuesdays* and Saturdays as it has done for almost 800 years. As well as all your favourite high street stores you'll find plenty of independent retailers offering unique and individual items, while eating out is an ever-popular pastime thanks to an enticing range of tea and coffee shops, pubs, bars and restaurants.

The world-renowned Ageas Salisbury International Arts Festival is just one of many inspirational events to choose from. Arts venues include Salisbury Playhouse (the South West's leading producing theatre), Salisbury Arts Centre and City Hall. With plenty of entertainment throughout the day and on into the early hours, Salisbury has been awarded Purple Flag status – the 'gold standard' for a great night out.



The Cathedral Close is an oasis of calm in the midst of the city. As you pass through its heavy wooden gates and emerge into the peaceful haven beyond you can almost believe you are stepping back in time, such is the weight of history seeping from every pore. As well as the Cathedral itself, other attractions hidden behind these massive stone walls include The Salisbury Museum, The Rifles Berkshire & Wiltshire Museum, the National Trust's Mompesson House, Sarum College and Arundells, home of former Prime Minister Sir Edward Heath.

Salisbury has more than its fair share of parks and green spaces, ideal for a picnic or romantic stroll. On the northern outskirts of the city you'll find Old Sarum (the original site of Salisbury), Boscombe Down Aviation Collection and The Raymond McEnhill Stadium, home of Salisbury Football Club. Salisbury Racecourse and the World Heritage Site of Stonehenge are just a short drive away.

Fast, regular trains link Salisbury to London Waterloo in just 90 minutes, making it an unbeatable destination for day trips and short breaks alike. For a comprehensive guide to the city and surrounding areas download VisitWiltshire's free Salisbury App by searching 'Salisbury' in the App Store or on Google Play... and to find out more about why Salisbury makes such a great base for visiting Wiltshire go to visitsalisbury.co.uk

*Except the third Tuesday in October

A selection of Salisbury events – see pages 12-13 for more

St George's Day Celebrations	Sun 23 April (date tbc)
Ageas Salisbury International Arts Festival	Fri 26 May-Sat 10 Jun
Food and Drink Festival	Sep (dates tbc)
City Carnival	Fri 20 Oct (date tbc)
Christmas Market	Thu 23 Nov-Sun 17 Dec (dates tbc)

“Between late-November and mid-December you can join the festivities at Salisbury's delightful Christmas Market”



High Street, Salisbury



Magna Carta, Salisbury Cathedral



Salisbury Races



Arundells



Mompesson House

Made of England:

TIMELESS

Towns and Villages

Friendly, relaxed and welcoming

Each of Wiltshire's historic towns and villages has something unique to offer, whether it be stylish independent shops and colourful markets, tempting pubs and restaurants, fascinating history and heritage, or great entertainment. Plus, of course, an excellent range of accommodation to suit all budgets.

AMESBURY

Amesbury has a history dating back to 8,820BC. Imagine what life would have been like over 10,000 years ago. Think of the stories this place has to tell. Then find out more at the town's History Centre. Amesbury nestles in a loop of the meandering River Avon and is close to the ancient wonders of Stonehenge and Woodhenge.

www.amesburytowncouncil.gov.uk



BRADFORD ON AVON

Perched on the edge of the Cotswolds, the honey-coloured gem of Bradford on Avon is packed with buildings from centuries past, many reflecting its textile heritage. Wander across the ancient Town Bridge or along the Kennet & Avon Canal, marvel at the Saxon Church and the 14th century Tithe Barn. Numerous lovely shops and restaurants add to its charm and variety. www.bradfordonavon.co.uk



CALNE

For a small town, Calne packs in a lot of history. It's a story of drovers' trails and coach roads, the rise and fall of canal and rail travel and the legacy of woollen broadcloth. It's where the traditional English technique of producing ham and bacon – the Wiltshire Cure – was invented, and also where oxygen was discovered. Visit the heritage quarter to experience each chapter of its past. www.calne.gov.uk



CASTLE COMBE

A quintessentially English hamlet. Arguably 'the prettiest village in England'. Also a film maker's favourite featuring regularly on the big screen in films such as *Stardust*, *The Wolf Man* and *War Horse*. In short, unmissable.

CHIPPENHAM

This busy market town houses a wealth of historic buildings, the beautifully maintained John Coles Park and modern shopping centres, as well as the Neeld Community and Arts Centre, Museum and Heritage Centre and Wiltshire & Swindon History Centre. The River Avon forms a peaceful backdrop to walking and cycling routes, and nearby are the villages of Lacock and Castle Combe, as well as major attractions including Bowood.

www.chippenham.gov.uk





Photo: Mammoth Screen

CORSHAM

Corsham developed from Saxon origins into a prosperous town thanks to the wool trade and the quarrying of golden Bath stone. Home to quirky independent shops, the historic High Street contains properties from the 16th, 17th and 18th centuries, and has the 400-year-old Almshouses at one end and stately Corsham Court at the other. The town also starred, as Truro, in BBC One's *Poldark*. www.corsham.gov.uk



CRICKLADE

The First Town on the Thames. Lying on the southern gateway to the Cotswold Water Park, an historic Saxon Town with over 100 listed buildings, including the medieval St Sampson's Church. There is free parking with opportunities to shop, eat and drink as you walk around the Heritage Trail, explore the North Meadow Nature Reserve or walk parts of the Thames Path. www.cricklade-tc.gov.uk



DEVIZES

This historic market town has a colourful medieval past and a rich heritage of fine Georgian houses. The town has kept its character, with many small, family-run businesses and a good, traditional market bustling with fresh food, crafts and curios. Home to both the Wiltshire Museum and Wadworth Brewery, Devizes stands on the Kennet & Avon Canal, with the flight of 29 locks at Caen Hill close by. www.devizes-tc.gov.uk

LACOCK

A stunning National Trust village where cottages and inns dating back to the 15th century have formed a breathtaking backdrop to many film and TV classics, from *Wolf Hall* and *Pride and Prejudice* to *Harry Potter*.



LUDGERSHALL

Were you to delve into the Domesday Book of 1086 you would find a listing for this small town on the eastern edge of Salisbury Plain. Dating from the late 11th century, Ludgershall Castle was originally a royal hunting lodge; today its ruins are in the care of English Heritage. From the castle grounds there are splendid views and local walks to nearby Collingbourne Woods. www.ludgershalltc.org.uk



MALMESBURY

This vibrant market town has so much to discover! Reported to be England's oldest borough with a stunning 12th century Abbey, visitors enjoy Abbey House Gardens, a weekly market at the original Market Cross, browsing unique shops, walks along the River Avon, fabulous cafés, restaurants, pubs and hotels, and music, history, arts and garden events. Discovering Malmesbury is a magical journey. In fact, you may never want to leave. www.discovermalmesbury.life

MARLBOROUGH

Set in beautiful countryside, this handsome former staging post has evolved into a stylish and cosmopolitan town with its own café culture, offering lots of choice to visitors. With a twice-weekly market, its wide High Street is lined with characterful old buildings housing an array of high quality shops, pubs and restaurants. Don't forget to explore the side streets, riverside parks and green spaces too.

www.marlbrough-tc.gov.uk



MELKSHAM

Melksham evolved at a ford across the River Avon and is served by excellent bus routes and a railway station. At the heart of a rural community, its friendly town centre is full of independent shops and plenty of cafés. Melksham is renowned for having spectacular Christmas lights and the busy community calendar ensures that there is always something going on.

www.melkshamtown.co.uk



MERE

In 1651 Charles II rested here after his defeat at the Battle of Worcester and today you can still enjoy a welcome break in this delightful spot with its many amenities. There is excellent walking, cycling and horse riding in the surrounding landscape, which is characterised by the Lynchets, ridges formed by ancient ploughing. The National Trust house and garden at Stourhead are nearby.

www.merechamberoftrade.co.uk



TIDWORTH

The small town of Tidworth lies close to the Wiltshire/Hampshire border. If you are travelling through, keep an eye out for clues to its long and interesting history. The Iron Age earthworks on Sidbury Hill, the Norman church of Holy Trinity, the thatched cottages, Station Road, St Mary's Church and Tidworth House cover the centuries of this town's existence.

www.tidworthtowncouncil.gov.uk



TISBURY

With a mainline railway station and an excellent choice of independent shops, the picturesque village of Tisbury has been a settlement for over 2,000 years and is a superb base for walking, riding and cycling. Visit Old Wardour Castle just three miles away and the excellent medieval tithe barn at Place Farm, recently re-opened as a stunning centre for the arts.

www.tisbury-wiltshire-pc.gov.uk





West Woods



TROWBRIDGE ➡

Trowbridge is Wiltshire's only Magna Carta Baron town. Unique industrial architecture showcases its rich past as a centre for woollen cloth production. Today it boasts many independent retailers, quality markets, an Odeon cinema, family restaurants and a Premier Inn as well as a vibrant heritage and arts scene. Excellent transport links including mainline connections to Bath, Bristol, Dorset and London.

www.trowbridge.gov.uk



VALE OF PEWSEY ➡

With lush meadows and pasture and a wharf on the Kennet & Avon Canal, the Vale of Pewsey makes a great base for walking, cycling and riding. You'll find charming thatched cottages, churches dating from Saxon times, and a wide range of places to eat, drink and shop, as well as a Heritage Centre in Pewsey and mainline railway stations at Great Bedwyn and Pewsey.

www.visitpewseyvale.co.uk



WARMINSTER ➡

Warminster is a busy, friendly market town with many fine Georgian buildings and a wide variety of independent shops, cafés, restaurants and inns. Head to Lake Pleasure Grounds for tennis courts and a boating lake, or enjoy walking and cycling in the surrounding countryside. Longleat and Stourhead are nearby, while excellent road, rail and bus links bring Bradford on Avon and Salisbury within easy reach.

www.warminstercommunityhub.co.uk



WESTBURY ➡

On the edge of Salisbury Plain, watched over by the famous White Horse, discover Westbury, a Domesday listed town. Follow our Blue Plaque Trail to see the medieval heart, a Victorian pool and a fascinating early industrial heritage. There's a lively mix of shops, pubs and restaurants, surrounded by stunning countryside with many outdoor activities. All on the main Paddington-Penzance and Portsmouth-Cardiff train lines.

www.westburytowncouncil.gov.uk www.westburyvisitorcentre.co.uk



WILTON

Once the ancient capital of Wessex, the quintessentially English market town of Wilton nestles at the confluence of the rivers Nadder and Wylde. Within a short walk of the Market Square and St Mary's Ruin you will find the famous Italianate Church, a delightful riverside walk, the stately home of Wilton House and the factory outlets of Wilton Shopping Village.

www.wiltontown.com



Stourhead

MAGNIFICENT

homes in glorious surroundings

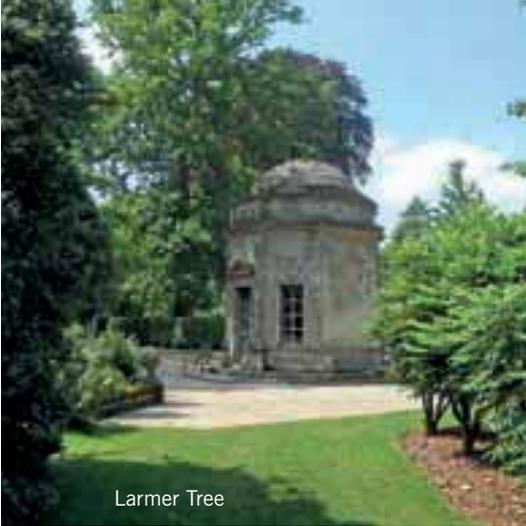
Throughout the ages the drama and majesty of Wiltshire's landscape has provided the perfect backdrop for the homes of the well-to-do, which come complete with equally outstanding surroundings, from acres of landscaped parkland to intimate formal and informal gardens.

Several of Wiltshire's great houses owe their breathtaking pastoral settings to the vision of master landscaper Lancelot 'Capability' Brown. At **Bowood** he created a flowing mix of woodlands and lawns sloping down to a winding lake, a fitting backdrop for the impressive 18th century house designed by Robert Adam. **Longleat House**, an outstanding example of high Elizabethan architecture, is surrounded by 900 acres of stunning 'Capability' Brown landscape. The 22 acres of parkland at **Wilton House** are also said to owe much to his brilliance.

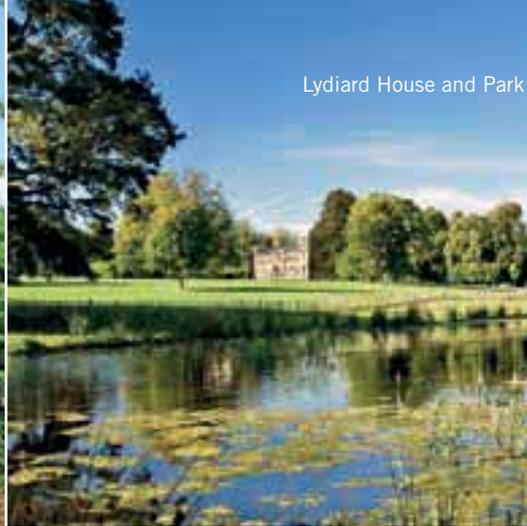
But he is not the only horticultural genius to have left his mark on Wiltshire... **Stourhead**, Wiltshire's most famous garden, was designed in the 18th century by 'Henry the Magnificent' to include classical temples around a central lake. Now owned by the National Trust the garden is open all year, and from March to October (as well as in the run up to Christmas) you can also visit the Palladian mansion of Stourhead House.

Set in the idyllic Frome valley, **The Peto Garden** at Iford Manor is an Edwardian version of Tuscany, featuring romantic Italianate gardens cut into the hillside. With a perfect setting amid the rolling downland of Cranborne Chase Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, **Larmer Tree** is an extraordinary example of Victorian extravagance, recognised by English Heritage as a 'Garden of National Importance'.

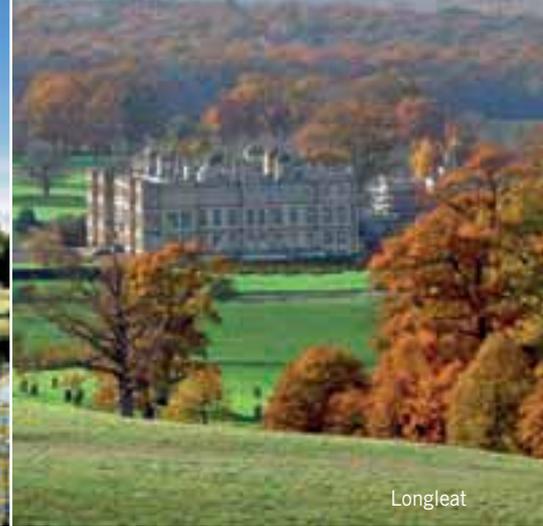
Other antidotes to our overcrowded cities include **Abbey House Gardens** in Malmesbury, whose 5 acres sit beside the 12th century Abbey Church, straddling the river. Familiar to many as a TV location from *Wolf Hall* and *Poldark*, **Great Chalfield Manor** near Melksham is a charming 15th century house with an Arts & Crafts garden. The Palladian jewel of **Lydiard House**, renowned for its elegant state rooms, original family furnishings and portraits dating from Elizabethan times, is surrounded by 260 acres of parkland with a lake and 18th century walled garden.



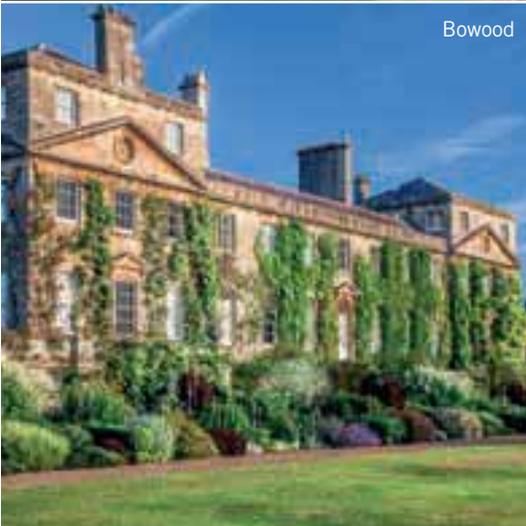
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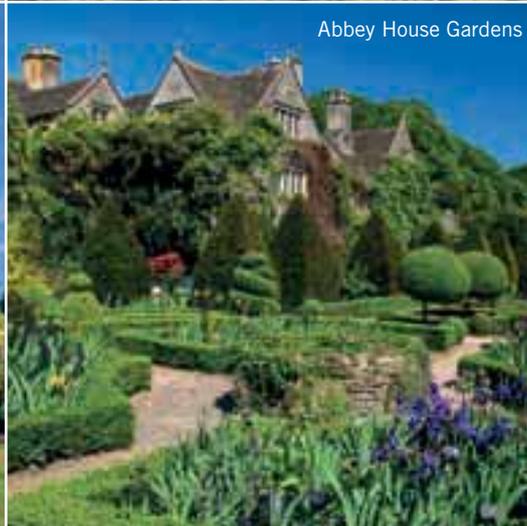
Lydiard House and Park



Longleat



Bowood



Abbey House Gardens



The Peto Garden at Iford Manor

“The perfect places to connect with the past whilst enjoying the present”

In Salisbury’s Cathedral Close **Arundells**, home of former Prime Minister Sir Edward Heath, has a charming walled garden stretching down to the River Avon, as does **The Rifles Berkshire & Wiltshire Museum** nearby. Just a few doors away across Choristers’ Green, **Mompesson House** is a perfectly proportioned Queen Anne mansion offering beautifully furnished interiors and a peaceful walled garden.

On the borders with Gloucestershire and Hampshire respectively, the 600 acres at **Westonbirt Arboretum** contain one of the world’s finest collections of temperate trees and shrubs, while **Sir Harold Hillier Gardens** has the largest number of Champion Trees in the British Isles, as well as 42,000 plants from around the world.

At many of these properties, tempting tea rooms are an added bonus, giving you the opportunity to relax and unwind whilst treating yourself to delicious cakes and pastries in beautiful surroundings.

A selection of flower and garden events

– see pages 12-13 for more

Bowood Rhododendron & Woodland Gardens	Opens Apr (date tbc)
Fritillary Season, Cricklade	April (dates tbc)
Spring Blooms & Garden Tours, Stourhead	Mon 1-Wed 31 May
Mere Flower & Music Festival	Fri 9-Sun 11 Jun
Bradford on Avon Sculpture Garden	Sat 1 Jul
Tisbury Horticultural Society Annual Show	Sat 26 Aug
Gardeners Society Flower & Produce Show, Melksham	Sun 10 Sep
Autumn Colour Tours, Stourhead	Sun 8 Oct-Sun 12 Nov

Take a walk through TIME

On the southern edge of Salisbury Plain, **Amesbury** is the nearest town to **Stonehenge** and close to other ancient monuments such as **Woodhenge**, the **Cursus**, the **Avenue** and **Durrington Walls**. Following recent excavations the town can lay claim to a history dating back more than 10,000 years - visit **Amesbury History Centre** for a collection of Mesolithic artefacts.

On the northern outskirts of Salisbury lies the massive earthwork now known as **Old Sarum**. Starting out as a Neolithic community some 5,000 years ago, it later became an Iron Age hill fort. Subsequently inhabited by Romans, Saxons and Normans, it finally developed into a flourishing medieval settlement and the original city of Salisbury. Today you can see the ruins of a royal palace, a castle and no less than two earlier cathedrals.

Iron Age hill forts are a recurring feature of the Wiltshire landscape. **Barbury Castle** lies in the North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty; **Oldbury Castle** overlooks the Cherhill White Horse; the 23-acre site at **Battlesbury Camp** is one of the best preserved in the county; and **Bratton Castle**, on the edge of Salisbury Plain, contains within it an even older Neolithic long barrow.

With archaeology collections of outstanding national importance, Wiltshire's museums are the perfect place to unearth the secrets of our journey through time. Treasured exhibits at **The Salisbury Museum** include the Monkton Deverill Gold Torc, recovered from a Bronze Age burial mound, and the grave of the 'Amesbury Archer', the richest Beaker burial in Britain. A world-class gallery of archaeology here houses one of Europe's most extensive collections of Stonehenge and prehistoric artefacts. Spanning Neolithic, Bronze Age, Iron Age, Roman, Saxon and Medieval times, the galleries at **Wiltshire Museum** in Devizes cover 500,000 years of Wiltshire's history. In 'Gold from the Time of Stonehenge', award-winning displays tell the story of the prehistoric landscapes of Stonehenge and Avebury and feature finds excavated from the World Heritage Site. For evidence of Roman occupation look no further than the **Roman Baths** in Bath, home to the Sacred Spring, the Roman Temple, the Roman Bath House and finds from Roman Bath.

Later civilisations have also left their mark, bequeathing tangible connections with the past. Built as a fortress in the late 11th century, **Ludgershall Castle** was once a royal hunting lodge with a great hall, tower and domestic apartments, as well as a castle farm, stables and kitchens. Dating from the 14th century **Old Wardour Castle** was badly damaged in the English Civil War. Today, its unusual, hexagonal ruins provide a picturesque lakeside setting for picnics. Finally, on the Somerset border, the impressive 14th century **Farleigh Hungerford Castle** offers hidden treasures, including rare medieval wall paintings in the chapel and lead 'death mask' coffins in the crypt.

Ancient and modern come together in the Saints and Sinners heritage trail, twinning four of the county's historic churches with four popular pubs and hotels – find out more at visitwiltshire.co.uk/ideas-and-inspiration/itineraries

*“History in Wiltshire
is not only ancient”*

Old Wardour Castle

“Touch and feel the past”



A selection of history events

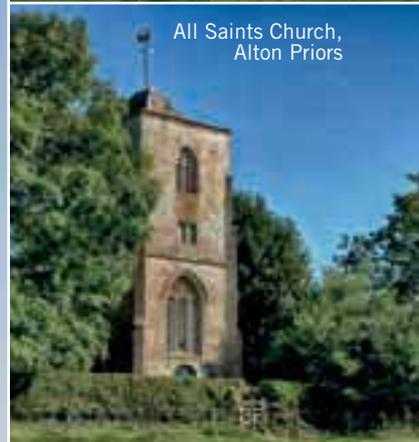
– see pages 12-13 for more

Pewsey - Centre of our Archaeological Heritage	Jun (date tbc)
Pewsey Heritage Centre	
Daily Mail Chalke Valley History Festival	Mon 26 Jun-Sun 2 Jul
Festival of British Archaeology	Sat 15-Sun 30 Jul
- Events Across the County	
Salisbury Museum Archaeology Festival	Sat 22 & Sun 23 Jul
Heritage Open Days, Across Wiltshire	Thu 7-Sun 10 Sep

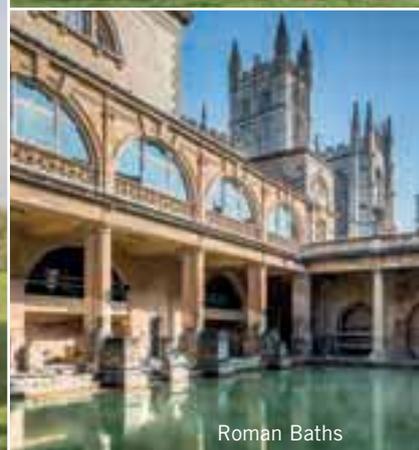
“Cley Hill is Britain’s UFO capital, with hundreds of sightings since the mid-1960s”



Old Sarum



All Saints Church, Alton Priors



Roman Baths



Farleigh Hungerford Castle



Wiltshire Museum



Roves Farm



Hawk Conservancy Trust



Tractor Ted's Little Farm



Studley Grange



Forest Falconry



Langford Lakes



Cotswold Wildlife Park



Longleat



Cholderton Charlie's



Cotswold Water Park

“This year, why not go on safari?”

Discover Wiltshire's WILD SIDE

At **Longleat**, Britain's first ever safari park, you can stand tall with giraffes, walk on the wild side with lemurs and come face to face with many of Africa and Asia's majestic animals. Say hello to amazing aquatic creatures at Penguin Island and Ray Bay, check out the sea lion escorted Jungle Cruise past Gorilla Colony, and walk through Monkey Temple. There are opportunities to feed the animals, including sea lions, deer, giraffe and rainbow lorikeets, while the very brave can take on the BBC Deadly Adventure, embark upon the Deadly Safari or test their mental and physical abilities in the Deadly Challenge. Uninterrupted views of the animals at **Cotswold Wildlife Park** give you a real sense of being in the wild, as rhinos graze on the lawns with only a ha-ha between you. See eye-to-eye with giraffes, walk with lemurs, or explore the Tropical House to meet free-roaming sloths, birds and bats. Watch the penguins being fed, take a ride on Bella the Train, or explore the Skymaze treehouse adventure playground. For a taste of the tropics, visit **Studley Grange Butterfly World** to walk among some of the world's most beautiful butterflies, flying freely against a backdrop of luxuriant plants. Visit the reptile house, or head to the animal paddock to meet meerkats, otters, goats, guinea pigs, rabbits and farmyard animals.

At Bowood, **Tractor Ted's Little Farm** offers lots to enjoy inside and out. Meet friendly farm animals, handle rabbits, stroke lambs and see newly hatched chicks, then tackle the mini tractor track and diggers in the den. All ages will find something to enjoy at **Cholderton Charlie's**, including exquisite rare breeds of rabbit and poultry, Eriskay ponies, saddleback piglets and lots of other baby animals. At peak times there are pig races, chick/rabbit handling sessions and tractor-trailer rides. An indoor play barn, outdoor adventure play areas, sandpits, ride on tractors and trampolines ensure that, wet or dry, there is plenty to do. **Roves Farm** also offers fun for all the family, come rain or shine! Events include meet and feed the farm animals, free tractor and trailer rides, children's craft sessions, a heated play and activity barn, ball pond, bouncy castle and pedal tractors, plus den building and outdoor adventure play.

If you enjoy being surrounded by wonderful wildlife, from orchids and fritillaries to dragonflies and bats, as well as fantastic and varied birdwatching opportunities, the **Cotswold Water Park** is a great year-round destination. With 150 lakes set over 40 square miles it also offers lovely off-road cycle routes and miles of peaceful footpaths. **Langford Lakes** nature reserve is an attractive stopping off point for a host of wild birds. In summer, look out for Canada geese, tufted duck, great-crested grebe and pochard. Patient watchers may spot the turquoise flash of a kingfisher, and there have even been sightings of the spectacular osprey. In winter, shoveler and wigeon arrive to join the resident ducks, and one of the UK's most endangered and elusive birds, the bittern, has occasionally been seen creeping silently through the reeds. As spring arrives, watch for grebes shaking their heads in their dramatic courtship display.

If birds of prey are more your bag, **Forest Falconry** gives everyone the opportunity to experience the thrill of flying some of nature's most spectacular birds. Your totally hands-on adventure takes place at the eleven acre woodland site where you have the chance to handle, train and hunt with hawks, falcons and owls. With up to three world-class flying displays each day, the **Hawk Conservancy Trust** is a full day out for all the family. From the tiny Pygmy Owl to the impressive Steller's Sea Eagle over 150 birds of prey are on view, and every visitor can hold one!

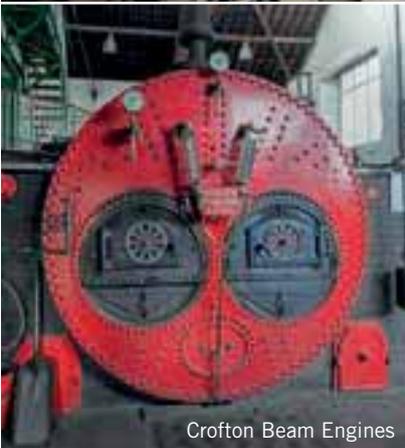
“For young children, a visit to one of our smaller animal parks is a must”

A selection of wildlife events – see pages 12-13 for more

Lambing Time, Roves Farm	Sun 8-Wed 25 Jan
The Gingerbread Race, Roves Farm	Sat 11-Sun 19 Feb
The Hungry Caterpillar, Roves Farm	Sat 29 Apr-Mon 1 May
Easter Bunny, Roves Farm	Easter Holidays (dates tbc)
Family Fun Sheep Shearing Day, Cholderton Charlie's Farm	End May/Beg Jun (dates tbc)
Festival of Flight, Wiltshire Wildlife Trust, Blakehill Farm near Cricklade	Sat 19 Aug



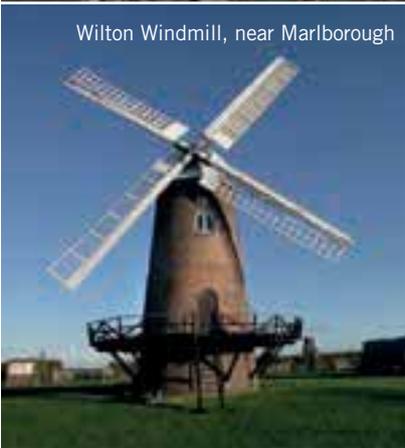
Trowbridge Museum



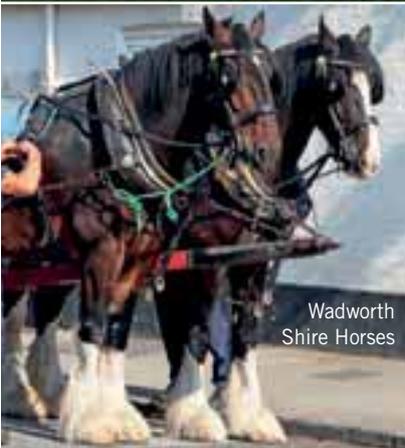
Crofton Beam Engines



STEAM Museum



Wilton Windmill, near Marlborough



Wadworth Shire Horses

“Wilton Windmill near Marlborough is the only working windmill in Wessex and still grinds flour for sale”

The history of textile manufacturing in Wiltshire is a long and illustrious one, with many Wiltshire towns owing their modern-day affluence to the production of woollen broadcloth in centuries past.

With the exception of Wilton Carpets the textile industry is long gone, but outstanding examples of industrial architecture remain, providing a tangible bond with the past and making Wiltshire the ideal place to uncover the history of textile manufacturing.

In **Trowbridge** the history of weaving dates back over 1,000 years and the woollen cloth industry here has left a rich architectural legacy ranging from the late-16th to the mid-19th century. **Trowbridge Museum** continues the theme, with a nationally important collection relating to West Country woollen cloth production. Displays include working looms and you can even have a go at handloom weaving yourself. At the peak of its textile production **Bradford on Avon** was home to more than 30 cloth factories. Today, the impressive walls of Abbey Mill still flank the river, while the cottages of spinners and weavers can be seen clinging to the hillside.

Wiltshire has long been renowned for its local ales and the brewing industry here thrives to this day. Founded in 1875, **Wadworth Brewery** still operates from its original home in Devizes, where its mighty Shire horses are an ever-popular sight as they make their deliveries round the town. On a guided tour you can meet these gentle giants of the equine world, see the sign writers at work and learn how traditional ales are made, before rounding off your visit with a tutored sampling session.

Canals were vital to Wiltshire’s prosperity in years gone by. Running right across the centre of the county, the **Kennet & Avon Canal** was originally used to transport goods and materials during the Industrial Revolution; today it makes a peaceful and unhurried way to enjoy Wiltshire’s timeless scenery, either walking and cycling along the towpath, relaxing aboard a colourful narrow boat, or taking to the water in a canoe. The ‘K&A’, as it is affectionately known, is also home to the world’s oldest working steam-powered beam engine at **Crofton Pumping Station** near Marlborough.

In 1835 Isambard Kingdom Brunel chose to site the factory for his Great Western Railway in Swindon. Today you can step back in time at **STEAM Museum**, housed in the Grade II Listed buildings of the former railway works, and discover the story of the men and women who built, operated and travelled on this iconic railway. Keen train enthusiasts can also experience our railway heritage at **Swindon & Cricklade Railway**.

Further links with the past can be found at our many local museums. **Calne Heritage Centre** tells the story of the town and its surrounding area; **Chippenham Museum and Heritage Centre** highlights aspects of trade and industry including a working model of a flourmill; while displays at **Royal Wootton Bassett Museum** depict the town’s social, rural, commercial and industrial history.

“Rising 237 feet over 2 miles, the flight of 29 locks at Caen Hill is an astonishing feat of engineering”



PROSPERITY

built on
textiles,
trade and
transport

A selection of industrial heritage events

– see pages 12-13 for more

The Easter Egg-Spress, Swindon & Cricklade Railway	Fri 14-Mon 17 Apr
Wiltshire Steam & Vintage Rally, Oare	Sat 10-Sun 11 Jun
Steam & Vintage Weekend, Swindon & Cricklade Railway	Sat 12 & Sun 13 Aug
Swindon Railway Festival, STEAM Museum	Sat 9 & Sun 10 Sep
Wartime Weekend, Swindon & Cricklade Railway	Sat 9 & Sun 10 Sep
Steam Gala, Crofton Beam Engines	Sat 23 & Sun 24 Sep
Halloween Ghost Trains, Swindon & Cricklade Railway	Fri 28 & Sat 29 Oct (Eve)

“Interactive exhibits
bring history to life”



Boscombe Down Aviation Collection



Atwell-Wilson Motor Museum



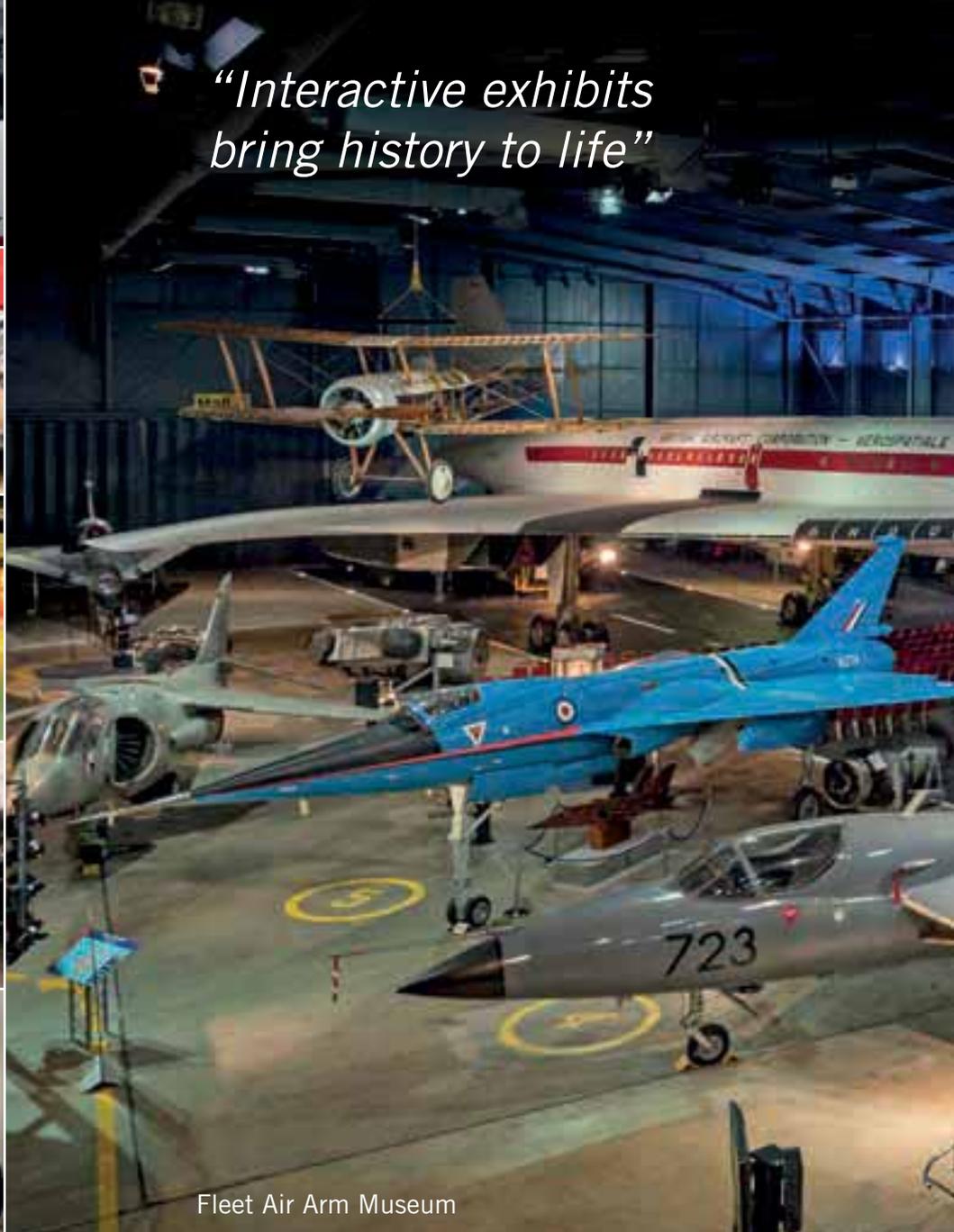
Museum of
Army Flying



Vintage Classics



Royal Signals Museum



Fleet Air Arm Museum

Complementing Wiltshire’s award-winning archaeological museums are collections in and around the county with a different tale to tell, from iconic aircraft to motoring memorabilia...

Some take you on a nostalgic trip down memory lane with vehicles from yesteryear; others reveal the ingenuity and endeavour of Britain’s armed forces, from centuries past to the present day.

Most of the exhibits at **Atwell-Wilson Motor Museum** in Calne are cars from the 1920s onwards, but you will also find motorcycles, mopeds and bicycles, a model lorry collection, a reconstructed 1930s style garage complete with vehicles, and a range of interesting memorabilia. If a visit here inspires you to get behind the wheel and live your dream of driving a classic car, **Vintage Classics** are just the

ticket. Vehicles available to hire include the Jaguar MKII (of Inspector Morse fame), the Audi Ur Quattro Turbo (as in the BBC’s *Ashes to Ashes*) and many other models from Austen and Alfa Romeo to Triumph and Daimler.

Boscombe Down Aviation Collection is a working museum in an historic World War One hangar. Here, over 100 exhibits, including 30 aircraft and cockpits to sit in, bring the history of test flight in the UK to life. Dress up in a flight suit and helmet, be a fighter pilot, and watch ongoing restoration on real aircraft. The **Museum of Army Flying** sits beside the busy Army

Air Corps Airfield at Middle Wallop, near Salisbury. Exhibits housed in two large hangars, including over 35 fixed wing and rotary aircraft, tell the story of British soldiers in the air, from the pioneering days of balloons and kites to modern helicopter operations. **Fleet Air Arm Museum**, near Yeovil houses the largest collection of aircraft in Europe and tells the story of the Royal Navy in the air. Take a trip on a replica aircraft carrier with the ‘HMS Ark Royal Experience’, encounter aviation history from the early pioneering years to today’s high tech air power, and climb aboard the first British Concorde.

Classic cars and military MUSEUMS



"The new REME Museum opens in 2017"

REME Museum preserves the heritage of the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers. Its collection houses more than 100,000 items, including over 100 military vehicles, more than 1,700 medals, more than 950 weapons and over 2,000 uniform pieces. There is also an extensive archive which includes letters, pamphlets, photographs, paintings, instruction manuals and vehicle specifications. REME is in the process of moving to Wiltshire and will re-open at Lyneham in 2017. The **Royal Signals Museum** near Blandford Forum traces the history of the British Army's battlefield communications, from the introduction of the telegraph in the Crimea via espionage and satellites to today's digital battlefields of cyberspace and electronic warfare. Family-friendly, interactive displays allow you to guide a laser beam, break codes, practice Morse code and more.

A selection of classic cars and military museums events – see pages 12-13 for more

Lectures on Aviation Related Subjects, Boscombe Down Aviation Collection	3rd Tue of each month (exc Jul & Aug)
Aerobilia 17, Boscombe Down Aviation Collection	Sat 13 May
Wartime Wallop, Museum of Army Flying	Mon 29 May
Road Run & BBQ, Atwell-Wilson Motor Museum	Sat 8 Jul
Classic Car Show, Atwell-Wilson Motor Museum	Sun 9 Jul
Model Show, Boscombe Down Aviation Collection	Sun 6 Aug
Carols Take Flight, Boscombe Down Aviation Collection	Mon 4 Dec

A county for all

SEASONS



Any time is Wiltshire time:

Spring meadows carpeted with flowers... shadows of hay bales lengthening in the setting sun... autumn mist floating over winding river valleys... frost glistening on ancient standing stones: this is rural England at its very best, the perfect antidote to overcrowded cities.

Easy to explore, yet off the beaten track, Wiltshire is one of Britain's best kept secrets. It's an enchanted place where you feel close to the earth and the ever-changing big skies. The landscape's mood alters with the seasons, connecting you not just to nature, but to time itself. See how the light changes the texture of the hills and think of others admiring the same spectacle over thousands of years. At the heart of the county lies the vast, untouched expanse of **Salisbury Plain**. At times gentle, at times wild, this untamed plateau with its big skies

and broad horizons is home to rare and endangered species which thrive in the sparsely populated landscape.

Almost half the county's landscape has been designated an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Parts of north and west Wiltshire lie within the **Cotswolds**, where dry stone walls, narrow winding lanes and honey-coloured villages meld seamlessly into rolling hills. Acres of ancient woodland can be found on the borders of the **New Forest National Park** and in the **Savernake Forest**. Stretching in a giant undulating swathe across the south of the county, **Cranborne Chase and the West Wiltshire Downs** are a nationally protected landscape, as are the **North Wessex Downs**, from the lush meadows of the **Vale of Pewsey** to more austere expanses of upland.

Among many havens for flora and fauna are the 37 nature reserves managed by **Wiltshire Wildlife Trust**, covering a variety

of natural habitats from chalk grassland and woodland to wetland and bog. **Lower Moor Farm** near Cricklade is a mosaic of lakes, brooks and ponds linked by boardwalks, ancient hedges, woodland and meadows, while **Langford Lakes** between Salisbury and Warminster is the perfect spot for birdwatching enthusiasts. The National Nature Reserve at **North Meadow** on the outskirts of Cricklade is renowned for its spectacular display of rare Snakeshead Fritillaries during April, while **West Woods** near Marlborough and **Grovely Woods** near Wilton are carpeted with bluebells in May.

Miles of ancient drove roads and quiet country lanes make exploring Wiltshire a pleasure. Among the many charming hamlets nestling amid unspoiled, rolling countryside, the stars of the show are **Castle Combe**, arguably the prettiest village in England, and the stunning National Trust village of **Lacock**, both of which are great favourites with film-makers.

Fifield Down



Pepperbox Hill



Teffont Evias



Castle Combe



Fritillaries, North Meadow Cricklade



Water Vole



North Wessex Downs

Wiltshire is also blessed with outstanding chalk streams and rivers. The gin-clear waters of the **Wylde, Nadder, Bourne and Ebbel** offer excellent trout fishing and some delightful riverside walks. Flowing south from Pewsey the **River Avon** supports an abundant variety of wildlife, including the endangered water vole. The **River Kennet** winds through the North Wessex Downs, skirting the prehistoric sites of Avebury and Silbury Hill. Even the young **River Thames** gets a look in, as it meanders through the north of the county, close to the Saxon town of Cricklade.

Wiltshire is calming, comforting, refreshing. So make 2017 the year you escape to the country and let Wiltshire put back what the rest of the week takes out.

To find out more and to book your rural break, go to visitwiltshire.co.uk/accommodation

“Timeless natural beauty”

A selection of walking and cycling events – see pages 12-13 for more

Wiltshire Wildcat Sportive, Salisbury Racecourse	Sat 4 Mar
Corsham Walking Festival	Fri 9-Sun 11 Jun
Warminster Wobble Cycling Festival	Sat 17 & Sun 18 Jun
Walking Festival, Bradford on Avon	Fri 1-Sun 3 Sep
Bradford on Avon Cycling Festival	Sun 10 Sep
Wiltshire 100 & Big Wheel Bike Ride, Devizes	Sep (date tbc)

ESCAPE

and let time stand still

With over 8,200 paths for walkers and cyclists, Wiltshire's breathtaking countryside might well have been invented with outdoor pursuits in mind.

There's something for all levels of enthusiasm, and travelling under your own steam gives you time to appreciate our beautiful and varied landscape.

Whether you are a seasoned expert, a keen amateur or just starting out, you'll find cycle routes to suit, from stress-free family outings around the Golden Way to demanding long distance trails, including one of several National Cycle Routes and part of the National Byway. You'll also find a range of exciting cycling events throughout the year to watch or take part in, including the Wiltshire 100 and Big Wheel Bike Ride in September.

Wiltshire is blessed with an outstanding array of walks that can comfortably be accomplished within half a day, leaving ample time to relax over lunch. Follow in the footsteps of the ancient drovers, meander through our market towns or amble along the towpath of the Kennet & Avon Canal. You'll also find plenty of challenging longer routes where you can stride out to your heart's content: walk the Wansdyke, roam the Ridgeway or tackle the Thames Path. Depending on how energetic you are, you can take on their entire length over several days (sturdy shoes recommended) or cherry pick the sections that suit you best.

If you're happy heading off in the morning with just a packed lunch and a map for company, that's fine by us. But if you'd like a little help with planning an itinerary, arranging places to stay – even transporting your luggage – local specialists such as **Footpath Holidays** and **Walking Holidays in Wiltshire** are only a phone call away. Take the children... take the dog... above all, take your time!

Other ways to experience our breathtaking countryside include pony trekking or a hands-on adventure with birds of prey; a day's fishing or a round of golf; a narrow boat trip or canoeing on the Kennet & Avon Canal. And if the weather throws a spanner in the works there are ample indoor activities on offer too: relax with a range of luxurious spa treatments or master new skills on a cookery course.

When you're out and about, the many interesting properties in the care of The Churches Conservation Trust are great places to stop for a breather, and at end the day a refreshing drink in one of our country pubs goes down a treat – for details of a heritage trail combining the two go to visitwiltshire.co.uk/ideas-and-inspiration/itineraries

Details of walking and cycling routes around Wiltshire, as well as a wide range of other things to do, can be found on visitwiltshire.co.uk/things-to-do/activities and there's additional information on walking Wiltshire's white horses on whitehorsewalk.co.uk

Maps and routes for cyclists and walkers can be downloaded from the Connecting Wiltshire website: connectingwiltshire.co.uk And for an excellent range of maps and brochures to help you on your way contact one of the Information Centres listed on page 63.

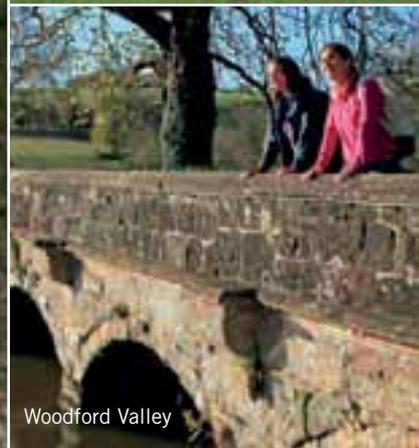
A wide range of walker- and cyclist-friendly accommodation can be found on our website, and many accommodation providers actively welcome outdoor enthusiasts by offering extra facilities such as drying rooms for wet clothing. They are also often happy to advise on their favourite local routes. Go to visitwiltshire.co.uk/accommodation for details.

“You'll find new stories around every corner”





Caen Hill Locks, near Devizes



Woodford Valley



Hawk Conservancy Trust



Shearwater



Ramsbury

“If you’re tired of the everyday then it’s time for Wiltshire”

“Come to Wiltshire and escape the everyday”

A Home from HOME

Wiltshire offers a warm welcome and accommodation to suit every pocket – for details of all our places to stay, as well as the latest offers, go to visitwiltshire.co.uk/accommodation

Make yourself at home

Town or country, old or new, Wiltshire offers a great choice of family-run **bed and breakfasts**. If you like to get to know your hosts on holiday and enjoy the cosiness of making someone else's home your own for the duration, this could be the ideal option for you. Many B&Bs are housed in characterful buildings, most bedrooms are en suite, and a hearty English breakfast made from local produce provides the perfect start to the day.

Does exactly what it says on the tin

If your idea of holiday heaven is to wake up to the sounds of the countryside with plenty of fresh air to blow the cobwebs away, a **Farm Stay** property could be the answer to your dreams. Many are situated in Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Some are on working farms, others simply in farm locations. You may even be able to meet the animals or help out on the farm if you wish.

It's all in the name!

For comfortable accommodation combined with delicious evening meals, look no further than our range of **pubs and inns** or **restaurants with rooms**.

Something to suit every budget

We have an excellent range of comfortable two, three and four star **hotels**, a number of which have been awarded AA Dining Rosettes for the quality of their food. Whether you choose a city centre property or one whose location is more rural and remote, you are sure to sleep soundly and wake refreshed for another busy day ahead.

At the upper end of the market

If no expense is to be spared, our breathtaking **country house hotels** offer the ultimate in indulgence, combining excellent facilities with levels of comfort and service that are second to none. Some offer Michelin-star dining, others luxurious spas, an on-site golf course or their own riding stables. Many are surrounded by acres of beautiful English parkland. Fortunately, top quality doesn't have to mean stiff and starchy, as most are also well known for their warmth and informality, welcoming adults and children alike.

The ultimate in flexibility

If you prefer to do your own thing on holiday then one of our **self-catering** properties could suit you down to the ground. Many come complete with traditional features such as thatched roofs, inglenook fireplaces or flagstone floors; one even has uninterrupted views of Salisbury Cathedral. Converted stables, granaries or barns offer a taste of country life. Or you can opt for a city break with all amenities close to hand. Eat out or cater for yourself – either way you are free to come and go as you please, so perfect for families, couples and groups of friends.

The great outdoors

Whether caravanning or sleeping under canvas, our peaceful and well-equipped **campsites** provide the ultimate rural experience; ideal for anyone who wants to be at one with nature, surrounded by our beautiful Wiltshire countryside. If you opt for a spot of glamping you don't even have to go without your creature comforts, as luxury canvas lodges and bell tents include everything from wood burning stoves to private showers. Looking for something a little out of the ordinary? Then snuggle up in a cosy **glamping pod**, or spend the night under a canopy of stars in a traditional **shepherd's hut**.

Take your best friend

Dogs make excellent travelling companions and a number of our accommodation providers allow your pet to stay too – see our website for details.

“What view did you wake up to this morning?”



King John's House



Shepherd's Hut, Marshwood Farm



Pig Wig Cottages



The Pear Tree at Whitley



Whatley Manor



Duchy Rag House



Foley's Cottage



Lime Tree Spa, Milford Hall Hotel



Choosing and booking your ACCOMMODATION

We hope the information contained within these pages has whetted your appetite and inspired you to visit Wiltshire in 2017; now you just need to find somewhere to stay...

To help you on your way, a selection of accommodation is featured on pages 43-51. If you can't see what you are looking for there, a wider range of places to stay can be found on our website – just go to visitwiltshire.co.uk/accommodation You can either book via VisitWiltshire, or direct with the accommodation provider.

What type of accommodation are you looking for?

As you would expect, our website has a wide range of hotels, bed & breakfasts and self-catering cottages to choose from. Farm stay properties, caravan and campsites are also featured, or if you fancy something a little different you'll find canvas lodges, glamping pods and shepherd's huts.

Next steps

Getting started is easy: just go to visitwiltshire.co.uk/accommodation on your mobile, laptop or tablet and click on the 'Accommodation' tab. You can search by location and/or type of accommodation, narrow the search by adding keywords, filter by price, room type or facilities, and check availability for your preferred dates.

Individual property details

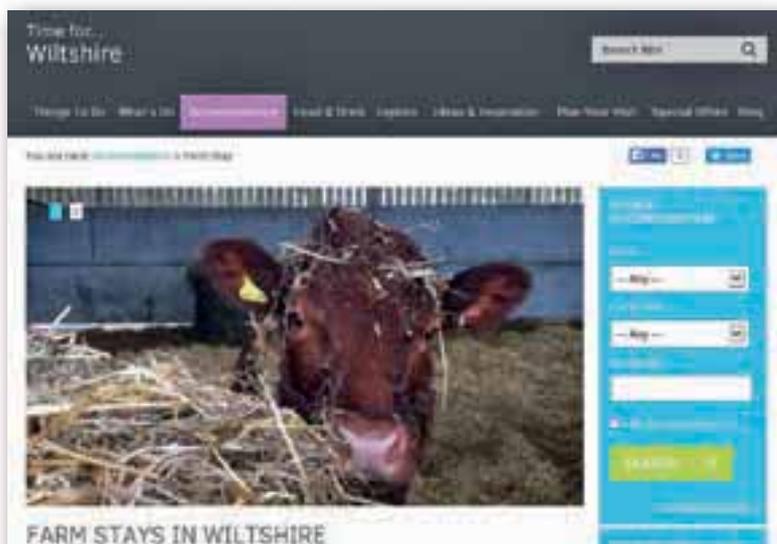
Once you have found somewhere you like the look of, you can check out its full details online, as comprehensive information is provided for each property. We also highlight details of what's nearby – from attractions, events and activities to shopping and eating out, including distances from your chosen accommodation – and once you have made your decision you can add it to your itinerary.

And don't forget...

Keep an eye on our Special Offers page for a range of seasonal breaks, activity breaks, last minute deals and more!



“Planning your short break or holiday to Wiltshire using our website couldn't be easier”



“Check out our events calendar on pages 12-13 to see what exciting festivals, events and celebrations are happening while you are here!”



BRADFORD ON AVON, TROWBRIDGE AND VILLAGES



Bradford on Avon

BRADFORD ON AVON

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BRADFORD ON AVON

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THE POLEBARN, Trowbridge, Wiltshire, BA14 7EG

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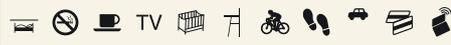
E: info@thepolebarnhotel.co.uk

www.thepolebarnhotel.co.uk

Natasha Owen

Our family run boutique townhouse is situated just a short walk from the Civic Centre, train station and shops. After a comfortable sleep, enjoy a freshly cooked breakfast using products sourced locally.

Bedrooms 10 **Bathrooms** 10 en suite shower rooms
S £60 **D** £70-£85 **T** £90 **F** £110 **Tr** £105



HILPERTON

★★★★ Bed & Breakfast D2



PAXCROFT COTTAGE

62b Devizes Road, Hilpertont, Trowbridge, Wiltshire, BA14 6JB

T: 01225 765838 E: paxcroftcottages@hotmail.com

www.paxcroftcottages.uk

Mrs Sylvia Styles

Our lovely home is in a rural setting on the outskirts of Trowbridge, overlooking the Wiltshire Downs and convenient for Bath and all of Wiltshire's attractions. You would be very welcome.

Bedrooms 3 **Bathrooms** 2 en suite, 1 private
S From £40 **D** From £60 **T** From £60 **F** From £70 (one child)



CALNE, DEVIZES AND VILLAGES

DERRY HILL

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BOWOOD HOTEL, SPA AND GOLF RESORT, Derry Hill, Calne, Wiltshire, SN11 9PQ

T: 01249 822228 E: resort@bowood.org

www.bowood.org

Situated on the stunning Bowood Estate, just outside Chippenham, all the bedrooms are individually designed in a contemporary house style using heritage colours. Relax in front of log fires in winter or on the terrace with a chilled glass of wine looking out over the surrounding parkland in summer. Choose between fine dining in the Shelburne Restaurant or more casual dining in the Clubhouse Brasserie. Bowood offers a luxurious spa for use by all guests and a wide selection of beauty treatments to indulge a little further. For those up for a challenge, Bowood is home to an 18-hole championship golf course. During your stay, explore the grounds of Bowood House and Gardens with complimentary access (during the open season). For an exclusive break away with friends and family, enjoy the privacy of Queenwood Lodge, with your own private chef and waiting staff.

Bedrooms 43 **Bathrooms** 43 en suite
S £130-£230 **D** £140-£240 **Su** £210-£330



DERRY HILL

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QUEENWOOD LODGE, Bowood Hotel, Spa and Golf Resort,

Derry Hill, Calne, Wiltshire, SN11 9PQ

T: 01249 822228

E: resort@bowood.org

www.bowood.org

Furnished to the highest standard Queenwood Lodge is rented out on an exclusive basis, giving you complete privacy. Perfect for groups of golfers, spa goers or friend and family breaks.

Bedrooms 4 **Sleeps** 8 adults plus 2 children
Prices From £1,120 per night for DBB (based on 8 people sharing)



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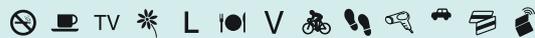
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LITTLETON LODGE, 39 High Street, Littleton Panell, Devizes, Wiltshire, SN10 4ES
T: 01380 813494 E: info@littletonlodge.com www.littletonlodge.com

Littleton Lodge is a country retreat in the heart of Wiltshire offering traditional charm with every modern creature comfort. It is located in the picturesque village of Littleton Panell, on the edge of Salisbury Plain, a stone's throw from Stonehenge. There are four en suite rooms in the main house plus a spacious, secluded double in a self-catering cottage with its own private garden. Each is equipped with luxury Egyptian cotton linens, handmade Bramley bath and body products and every mod-con you could wish for. From the roaring fire in the library to the cool white marble in the bathrooms, the lodge has been lovingly restored to intertwine its traditional 19th century charm with a very 21st century sense of style.

Bedrooms 5 Bathrooms 5 en suite
S From £89 **D** From £99



EASTERTON

VisitWiltshire Accommodation Charter **D3**



STABLE END
 Canfield, White Street, Easterton, Devizes, Wiltshire, SN10 4NZ
T: 01380 812426
E: gblaggers@gmail.com
 Anne Blagbrough

Quality furnishings, fine views and an ideal touring location – winter breaks, min 2 nights' stay. Own small garden. TV and DVD. Dogs welcome: £15 per week. Electricity payable by meter in winter.

Bedrooms 1 Sleeps 2
Prices £170-£295



POTTERNE

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ABBOTTS BALL FARM COTTAGE
 Worton Road, Potterne, Devizes, Wiltshire, SN10 5PW
T: 01380 721661 E: hazel@abbottsballfarm.com
www.abbottsballfarm.com
 Mrs Hazel Hobbs

Comfortable, spacious cottage on a small farm with livery yard. Peaceful surroundings with outstanding views. Convenient for K&A Canal, Longleat, Lacock, Bath, Salisbury and Stonehenge. Good local pubs.

Bedrooms 3 Sleeps 5
Prices £366-£728 Short breaks available



CHIPPENHAM, MALMESBURY AND VILLAGES

SLAUGHTERFORD

★★★ Farmhouse **C2**



MANOR FARM
 Slaughterford, Chippenham, Wiltshire, SN14 8RE
T/F: 01249 782243
E: janmanorfm@btinternet.com
 Ms Janet Jones

A working farm near the pretty Cotswold village of Castle Combe. You can enjoy horse riding and walks along the Macmillan Way and River Bybrook. Breakfasts include home-grown produce.

Bedrooms 2 Bathrooms 2 en suite
S £30 **D** £60 **F** £65



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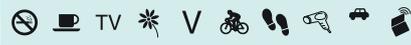
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THE OLD COACH HOUSE
 Corston, Malmesbury, Wiltshire, SN16 0HD
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www.corstoncoachhouseandb.co.uk
 Diane Jeffery

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Bedrooms 1 Bathrooms 1 en suite
S From £55 **D** From £85



CRUDWELL

★★★ Hotel **B2**



BEST WESTERN MAYFIELD HOUSE HOTEL
 Crudwell, Malmesbury, Wiltshire, SN16 9EW
T: 01666 577409 E: reception@mayfieldhousehotel.co.uk www.mayfieldhousehotel.co.uk

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Bedrooms 28 Bathrooms 28 en suite
S From £68 **D** From £88 **T** From £88 **F** From £108
 Half board à la carte dining packages from £59 per person



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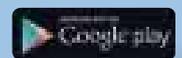
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CORSHAM, LACOCK AND VILLAGES



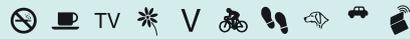
Lacock Abbey

BOX

Wiltshire Approved Accommodation C2



MEADOWBROOK COTTAGE
 3 Middlehill, Box, Corsham, Wiltshire, SN13 8QR
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www.meadowbrookcottage.co.uk
 Katherine and Clive Sugg
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Bedrooms 3 Bathrooms 3 en suite
S £45 D £70 K £70



CORSHAM

Self-Catering C2



LINLEYS FARM COTTAGES
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Bedrooms 3 in each property Sleeps 6 in each property
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Self-Catering C2



THE OLD POST OFFICE COTTAGE
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E: pjcollier@talktalk.net or mail@theoldpostofficecottage.com
www.theoldpostofficecottage.com Peter and Jenny Collier
 A well-equipped cottage in the grounds of owners' Grade II Listed home. Quiet village location 2 miles from Corsham and convenient for Lacock, Castle Combe and Bath. Village pub 150 yards.
Bedrooms 1 Sleeps 2
Prices £330-£400



LACOCK

Camping & Touring Park C2



PICCADILLY CARAVAN PARK
 Folly Lane West, Lacock, Chippenham, Wiltshire, SN15 2LP
T: 01249 730260
E: info@piccadillylacock.co.uk www.piccadillylacock.co.uk
 Peter Williams
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Pitches 43
Prices £19-£24.50 per night



MARLBOROUGH, PEWSEY VALE AND VILLAGES



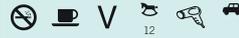
The Merchant's House, Marlborough

AVEBURY

Bed & Breakfast C4



MANOR FARM
 High Street, Avebury, Marlborough, Wiltshire, SN8 1RF
T: 01672 539294 E: administrator@manorfarmavebury.com
www.manorfarmavebury.com
 Mrs Judith Farthing
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S £70-£80 D £90-£100 T £90-£100



WEST GRAFTON

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MAYFIELD
 West Grafton, Marlborough, Wiltshire, SN8 3BY
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www.mayfieldbandb.com
 Angela Orsich
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Bedrooms 3 Bathrooms 2 en suite, 1 private
S From £65 D £80-£100 T £80-£100 F with private bathroom £150

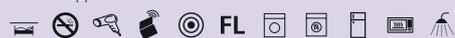


MILTON LILBOURNE

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STABLE COTTAGE
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www.stable-cottage-ml.co.uk
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Bedrooms 2 (both en suite) Sleeps 4
 Price on application

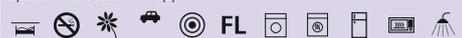


OGBOURNE ST GEORGE

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BUCKERFIELDS BARN, Buckerfields Nursery, Ogbourne St George, Marlborough, Wiltshire, SN8 1TF
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WARMINSTER

★★★★ Hotel E2



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Bedrooms 32 Bathrooms 32 en suite
S £85-£170 D £120-£535 T £120-£535 F £250-£570 (2 adults + 1 child)



WARMINSTER

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OAKLANDS, 88 Boreham Road, Warminster, Wiltshire, BA12 9JW
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 Andrew & Carolyn Lewis

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Bedrooms 3 Bathrooms 2 en suite
S £55 D £75-£85 T £85 F £120



Mere Down



ZEALS

★★★★ Bed & Breakfast F1



CORNERWAYS COTTAGE

Longcross, Zeals, Mere, Warminster, Wiltshire, BA12 6LL
T: 01747 840477 M: 07484 215936

E: cornerways.cottage@btinternet.com www.cornerwayscottage.co.uk
 John and Irene Snook

Comfortable cottage in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Close to Longleat, Stourhead, Salisbury and Bath. Golf, riding, fishing and walking nearby. Discounted day tickets for Longleat.

Bedrooms 3 Bathrooms 2 en suite, 1 private
S £60 D £75 T £70



HORNINGSHAM

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HORNINGSHAM B&B

197 Pottle Street, Horningsham, Warminster, Wiltshire, BA12 7LX

T: 01985 844454 E: susiehilleary@btinternet.com

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Susanna Hilleary

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Bedrooms 3 Bathrooms 2 en suite, 1 private
S £50 D £80-£90 T £70



CHAPMANSLADE

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BLACK DOG FARM

Chapmanslade, Westbury, Wiltshire, BA13 4AE

T: 01373 832858 M: 07878 954563 E: ifraser@blackdogfarm.co.uk

www.blackdogfarm.co.uk

Lyn and Fraser Mills

A warm welcome awaits you at this renovated Grade II Listed farmhouse on the Wiltshire/Somerset border. After a good night's sleep, a delicious breakfast will be on offer to start the next day.

Bedrooms 3 Bathrooms 3 en suite
S From £65 D From £75 T From £80 F From £90



SALISBURY AND VILLAGES

COOMBE BISSETT

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EVENING HILL

Blandford Road, Coombe Bissett, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP5 4LH

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Mrs Joyce Henry

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Bedrooms 2 Bathrooms 2 en suite
S £40 D £50-£55 F £75-£95



SALISBURY

★★★ Hotel F4



THE CATHEDRAL HOTEL

7-9 Milford Street, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP1 2AJ

T: 01722 343700 E: info@cathedralhotelsalisbury.co.uk www.oldsarumhotels.co.uk

In the heart of Salisbury, close to shops, cinema, theatres and the Market Place the hotel has a modern feel to it while maintaining the character of this old building. Our menu offers a great choice of freshly prepared food available from early morning until 10pm daily and 9pm Sundays. Throughout the week we offer a quiet relaxed environment and at the weekend the bar comes to life entertaining, locals and visitors alike until 2am with DJ music. Our guests always comment on the great service and welcome they received no matter what the occasion they visited for.

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Bedrooms 20 Bathrooms 19 en suite, 1 private
S £75 D £95 T £75 (not en suite) F £99 Adjoining rooms 2 x D £145 Adjoining rooms 1 x D & 1 x T £145



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CHICKLADE

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THE OLD RECTORY, Chicklade, Hindon, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP3 5SU
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Lynda Masfield

Just off the A303 in its own grounds, this beautifully restored rectory is an ideal location for those wishing to visit Stonehenge, Stourhead, Longleat, Salisbury and Bath, or as an overnight stop for travelling on to the West Country. The welcome is warm and a traditional breakfast with locally sourced ingredients will set you up for the day. Served in our elegant drawing room. The three en suite bedrooms are individually designed. One is a two roomed family suite; all offer impressive quality and comfort. The nearby village of Hindon has two excellent pubs. Walkers and cyclists are welcome.

Bedrooms 3 Bathrooms 3 en suite
S £60-£75 D £85-£95 T £85-£95 F £95-£140



DINTON

★★★★ Bed & Breakfast F3



MARSHWOOD FARM B&B
Dinton, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP3 5ET
T: 01722 716334 M: 07906 940894
E: marshwood1@btconnect.com www.marshwoodfarm.co.uk
Mrs Fiona Lockyer

17th century farmhouse offering comfortable accommodation on a working farm. Ideal for touring Stonehenge, Avebury, Salisbury and Longleat or walking and cycling in the beautiful countryside.

Bedrooms 2 Bathrooms 2 en suite
S £55-£75 D £65-£80 T £80-£95 F £95-£125





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E: marshwood1@btconnect.com www.marshwoodfarm.co.uk
Mrs Fiona Lockyer

Surrounded by fields and woodland. Continental breakfast delivered to your door, or a full cooked breakfast served in the farmhouse.

Bedrooms 1 Bathrooms Compost toilet adjacent to the hut. Access to bathroom in farmhouse during daylight hours.
D £140 for 2-night stay Mon-Fri; £160 for 2-night stay Fri-Mon



SALISBURY

★★★★ Bed & Breakfast **F4**



CATHEDRAL VIEW
83 Exeter Street, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP1 2SE
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www.cathedral-viewbandb.co.uk
Mrs Wenda Rampton

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Bedrooms 4 Bathrooms 4 en suite
S £70-£85 **D** £85-£100 **T** £85-£100 **Tr** £100-£135



SALISBURY

★★★★ Bed & Breakfast **F4**



WYNDHAM PARK LODGE
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T: 01722 416517 E: enquiries@wyndhamparklodge.co.uk
www.wyndhamparklodge.co.uk
Suzanne Coppen and Peter Legg

Warm, welcoming, Victorian family home retaining character for its period. Minutes' walk from city centre and Cathedral. Breakfasts locally sourced. Free WiFi. Booking via own website. Free parking.

Bedrooms 3 Bathrooms 3 en suite
S (single occupancy) £55-£80 **D** £60-£95 **T** £60-£95 **F (3)** £75-£120



SALISBURY

VisitWiltshire Accommodation Charter **F4**



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Carole Minto

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Bedrooms 16 Bathrooms 16 en suite
S £50-£60 **D** £90-£100 **T** £90-£100 **Tr** £95-£120 **F** £120-£160



SALISBURY

★★★★★ Guest House **F4**



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Bedrooms 5 Bathrooms 5 en suite
S From £55 **D** £65-£100 **T** £65-£100



STRATFORD TONY

VisitWiltshire Accommodation Charter **F4**



CAWDEN COTTAGE
Stratford Tony, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP5 4AT
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Caroline Bonavia

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Bedrooms 2 Bathrooms 1 en suite, 1 private
D £65-£75 **T** £65-£70 Single occupancy rate on request



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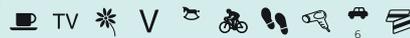
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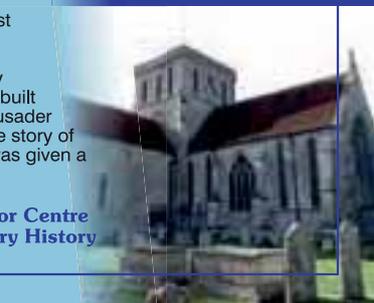
Recognized as the oldest continuous living settlement in the country, dating back over 8000 years BC, before Stonehenge. Offering accommodation, local shops, restaurants and inns - the town is a great stopping point for travellers and visitors to Stonehenge and south Wiltshire.

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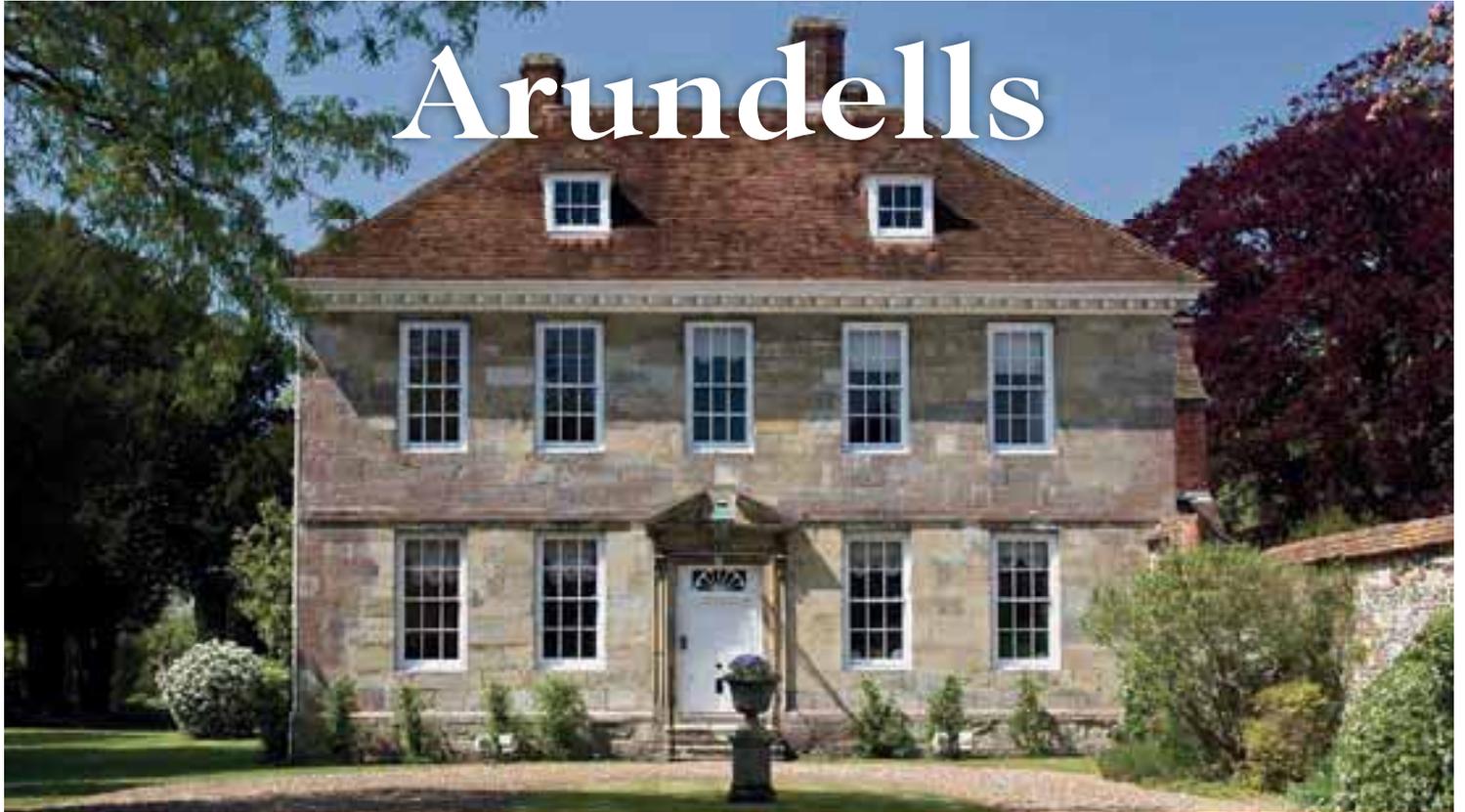
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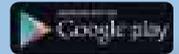
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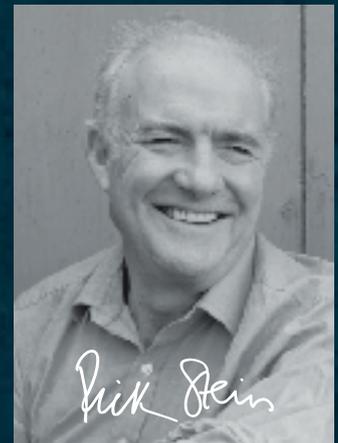
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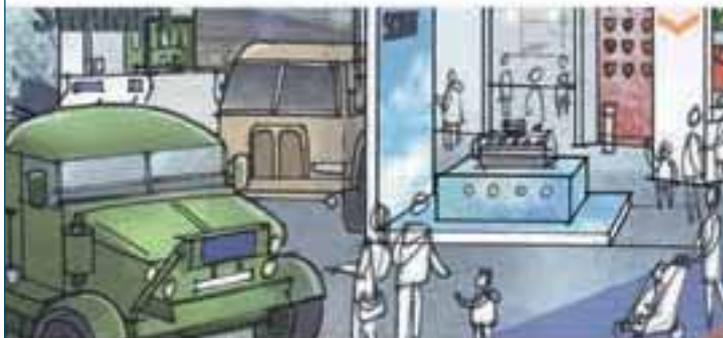
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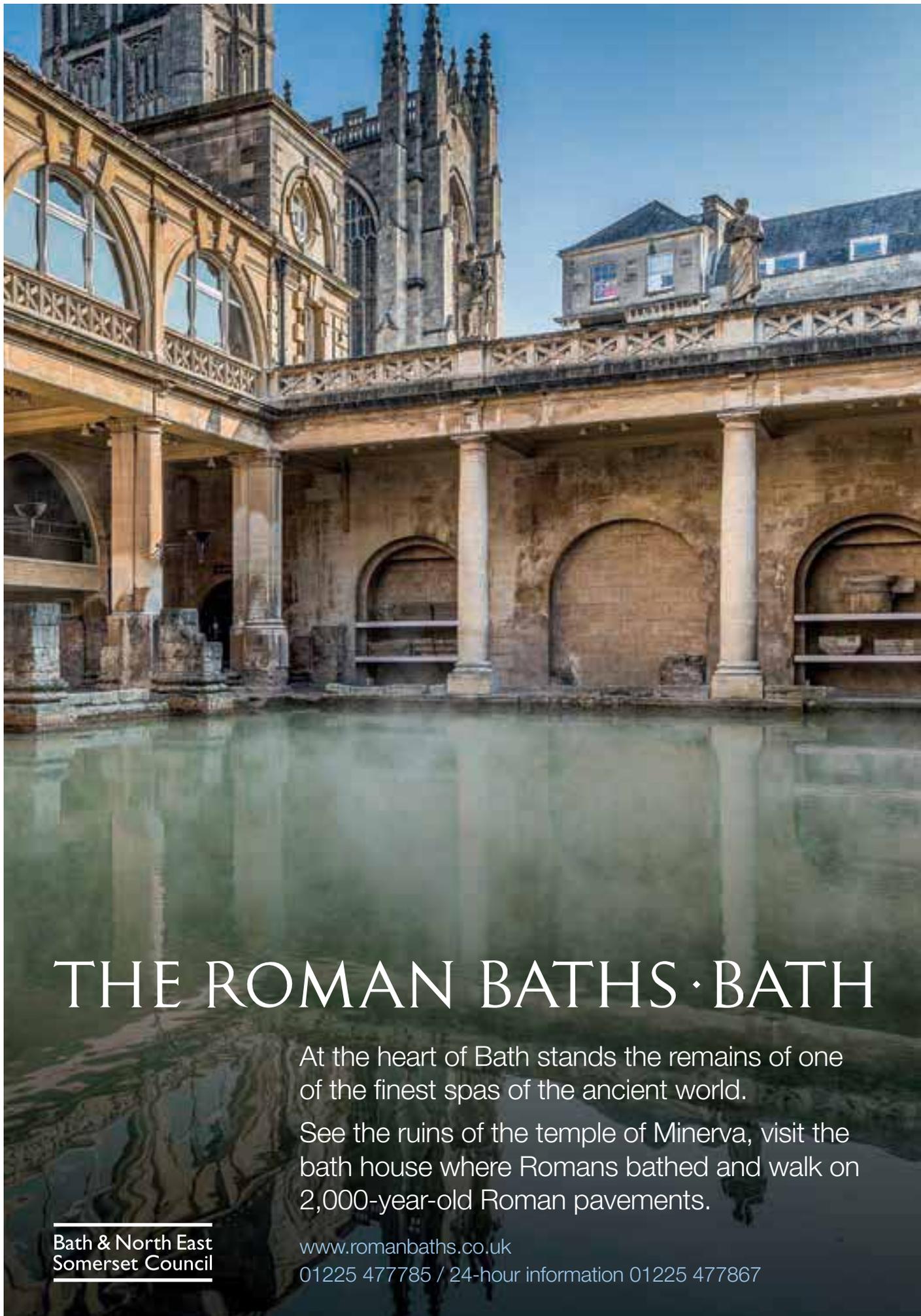


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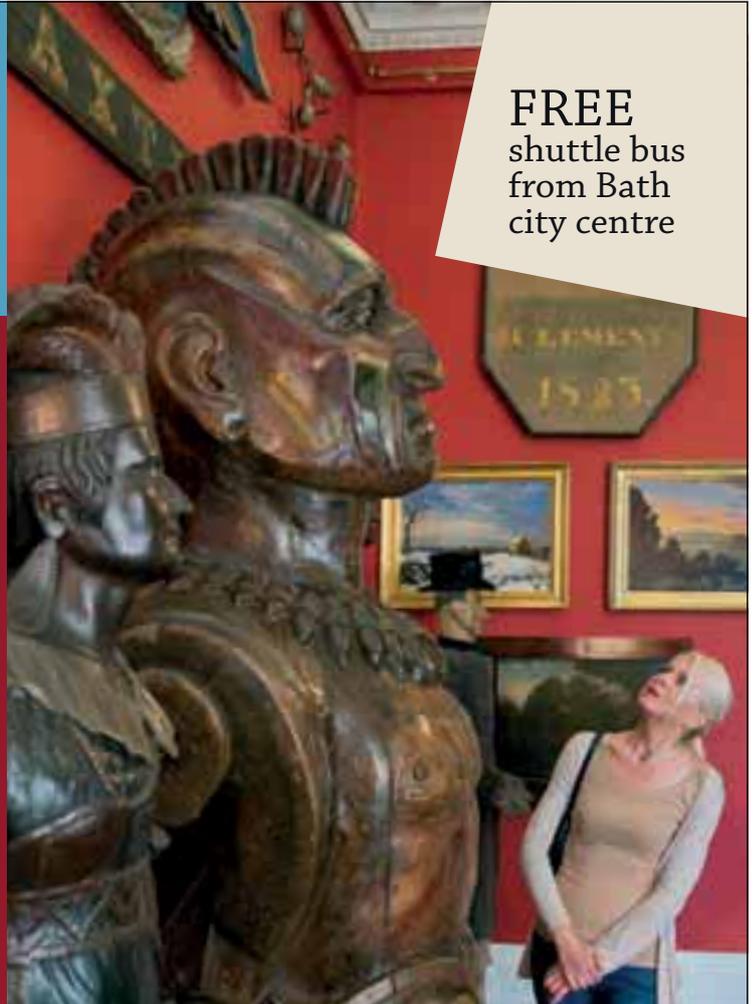
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Disabled Access

Wiltshire's countryside, towns and villages are there for all to enjoy, including disabled visitors and those with specific access needs. For detailed information on things to do, places to stay and ways to plan your visit to Wiltshire go to visitwiltshire.co.uk/plan-your-visit/disabled-access

Find the perfect place to stay

Plenty to choose from - Wiltshire has a fantastic range and variety of accommodation, including stylish hotels, comfortable bed & breakfasts, well-equipped self-catering cottages, friendly campsites and quirky alternative accommodation.

Special offers - Our accommodation providers pride themselves on offering excellent value for money with a range of discounts available year round. So keep an eye on the special offers section on our website to make sure you don't miss a bargain.

Quality you can trust - All accommodation providers featured in this guide are partners of VisitWiltshire. All have been quality assessed by, or have applied for a rating from, one of the national bodies or one of their recognised agencies, or are part of one of the local schemes listed below.

What the ratings mean



Quality in Tourism and the AA now rate guest/serviced accommodation to the same criteria, awarding one to five stars in each of the categories



(or one to five pennants for holiday, touring, and camping parks and holiday villages in the case of the AA).

These ratings reflect the overall quality of the experience. Places that 'go the extra mile' may achieve a Gold or Silver Award (Quality in Tourism) or, in the case of the AA, Red, Yellow, Gold or Silver Stars. Please be aware that ratings may change throughout the year.

The **Wiltshire Approved Accommodation Scheme** is a stepping stone towards the National Quality Assurance Standards. It is delivered in partnership with VisitEngland and, while accommodation providers meeting the standard will not yet be participating in the national scheme, they will be demonstrating their commitment to quality improvements. A qualified assessor will have inspected properties against a standard, indicating they are legal, safe and clean.

Accommodation providers listed under **Alternative Accommodation** have been quality assessed, but not star rated due to the individuality of this category. It covers accommodation such as campervans, wigwams, tipis, yurts, and accommodation that cannot provide facilities or services associated with mainstream accommodation.

VisitWiltshire Accommodation Charter - The VisitWiltshire Accommodation Charter is not a quality rating, but indicates businesses that have signed with VisitWiltshire to agree to provide clean, safe and legal accommodation.

Pricing and meal arrangements - Unless otherwise stated, hotel and guest accommodation prices are per room, per night including breakfast; self-catering prices are per week. Breakfast is not usually included at self-catering, camping or caravanning establishments.

Please be aware that prices listed within this publication are the starting prices for each establishment and may vary according to the type of room, the day of the week, or the time of the year.

Meeting your requirements - Please read accommodation descriptions carefully, cross-checking symbols against the key on page 64. Remember to confirm the price, facilities and cancellation policy at the time of booking.

How to find your accommodation - Accommodation within this guide has been grouped according to location (eg Corsham, Lacock and Villages). Within each location, establishments are grouped by accommodation type (ie hotels, guest accommodation, self-catering, camping and caravanning). Within each of these accommodation types, providers are listed alphabetically by town or village and then by establishment name. Standard accommodation entries have a map reference which cross-refers to the map on page 65.

Find out more - For further details on quality assessments visit our website: visitwiltshire.co.uk/accommodation/grading-information

Details of businesses included in this guide are based on information supplied by them at the time of going to press. Whilst every effort has been made to ensure accuracy, VisitWiltshire can accept no liability for any errors or omissions.

All attractions featured in this publication are members of the Wiltshire Association of Visitor Attractions.

Information Centres

For information before you travel, take a look at visitwiltshire.co.uk
For local information, please contact one of the Information Centres listed below.

Amesbury Community & Visitor Centre

2 Flower Court, Amesbury, SP4 7JE
Tel: 01980 622525

Bradford on Avon Tourist Information Centre

50 St Margaret's Street, Bradford on Avon, BA15 1DE
Tel: 01225 865797
Email: office@bradfordonavontowncouncil.gov.uk

Calne Visitor and Community Information Centre

Bank House, The Strand, Calne, SN11 0EN
Tel: 01249 814000 Email: calne@calne.gov.uk

Chippenham Customer Services

High Street, Chippenham, SN15 3ER
Tel: 01249 446699 Email: enquiries@chippenham.gov.uk

Corsham Area Information Centre

Arnold House, 31 High Street, Corsham, SN13 0EZ
Tel: 01249 714660 Email: info@visitcorshamarea.co.uk

Cricklade Visitor Information Point

Town Council Office, Ockwells, 113 High Street, Cricklade, SN6 6AE
Tel: 01793 751394 Email: admin@cricklade-tc.gov.uk

Devizes Visitor information is available at a number of locations in the town, including the Kennet & Avon Canal Museum and Wiltshire Museum.

Contact Devizes Tourism Partnership c/o Wiltshire Museum,
41 Long Street, Devizes, SN10 1NS
Tel: 01380 800400 Email: tourism@devizes.org.uk
Accommodation Booking Line: 01380 620660

Malmesbury Tourist Information Centre

Town Hall, Cross Hayes, Malmesbury, SN16 9BZ
Tel: 01666 823748 Email: tic@malmesbury.gov.uk

Marlborough Town Council

5 High Street, Marlborough, Wiltshire, SN8 1AA
Tel: 01672 512487
Email: enquiries@marlborough-tc.gov.uk

Melksham Tourist Information Centre

Church Street, Melksham, SN12 6LS
Tel: 01225 707424 Email: info@visit-melksham.com

Salisbury Information Centre

Fish Row, Salisbury, SP1 1EJ
Tel: 01722 342860 Email: info@salburycitycouncil.gov.uk

Tisbury Information Centre

The Old Reading Room, High Street, Tisbury, SP3 6LD
Tel: 07444 834376 Email: tisburyipc@gmail.com

Trowbridge Information Centre

The Civic Centre, St Stephen's Place, Trowbridge, BA14 8AH
Tel: 01225 765072 (Option 3) Email: tic@trowbridge.gov.uk

Warminster Community Hub

Central Car Park, Off Station Road, Warminster, BA12 9BT
Tel: 01985 218548 Email: visitwarminster@btconnect.com

Westbury Visitor Centre

1 High Street, Westbury, BA13 3BN
Tel: 01373 825784 Email: info@westburyvisitorcentre.co.uk

KEY

to symbols used in this guide

-  Quality in Tourism
-  Quality in Tourism Gold Award
-  Quality in Tourism Silver Award
-  VisitEngland Rose Award
-  Quality in Tourism Walkers Welcome
-  Quality in Tourism Cyclists Welcome
-  Quality in Tourism Families Welcome
-  Quality in Tourism Pets Welcome
-  The AA
-  AA Silver Stars Award
-  AA Highly Commended Award Hotels
-  AA Highly Commended Award Guest Accommodation
-  EnjoyEngland Breakfast Award
-  AA Dining Rosette
-  Green Tourism Award
-  Welcome to Excellence
-  World Host

Key to Room Types and Abbreviations in this Guide

- D** – Double
- F** – Family
- K** – King
- S** – Single
- Su** – Superior
- T** – Twin
- Tr** – Triple

General Information



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Cranborne Chase & West Wiltshire Downs

Key to Accommodation Symbols

If a facility is of particular importance to you (eg cot, evening meals, credit cards) please confirm availability with the establishment at the time of booking.

-  Ground floor rooms available
-  Non-smoking throughout
-  Designated smoking bedrooms available
-  Tea/coffee making facilities in bedrooms
-  Television in bedrooms
-  Garden
-  Licensed
-  Evening meals provided by prior arrangement
-  Special diets catered for by prior arrangement
-  Children welcome (gives minimum age of children accepted)
-  Cot available
-  High chair available
-  Cyclists welcome
-  Walkers welcome
-  Dogs accepted by prior arrangement
-  Hairdryer available
-  Passenger lift
-  Off-road parking (gives number of spaces available)
-  Credit cards accepted
-  Gym
-  Swimming pool
-  Wireless internet access (WiFi)
-  Wedding venue
-  Mobility Level 1
-  Mobility Level 2
-  Mobility Level 3
-  Mobility Level 4

Additional Self-catering, Camping and Caravan Symbols

-  Electric cooker
-  Gas cooker
-  Free linen provided
-  Washing machine
-  Tumble-dryer
-  Freezer
-  Microwave
-  Shower
-  BBQ
-  Electric hook-ups
-  Gas/electricity by meter
-  Shop on site

Additional Wedding Symbols

-  Civil marriage licence (gives maximum capacity)
-  Buffet (gives maximum capacity)
-  Sit down meal (gives maximum capacity)
-  Wedding planner
-  Gardens
-  On-site accommodation (gives number of rooms)
-  Helicopter pad
-  Exclusive use (gives maximum capacity)
-  Evening reception (gives maximum capacity)

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Experience *by rail!*

Leave your car at home and stay in one of the market towns along the TransWilts route – Chippenham or Trowbridge, Melksham or Warminster, or in the historic city of Salisbury.

Wiltshire's railway network links 13 stations in the county with fast, frequent train services every day of the week. Trains run until mid-evening on all lines.

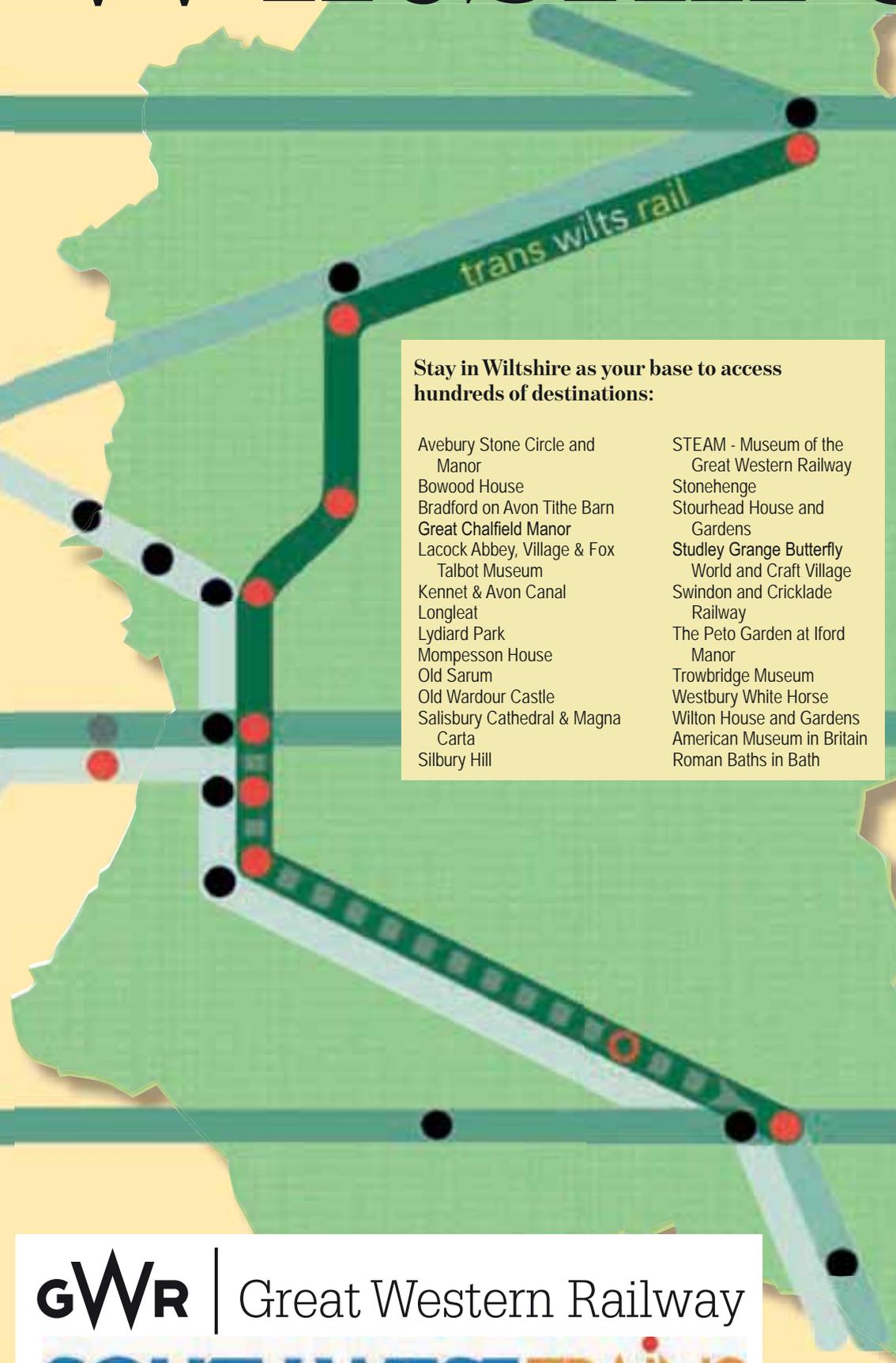
There's no need to book ahead – simply turn up and travel. Ask for a "Freedom of Severn and Solent" - either 8 days in 15, or 3 days in 7. Train tickets can be bought at the stations for single trips or day returns, or you can buy Rovers that give you unlimited train travel within an area for one day or longer. A Rover covers the whole TransWilts line, train services in Wiltshire and connects to a wide area beyond, including Bath and the Solent coast.

Use the freedom of a Rover for your next holiday in Wiltshire for less than £10 a day!



For more information about Wiltshire rail routes and stations, visit TransWilts at <http://transwilts.org/tw/routes> where you can also book Rovers in advance online by clicking on the "Freedom of Severn and Solent" ticket link.

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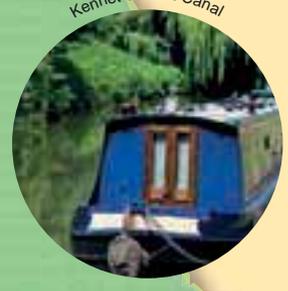


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Bowood House	Stonehenge
Bradford on Avon Tithe Barn	Stourhead House and Gardens
Great Chalfield Manor	Studley Grange Butterfly World and Craft Village
Lacock Abbey, Village & Fox Talbot Museum	Swindon and Cricklade Railway
Kennet & Avon Canal	The Peto Garden at Iford Manor
Longleat	Trowbridge Museum
Lydiard Park	Westbury White Horse
Mompesson House	Wilton House and Gardens
Old Sarum	American Museum in Britain
Old Wardour Castle	Roman Baths in Bath
Salisbury Cathedral & Magna Carta	
Silbury Hill	



STEAM Museum, Swindon



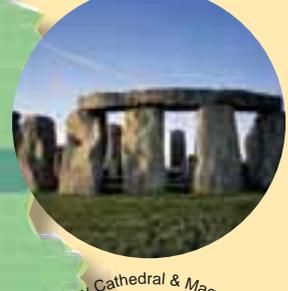
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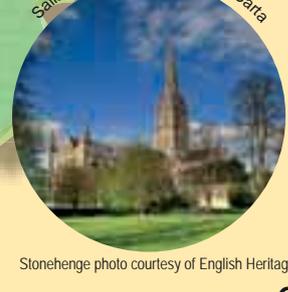
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