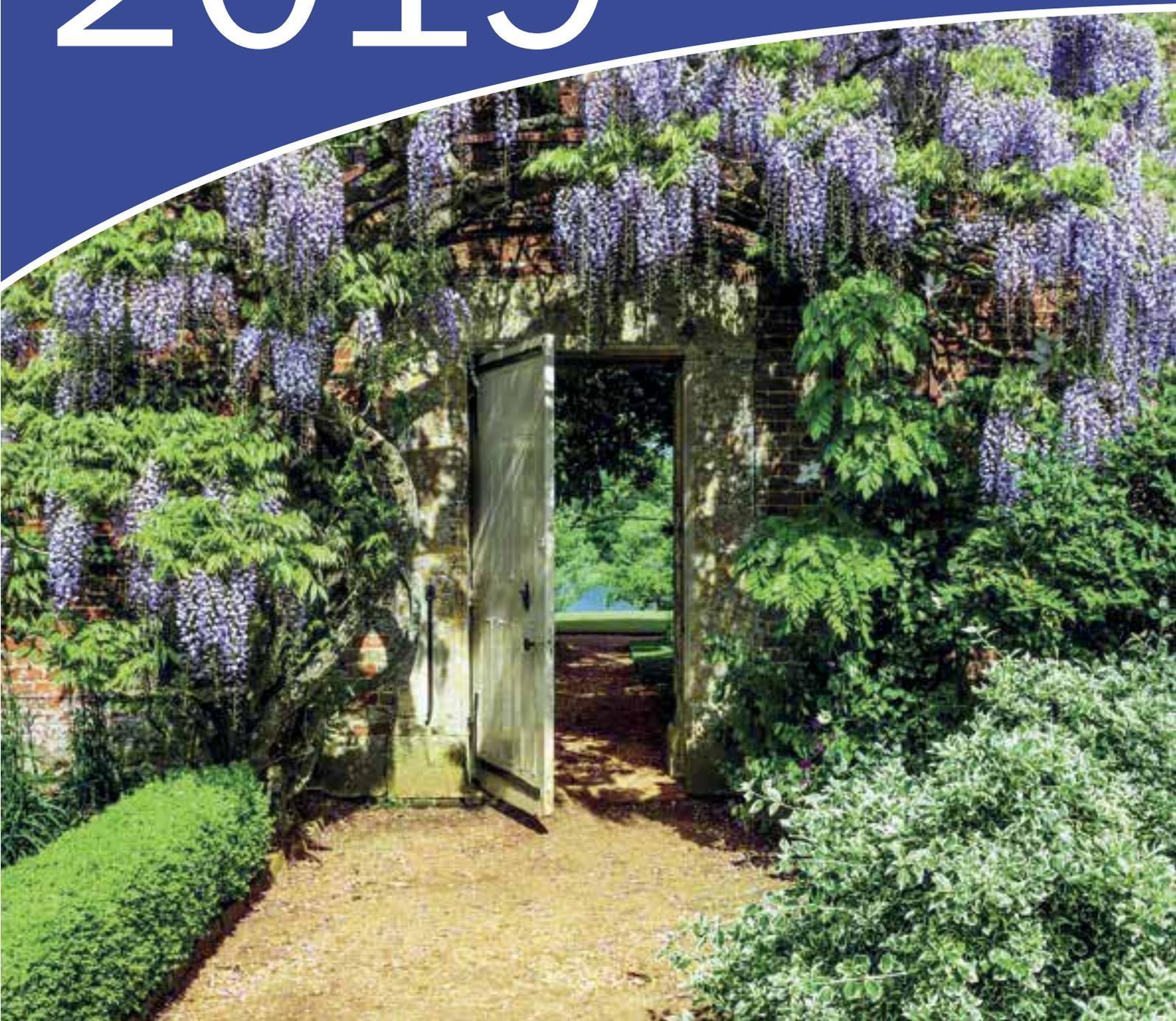


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# WILTSHIRE

# 2019

Visitor Guide



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# WILTSHIRE

## Welcome to timeless!

Nowhere else in England has such a concentration of fascinating iconic sites as Wiltshire. For thousands of years, travellers have been in awe of their grandeur and magic.

Now there is a new way to explore them and experience that same sense of wonder for yourself: by following the **Great West Way**. In total, this unique new touring route stretches for 125 miles from London to Bristol. Of which around a quarter runs through the breathtaking landscape of Wiltshire. Along ancient routes once used by druids, pilgrims and drovers. Over rolling chalk hills. Along lush river valleys. Past picturesque towns and villages. Amid ancient woodland. Designed for self-guided travel, whether solo or with friends and family, the Great West Way is for those who enjoy the journey. Who delight in the smaller, simpler, special things, as well as the big adventures. Turn to pages 8-11 of this Guide to find out more.



Wiltshire is timeless wonders, timeless places, timeless pleasures and timeless nature. Morning mists curling round Avebury's stone circles and shadows in the cloisters at Salisbury Cathedral. Grand historic houses nestling in 'Capability' Brown parkland and museums bursting with exhibits of national importance. Delicious local produce sourced from farmers' markets and authentic festivals and events. Big skies, undulating downland and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

When life's been moving a bit too fast, pause for a moment. Take a deep breath. Stop and look around you. Wiltshire has been calming and inspiring visitors for generations. A weekend (or longer!) here will help put back what the everyday takes out.

Visit Wiltshire. Discover Timeless. You'll be here in no time.

> Stonehenge



> Salisbury Cathedral

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# WHY I love Wiltshire

## Travel writer Helen Ochyra explains why her home county of Wiltshire is her favourite place.

My favourite English sight is not what you might expect. If I tell you it's in Wiltshire, my home county, you might not be surprised. But then you're probably thinking it must be Stonehenge – that iconic circle of ancient stone that stands in testament to prehistoric man's ingenuity. Or perhaps that it would be Salisbury Cathedral, its slender stone spire reaching higher into the English sky than any other.

No, my favourite sight in England is a beer delivery vehicle. But this is no lorry, no truck speeding along our country's modern roads. This is a brightly painted wooden wagon, its navy blue sides and jaunty red wheels pulled along by two gorgeous Shire horses, their dark manes shining, their snow-white feet clip-clopping through the ancient Market Place. Every weekday these handsome beasts bring freshly brewed ale from the brewery to the traditional pubs and inns around the market town of Devizes. You can hear them coming from at least a street away, and every time people – even the locals held up in traffic – stop to admire these famous Wiltshire residents.

This is the joy of Wiltshire. On your first visit you might stand in the middle of Stonehenge circle as dawn lights the sky around you and a new day begins at the county's most famous attraction. But second visits – and 20<sup>th</sup> visits – allow time for the lesser known, and this is when Wiltshire works its magic. When you find those things you never would have expected.

One might be Silbury Hill. This ancient mound the size of an Egyptian pyramid stands tall amid the ancient landscape of Avebury, seemingly saluting me as I return home along country roads. Nobody knows why it was built, or exactly when, but what I do know is that it must have been important – owners English Heritage are fiercely protective of the hill and no climbing is permitted.

No matter. I prefer instead to delve into the landscape itself, ducking behind the vast slab-like sarsen stones that guard the entrance to West Kennet Long Barrow, a Neolithic tomb atop a chalky ridge half a mile or so from Silbury Hill. This is one of England's largest and most accessible Neolithic chambered tombs and stooping to enter you can walk more than 10 metres into it,

the years peeling back with each and every step – as far back as 3650BC, when the barrow was most likely built.

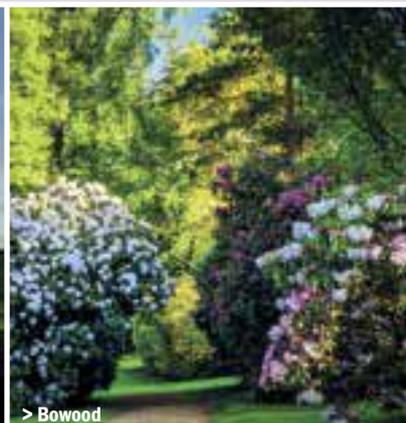
From the top of this chalk ridge the farmers' fields run in gold and green down into the UNESCO World Heritage Listed site at Avebury. This is Wiltshire's "other" stone circle and I have taken it to heart far more than I ever could with Stonehenge. Here the stones are free to access, and you are free to touch them – hug them if you want to – as you stroll around a circle far larger than its more famous sibling down the road and, for me at least, far more atmospheric. Here a village stands amid the stones and a pub, the Red Lion, serves local ales beneath a traditional thatched roof. You can visit as early or as late in the day as you want to and in winter might see the whole thing covered in snow, a truly arresting sight.

Nature is never far from view in Wiltshire and the county is home to several Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty. My favourite is the Cotswolds, where crumbling dry stone walls run between jade and emerald fields and ancient churches stand sentry over sleepy villages cast in honey-coloured Bath stone. The prettiest is Castle Combe, a village so tiny and so immaculate that cars simply had to be banned. Now visitors must take it in solely on foot, strolling between the cottages and buying homemade cakes and home grown flowers from the locals as the church bells toll in the background.

Close by is Bowood Estate, where I love to choose my favourite, fleeting, rhododendron colour in the Woodland Garden every spring, and have happy childhood memories of clambering over and onto a pirate ship, in the best children's adventure playground I have yet to discover anywhere.

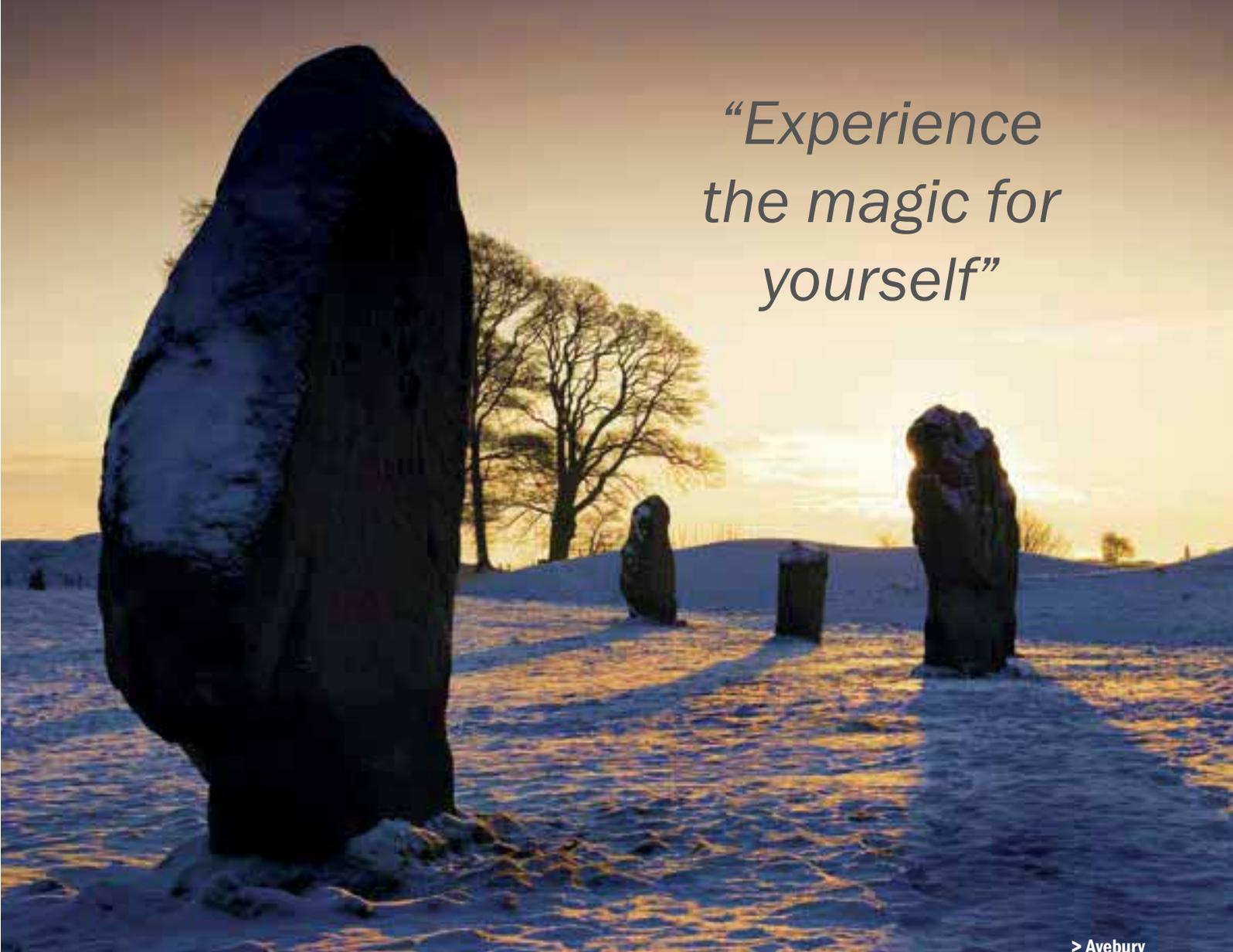
I remember, too, walks with my family through the postcard-perfect formal gardens at Stourhead. And climbing up next to Westbury white horse, standing beside the brilliant white beast carved into the chalky escarpment of Salisbury Plain. In Salisbury I remember walks across the water meadows, the cathedral's spire piercing the blue sky above, and proper Sunday roasts with my grandparents in ancient pubs like the Haunch of Venison – home to many a ghost story too.

There is a lot to love about Wiltshire, but my first love will always be Devizes, where those Shire horses still make me stop and stand awhile every time I hear them. The pace of modern life is hectic but there is always time to come home. There is always time for Wiltshire.



> Silbury Hill





*“Experience  
the magic for  
yourself”*

> Avebury

# ONE SUPERLATIVE after another

In 2020 it will be 800 years since the foundation stones of **Salisbury Cathedral** were laid. Largely completed by 1258, this magnificent example of Early English Gothic architecture is home to several incomparable features. The tallest spire in Britain. Britain's largest close and cloisters. The world's oldest working clock. As if these were not sufficient claims to fame, the cathedral's glorious Chapter House houses the finest of only four original **Magna Carta** manuscripts. Still surviving over 800 years after being sealed by King John in the year 1215. For a unique and unforgettable experience – and stunning panoramic views – take a Tower Tour up narrow spiral stairs to the foot of the spire, 225 feet (over 68 metres) above ground.

Superlatives abound at **Stonehenge** and **Avebury** too. Two inimitable stone circles. At the heart of one outstanding **World Heritage Site**. Stonehenge is the world's most famous prehistoric

monument; the only hinged stone circle to feature lintels across some of its stones. Avebury, though less well known, is the largest megalithic stone circle in the world, and the only one to have a village built within it. Together they have a magnetism that continues to draw people to them after thousands of years.

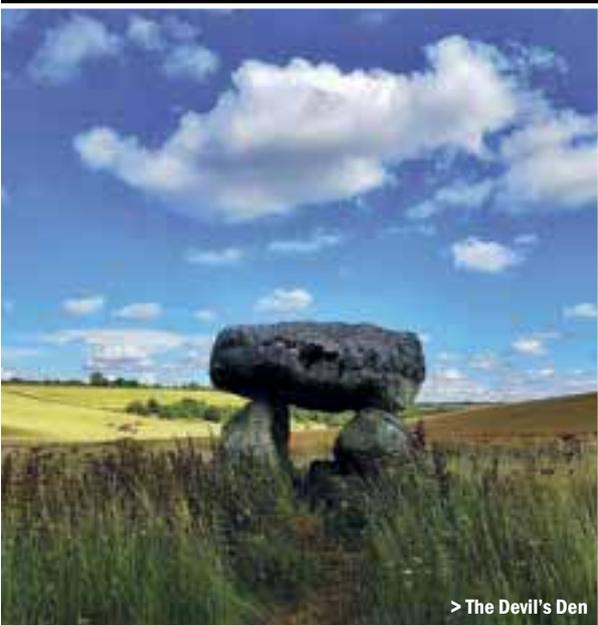
If you stand on Salisbury Plain at sunrise or sunset, it's easy to see why the ancient Britons believed **Stonehenge** was special. Among its many unique features is its orientation on the rising and setting sun, although why it was built in this way remains a mystery to this day. **Stonehenge visitor centre** brings its story to life through outstanding exhibition galleries, a 360° audio-visual presentation and replicas of Neolithic houses, built from authentic materials. Understandably it's a popular place, so entry is by timed ticket and pre-booking is strongly recommended – you can do this easily at [visitwiltshire.co.uk/shop](http://visitwiltshire.co.uk/shop)



> Salisbury Cathedral



> Neolithic Houses, Stonehenge Visitor Centre



> The Devil's Den



> Westbury White Horse

Arrive at **Avebury** on a misty autumnal morning, or in the depths of winter when a sprinkling of snow dusts the ground, and you'll instantly understand the appeal this sacred place held for our ancestors. Here, no less than three stone circles and part of the village shelter within the massive outer bank and ditch. Stroll among the stones. Touch them, if you will. Try your hand at dowsing for ley lines. Then complete your Avebury experience with visits to Avebury Manor and the Alexander Keiller Museum.

Dotted across the wider landscape of the World Heritage Site are other monuments too, some of them older than the stone circles themselves. Near Avebury you'll find **Silbury Hill**, the largest artificial mound in Europe, **West Kennet Long Barrow**, one of Britain's largest Stone Age burial sites, and the 'dolmen' burial chamber of **The Devil's Den**. Not far from Stonehenge are the Bronze Age burial mounds at **King Barrow Ridge**, the site of a Neolithic settlement and henge at **Durrington Walls**, and earthworks including **The Cursus** and **The Avenue**.

**The Stonehenge Tour** makes a convenient way to explore several of Wiltshire's timeless wonders. Picking up from Salisbury railway station and the city centre, it runs via Old Sarum to Stonehenge, before returning via Salisbury Cathedral.

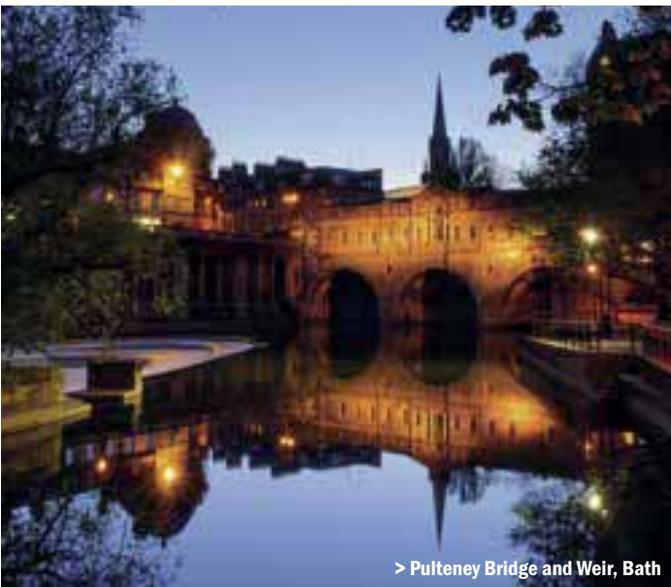
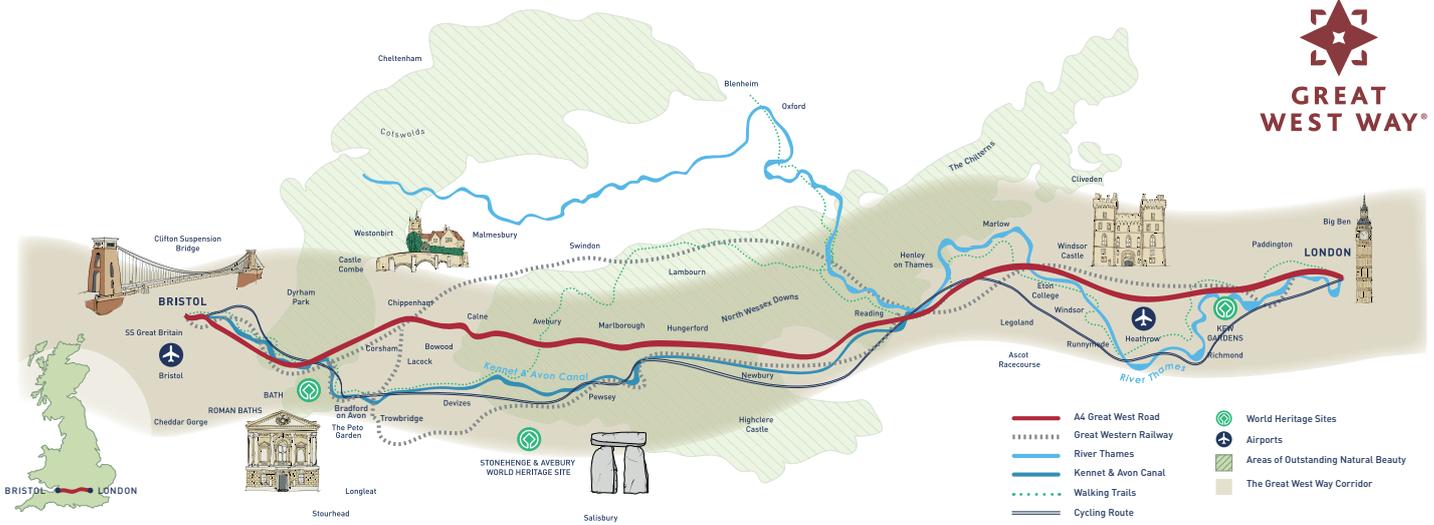
Among Wiltshire's other iconic views are its **White Horses** carved into the rolling chalk downs. Of the original thirteen, eight can still be seen today. At Westbury, while the white horse we see today

dates from 1778, local records suggest that it replaced an even earlier one carved in the late 1600s. Either way it's the county's oldest. The most recent, at Devizes, dates from 1999 and was cut into Roundway Hill to mark the millennium. For further inspiration, view our white horse film here: [visitwiltshire.co.uk/videos](http://visitwiltshire.co.uk/videos)

Wiltshire's World Heritage Site and other timeless wonders are within easy reach of all accommodation in this guide and an overnight visit is highly recommended. For a wide range of places to stay go to [visitwiltshire.co.uk/accommodation](http://visitwiltshire.co.uk/accommodation)

*“Origins and meaning lost in the mists of time”*

# Great West Way®



> Pulteney Bridge and Weir, Bath



> Bowood

## Allow us to introduce you to the Great West Way...

A new 125-mile touring route, based on one of the first Great Roads commissioned by the Kings of England. A route combining the world-renowned with the yet-to-be-discovered. Where timeless icons rub shoulders with everyday England.

At one end of the Great West Way is **London**, with its famous royal sights and rich cultural heritage. At the other, **Bath** and **Bristol** – close neighbours geographically, yes, but with very different personalities. Elegant Bath is renowned for its classical Georgian architecture and romantic literary connections. While Bristol is a riot of alternative art, music and dining experiences. In between lie relaxing riverside towns, lush green landscapes, and characterful villages.

There's so much more to the Great West Way than simply getting from A to B. The Great West Way is for travellers who want to explore further and delve deeper. Those who relish the journey. The curious, for whom the colourful characters they chance upon are as fascinating as the places they visit.

There are many ways to experience the Great West Way. But whether you choose to travel by road, rail or water, on two feet or two wheels, base yourself in one place for a while or move on every day, you can create your own itinerary and write your own story. Take the direct route and the Great West Way runs for 125 miles... add in all the tempting trails and off-the-beaten-track detours and there are 500 miles or more to explore. As you follow its twists and turns, along paths taken by generations of travellers, you'll encounter the very essence of England.

Along the Great West Way you'll find three breathtaking Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty – the **Chilterns**, the **Cotswolds** and the **North Wessex Downs** – as well as the UNESCO World Heritage Sites of **Stonehenge and Avebury**, **Kew Gardens** and **Bath**.

You can stand on the site of the sealing of **Magna Carta** at Runnymede. Watch the Changing of the Guard at **Windsor Castle**. Or relax and unwind on an indulgent spa day at **Thames Lido**. Lose yourself in the UK's oldest surviving hedge maze at **Hampton Court Palace**. Witness **Hungerford's** traditional 'Tutti Day' celebrations on the second Tuesday after Easter. Or join the party at **Henley Festival**.

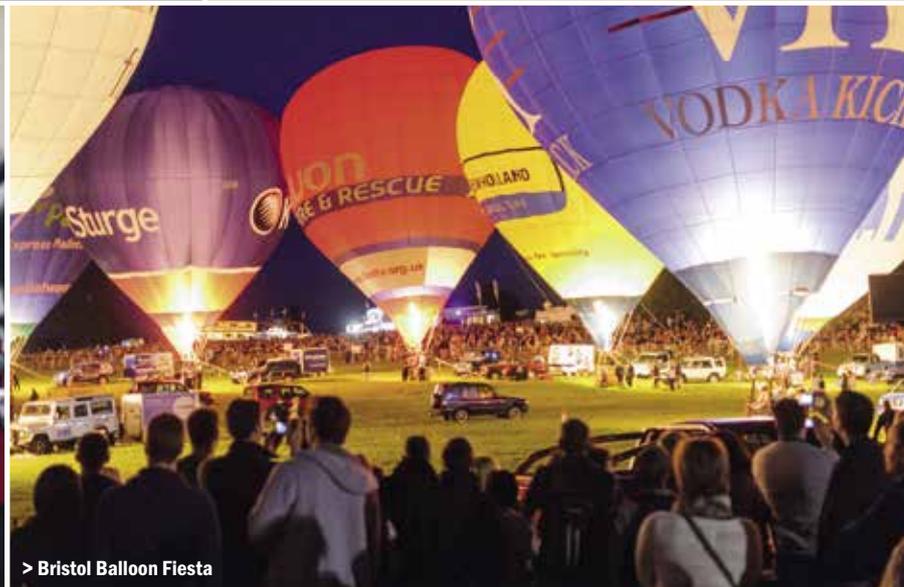
# “Embrace the unknown. Say ‘yes’ to unexpected diversions”

> Henley on Thames



> Hampton Court Palace

> Changing the Guard  
at Windsor Castle



> Bristol Balloon Fiesta

You can sample award-winning real ale at **West Berkshire Brewery**. Seek out exclusive fashion and lifestyle stores at **Parkway Shopping** in **Newbury**. Or soak in the UK's only natural hot springs at **Thermae Bath Spa**. Pootle along the **Kennet & Avon Canal** on your very own narrowboat. Search for artwork by anonymous street artist, Banksy, in **Bristol**. Or go behind the scenes at Highclere Castle (the real-life Downton Abbey).

The Great West Way offers an extraordinary variety of English experiences. A combination not found in any other part of the country. If you're on a tight schedule, it makes for a wonderful day trip. But for those with more time to spare, a short break or longer adventure will allow you to immerse yourself more thoroughly in local life. Even your choice of accommodation can be an integral part of the Great West Way experience. Quirky glamping sites, pretty country B&Bs, cool city hotels... even castles and stately homes.

The Great West Way is easy to join and easy to follow. It passes by both Heathrow and Bristol airports. It's accessible for visitors travelling from the Channel ports or already based in London. It will take you to places you've always dreamed of visiting, and secret spots that even some locals have still to discover.

So go in search of the real England. Go to **GreatWestWay.co.uk** and discover your way.

To make the most of your Great West Way adventure, choose the **Great West Way Discoverer** ticket, offering unlimited off-peak train travel from London Paddington or London Waterloo to Bristol Temple Meads, via the Reading and/or Basingstoke routes, with options to branch off towards Oxford and Kemble. Plus unlimited travel on bus services along the route. One-day, three-day and week-long options are available, with prices from just £24 per person. Available from January 2019 - for further details and to book go to **gwr.com**

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# WILTSHIRE on the

> Kayaking  
on the River Avon



> Malmesbury



> Whatley Manor Hotel and Spa

> Castle Combe



## One quarter of the Great West Way runs through the beautiful county of Wiltshire.

Along routes that brought druids to Stonehenge. Drovers to market. Pilgrims to Salisbury Cathedral. Across rolling hillsides in the **North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty**, and past white horse carvings that have watched over the **Vale of Pewsey** for generations.

The Great West Way is all about finding your own way. By all means tick off those celebrated icons you've always dreamed of seeing. But allow for spontaneity too. In Wiltshire, as with anywhere along the Great West Way, you are never more than a few minutes from an extraordinary attraction or an authentic experience. Ancient or modern. Town or country. There is no right or wrong place to start your journey. Just pick somewhere you like the sound of, and see where the Great West Way leads you.

**Stonehenge** and **Avebury** may well feature on your wish list. If you can, visit at dawn or dusk to fully appreciate the magnetism that has drawn people to these mysterious sites over thousands of years.

Take time, too, to discover the other monuments that make up this outstanding **World Heritage Site**. Some of them older than the stone circles themselves. Edge your way inside the Neolithic tomb at **West Kennet Long Barrow** perhaps (torches recommended). Or gaze across fields at the enigmatic mound of **Silbury Hill**.

Many of Wiltshire's timeless towns and villages are within easy reach of the Great West Way. Discover **Corsham**, familiar to many as Truro from BBC's *Poldark*. Explore hilltop **Malmesbury**, England's oldest borough. Stroll along the high street in the handsome former staging post of **Marlborough**. Or visit the heritage quarter in **Caine** to learn of its colourful past. Wander through the stunning National Trust village of Lacock. Marvel at **Bradford on Avon's** 14th century tithe barn. Seek out the rich heritage of Georgian houses in **Devizes**. Or the wealth of historic buildings in **Chippenham**. **Trowbridge**, Wiltshire's county town, is renowned for its unique industrial architecture; **Swindon** for its entertainment and leisure opportunities.

# Great West Way®



> West Kennet Long Barrow



> Caen Hill Locks



> Corsham



> Wadworth Brewery

The industrial revolution left a rich legacy in Wiltshire. Not least the **Kennet & Avon Canal**. Walk or cycle the towpath. Take to the water with a kayak or paddleboard. Or relax aboard a traditional narrowboat. Back on dry land you can meet the mighty Shire horses and see sign writers at work on a tour of **Wadworth Brewery** in Devizes. Uncover fascinating industrial archaeology at Wilton Windmill and Crofton Beam Engines near Marlborough. Or search for bargains in over 100 top-name stores at **McArthurGlen Designer Outlet Swindon**, housed in the beautifully renovated Grade II listed buildings of Brunel's former railway works.

Much of the Great West Way's appeal lies in its enormous variety. Stroll around 'Capability' Brown parkland at **Bowood House and Gardens**, the magnificent family home of the Marquis and Marchioness of Lansdowne. Channel your inner racing driver on a lap of Castle Combe Circuit. Or see how many incredible animals you can spot on a six-and-a-half-mile drive-through experience at **Longleat**, the UK's original safari park.

With beer gardens for summer and log fires in winter, an authentic English pub experience is hard to beat. So settle down at one of Wiltshire's many traditional inns. If your Great West Way adventure

includes an overnight stay, you can climb aboard a traditional narrowboat and let the lapping waters soothe you to sleep. Enjoy home-from-home hospitality in a friendly B&B. Live the rural dream on a farm stay. Or sign up for some serious pampering at a top notch establishment such as **Whatley Manor Hotel and Spa**, a grown-up getaway in the heart of the Cotswolds.

Rail connections are excellent, linking Wiltshire with London's Paddington and Waterloo stations at one end, Bristol and Bath at the other. Within 90 minutes, or less, of leaving the capital you can find yourself here, enjoying authentic English experiences.

Uncover Wiltshire's secrets.  
Discover an essential strand of England's story.  
Go to **GreatWestWay.co.uk**

*"It's England undiluted.  
England concentrated."*

# SALISBURY

Ancient... modern... timeless

*“A quintessentially  
English city”*

> Salisbury Cathedral



> Old Sarum

## In Salisbury, medieval magnificence and contemporary culture have come together to create an unbeatable destination for day trips and short breaks alike.

Breathtaking 13<sup>th</sup> century **Salisbury Cathedral** is the city's most iconic landmark. It stands at the heart of the largest cathedral close in Britain, whose 80 magnificent acres are bounded by massive stone walls. The Close is an oasis of calm in the midst of the city. Heavy wooden gates, still locked at 11pm every evening, are the only way in. As you venture over the threshold, it's like stepping back in time.

The Cathedral is not the only attraction located within the Close. You can discover finds from Stonehenge at **The Salisbury Museum**. Relive scenes from *Sense and Sensibility* at the National Trust's **Mompesson House**. Browse the diverse collections at **Arundells**, former home of Sir Edward Heath. Or delve into the history of two local regiments at **The Rifles Berkshire & Wiltshire Museum**. Nearby, in the city centre, you can admire the magnificent Doom Painting in the **Parish Church of St Thomas**. On the northern outskirts of the city you'll find **Old Sarum**, the original site of Salisbury. While **Boscombe Down Aviation Collection**, **Salisbury Racecourse** and **Stonehenge** are also on your doorstep.

Brimming with character and charm, the historic heart of Salisbury has retained its medieval 'chequered' layout, along with many of the original street names. Keep an eye out for Fish Row, Cross Keys Chequer and Silver Street, among others, and don't forget to look up, as some of the most interesting architectural details are to be found at first floor level and above.

From family-friendly brasseries to romantic tables-for-two, Salisbury's restaurants cater for all tastes, pockets and occasions. There are plenty of tempting tearooms and coffee shops to keep hunger at bay between meals. As well as cosy city pubs, and inns with a view of the river. One of the oldest hostelries is the 14<sup>th</sup> century **Haunch of Venison**, reputedly visited by Churchill and Eisenhower while planning the D-Day landings. Enjoy a pint at the pewter-topped bar – one of only six in the country – and take a peek at the former bread oven containing (so the tale goes) the mummified hand of an 18<sup>th</sup> century card sharp.

Shoppers can head for their favourite high street stores. Or seek out unique and individual items at an intriguing range of smaller independents. For hustle and bustle you can't beat a good market, and Salisbury is blessed with markets in abundance. Throughout the year the Market Place and Guildhall Square are home to artisan, teenage and vintage markets. Farmers' and Foodie Friday markets. Continental markets and the ever-popular Christmas Market. Tuesdays\* and Saturdays are particularly busy, thanks to the Charter Market which has been drawing people to the city for almost 800 years.

In 2018, Salisbury Playhouse, Salisbury Arts Centre and Salisbury International Arts Festival joined forces to become **Wiltshire Creative**. The result is an impressive pan-arts organisation covering music, dance, theatre, comedy, literature and more. After taking a break in 2018, the Arts Festival will be back in 2019 for two fabulous weeks at the end of May/beginning of June. Add to this the huge variety of events on offer at **City Hall**, and Salisbury provides top notch entertainment, all year round. Indeed, with so much going on throughout the day and into the early hours, Salisbury has been awarded Purple Flag status – the 'gold standard' for a great night out.



Salisbury makes an excellent base for discovering all that Wiltshire has to offer. With London Waterloo just 90 minutes away by train you'll be here in no time. So go to [visitsalisbury.co.uk](http://visitsalisbury.co.uk) for a comprehensive guide to the city and surrounding areas.

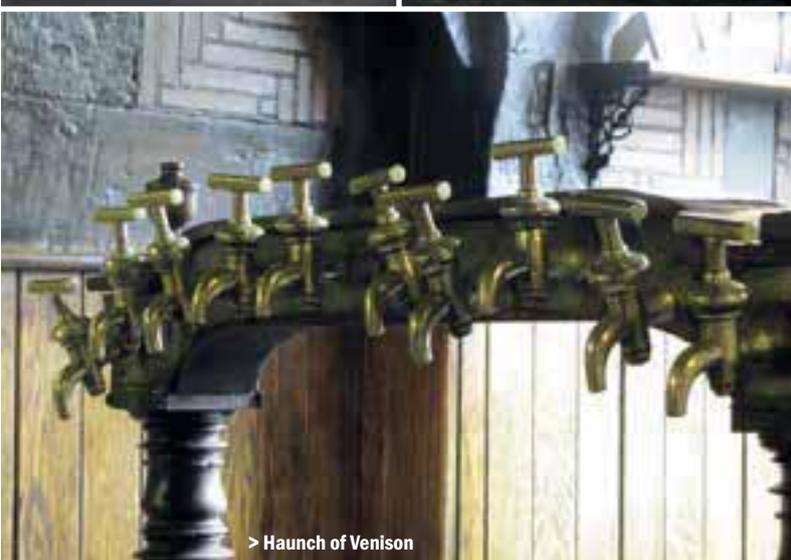
\*Except the third Tuesday in October



> High Street



> Salisbury International Arts Festival



> Haunch of Venison



> Christmas Market

# WILTSHIRE'S Towns and Villages

*The home of timeless experiences*

Wiltshire's historic towns and villages are friendly, relaxed and welcoming.

Each with something unique to offer. Stylish independent shops and colourful markets. Great entertainment. Fascinating history and heritage. Tempting pubs and restaurants. In all four corners of the county you'll find an excellent range of accommodation to suit all budgets. So come and spend time in Wiltshire: the England you love in one county.

## Amesbury

It's hard to imagine what life would have been like over 10,000 years ago. But Amesbury has a history dating back to 8,820BC. 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](http://www.amesburytowncouncil.gov.uk)



## Bradford on Avon ➡

This stunning town flanks both sides of the peaceful River Avon at the southern end of the Cotswolds, with the Kennet & Avon Canal also running through it. Steeped in history, it boasts spectacular medieval barns, Saxon and Norman churches, imposing mansions and a rich industrial heritage which means this town is definitely not one to be missed!

[www.exploreboa.co.uk](http://www.exploreboa.co.uk)



## Calne

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



## Castle Combe

The perfect 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 has much to recommend it. Modern shopping centres and a wealth of historic buildings. The Neeld Community and Arts Centre, Chippenham Museum, and Wiltshire & Swindon History Centre. John Coles Park and the River Avon, which forms a peaceful backdrop for walking and cycling. Lacock, Castle Combe and major attractions including Bowood are nearby. [www.chippenham.gov.uk](http://www.chippenham.gov.uk)



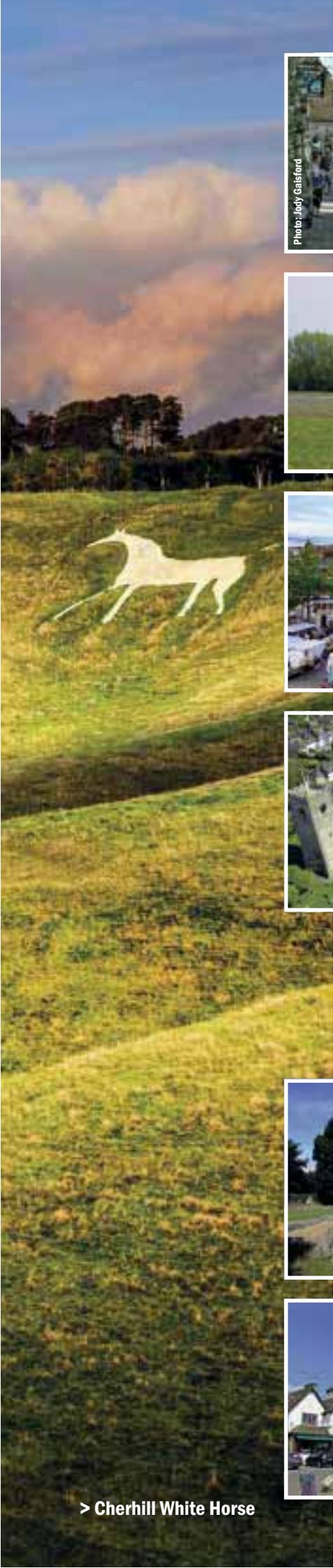


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## Corsham

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 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries, with the 350-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/visit](http://www.corsham.gov.uk/visit)



## Cricklade

Lying at the southern gateway to the Cotswold Water Park is the first town on the River Thames. 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 stroll around the Heritage Trail, explore the North Meadow Nature Reserve or walk parts of the Thames Path. [www.crickladetowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.crickladetowncouncil.gov.uk)



## Devizes

This historic market town has a colourful medieval past and a rich heritage of Georgian houses. The town has kept its character, with many small, family-run businesses and a 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](http://www.devizes-tc.gov.uk)



## Highworth

This ancient hilltop market town is situated on the edge of the Cotswolds, four miles from the River Thames. Described by John Betjeman as "...one of the most charming and unassuming country towns in the west of England" its claims to fame range from being a Cavalier stronghold during the civil war, to running the official ABBA fan club from a house in Sheep Street. [www.highworthtowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.highworthtowncouncil.gov.uk)

## Lacock

A stunning National Trust village. Here, 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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.ludgershall-tc.gov.uk](http://www.ludgershall-tc.gov.uk)



## Malmesbury

Reputedly the country's oldest borough, and one-time capital of England, this vibrant market town has much to discover. The stunning 12<sup>th</sup> century Abbey and Abbey House Gardens. Unique shops and a weekly market at the 15<sup>th</sup> century Market Cross. Walk along the River Avon. Visit cafés, restaurants, pubs and hotels. Enjoy music, history, arts and garden events. [www.discovermalmesbury.life](http://www.discovermalmesbury.life) [www.malmesbury.gov.uk](http://www.malmesbury.gov.uk)

## Marlborough

Set in beautiful countryside, this handsome former staging post has evolved into a stylish and cosmopolitan town with its own thriving café culture. 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.marlborough-tc.gov.uk](http://www.marlborough-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](http://www.melkshamtown.co.uk)



## Swindon ➡

Swindon is surrounded by some of England's finest countryside and attractions. Enriched with Victorian parks and gardens, STEAM museum, and an art gallery. Originally a small market town mentioned in the Domesday Book, the arrival of the GWR in 1840 saw the birth of an entire new town. Swindon is also home to Lydiard House, an elegant Palladian abode set in rolling parkland. [www.visitswindon.org.uk](http://www.visitswindon.org.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 all stand testament to the centuries of this town's existence. [www.tidworthtowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.tidworthtowncouncil.gov.uk)



## Tisbury ➡

The picturesque village of Tisbury has been a settlement for over 2,000 years. With a mainline railway station and an excellent choice of independent shops, it makes 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](http://www.tisbury-wiltshire-pc.gov.uk)





## Trowbridge ➡

Wiltshire's only Magna Carta Baron town. Unique industrial architecture showcases its rich past as a centre for woollen cloth production. Today it boasts 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 with mainline connections to Bath, Bristol and London. [www.trowbridge.gov.uk](http://www.trowbridge.gov.uk)



## Vale of Pewsey ➡

White horses, ancient downland and the Kennet & Avon Canal make this a great base for walking, cycling and riding. You'll find thatched cottages, peaceful villages and a choice of places to eat, drink and shop, as well as Pewsey Heritage Centre, Crofton Beam Engines and Wilton Windmill. Mainline railway stations at Great Bedwyn and Pewsey connect to London Paddington and the South West. [www.visitpewseyvale.co.uk](http://www.visitpewseyvale.co.uk)



## Warminster ➡

A busy, friendly market town with fine Georgian buildings and a variety of independent shops, cafés, restaurants and inns. Head to Lake Pleasure Grounds for tennis courts, a putting green and a boating lake, or enjoy Smallbrook Meadows Nature Reserve. Longleat and Stourhead are nearby, while excellent road, rail and bus links bring Bath and Salisbury within easy reach. [www.warminstercommunityhub.co.uk](http://www.warminstercommunityhub.co.uk)



## Westbury ➡

A Domesday-listed town on the edge of Salisbury Plain, beneath the famous White Horse. Follow our Blue Plaque Trail to see the medieval heart, a Victorian pool and 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](http://www.westburytowncouncil.gov.uk) [www.westburyvisitorcentre.co.uk](http://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 Wyle. 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](http://www.wiltontown.com)

# MAKING History

People have been drawn to Wiltshire since ancient times. Reaching back to the Stone Age and beyond, the county's archaeological inheritance is second to none. Our prehistoric henge monuments at Stonehenge and Avebury are renowned throughout the world. But they are only part of the story. Later civilisations have left their mark as well, bequeathing tangible links with the past.

> Old Wardour Castle

*“Here you can walk through time”*



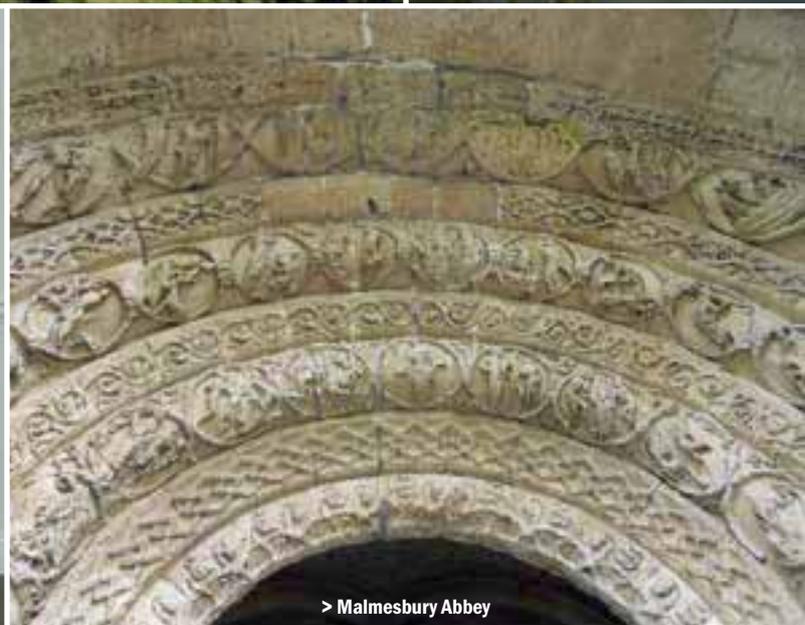
> Cley Hill



> Roman Baths



> Wiltshire Museum



> Malmesbury Abbey

Built for defence and characterised by enormous ditches and banks, Iron Age hillforts are a recurring feature of the Wiltshire landscape. These are the ideal places to connect with our ancestors. Visit at sunrise or sunset. Pause for a while on the ramparts. See how the atmosphere alters with the light and reflect on the generations who have stood in this very spot before you.

The best known can be found at **Old Sarum** on the northern outskirts of Salisbury. This massive earthwork began life as a Neolithic community some 5,000 years ago. Later, it evolved into an Iron Age hill fort. Subsequently inhabited by Romans, Saxons and Normans, it finally developed into a flourishing medieval settlement, the original city of Salisbury. Today you can see the ruins of a royal palace, a castle and no less than two earlier cathedrals. Other massive Iron Age hill forts can be found at Barbury Castle on the North Wessex Downs. Battlesbury Camp, one of the best preserved in the county. Bratton Castle, home to an even older Neolithic long barrow. Cley Hill, Britain's UFO capital, with hundreds of sightings since the mid-1960s. And Oldbury Castle, overlooking the Cherhill White Horse. For further inspiration, view our ancient hillforts film: [visitwiltshire.co.uk/videos](http://visitwiltshire.co.uk/videos)

Elsewhere, the legacy of the past continues. At **Ludgershall Castle** for example, built as a fortress in the late 11<sup>th</sup> century. Once a royal hunting lodge, now a glorious ruin. At **Malmesbury**, where the beautiful 12<sup>th</sup> century Abbey contains the tomb of Athelstan, first king of all England, who made this historic town his capital. And at **Old Wardour Castle**, dating from the 14<sup>th</sup> century. Badly damaged in the English Civil War, today providing a picturesque lakeside setting for picnics.

To unearth the secrets of Wiltshire's journey through time, team up with an expert tour guide. Or explore the galleries at our award-winning museums, bursting with treasured exhibits of outstanding national importance. **The Salisbury Museum** is home to one of Europe's most extensive collections of Stonehenge and prehistoric artefacts. Including 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. Galleries at **Wiltshire Museum** in Devizes cover 500,000 years of Wiltshire's history, including the Neolithic, Bronze Age and Iron Age eras, as well as Roman, Saxon and Medieval times. The displays of 'Gold from the Time of Stonehenge' feature remarkable finds excavated from the prehistoric landscapes of the World Heritage Site.

For further evidence of Roman occupation in Wessex you need 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. **Amesbury**, on the southern edge of Salisbury Plain, is the nearest town to **Stonehenge** and close to the ancient monuments of Woodhenge, the Cursus, the Avenue and Durrington Walls. Recent excavations suggest that the town may date back more than 10,000 years, and a collection of Mesolithic artefacts can be found at **Amesbury History Centre**.

From stone circles to crop circles, Wiltshire has been making history for thousands of years. Numerous civilisations have called it home. Visit in 2019 to write your own chapter in our never-ending story.

# GO WILD in Wiltshire!

Visitors to Longleat have become accustomed to meeting all manner of exotic creatures as they tour the safari park. Lions. Tigers. Monkeys. A whole menagerie of majestic animals, in fact. What they haven't been able to see – until now – are koalas.

But this spring, as part of an important conservation project, five intrepid antipodeans will settle into Koala Creek, their very own, purpose-built walk-through habitat in the heart of the Wiltshire countryside. This marsupial des res comes complete with its own natural stream, eucalyptus trees and climbing poles, plus viewing areas and interpretation boards. There's even a dedicated Koala Care unit – what more could any new arrival from down under ask for?

You can imagine yourself on safari at **Cotswold Wildlife Park**, too, where giraffe, zebra and lions are waiting to make your acquaintance. Meet giant tortoises. Feed the penguins. Walk amongst lemurs. Or look across the ha ha to stare rhinos in the eye. If big game spotting is a bit too much to cope with, younger children will feel right at home at one of our smaller animal parks. Here there are lambs to stroke, rabbits to handle and newly hatched chicks to coo over, so the 'aah' factor will likely be off the clock. Tractor and trailer rides are a guaranteed highlight too. And in the event that anyone has energy to spare, exciting indoor and outdoor play areas provide the perfect place to let off steam.

While many of these activities are common to all our animal parks, each has its own unique features as well. Alongside exquisite livestock at **Cholderton Rare Breeds Farm**, for example, the peak time pig races are a sure-fire hit. On **Tractor Ted's Little Farm** at Bowood, after budding mechanics have tackled the mini tractor track and mastered the mechanical diggers they can can take time out

to watch the eponymous hero on film. And at **Roves Farm**, would-be explorers can sharpen up their survival skills with den building and outdoor adventure play.

**Studley Grange** offers a taste of the tropics as you roam amongst some of the world's most beautiful butterflies. You can meet Rigby the racoon. Say hello to otters Buzz, Einstein and Darwin. Or get to know meerkats Thelma, Louise and JD. At **Forest Falconry** birds of prey fans will relish the chance to handle, train and hunt with some of nature's most spectacular birds, including hawks, falcons and owls. While the **Hawk Conservancy Trust**, with up to three world-class flying displays each day, is a full-on family adventure. Here there are over 150 birds of prey on view... and every visitor can hold one!

As you would expect from a county of such outstanding natural beauty, Wiltshire has plenty of indigenous wildlife too. The shy, retiring water-vole for example, to be found along many a riverbank, and the great bustard – now successfully re-introduced to Salisbury Plain after being hunted to extinction there in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. With 150 lakes set over 40 square miles, lovely off-road cycle routes, miles of peaceful footpaths and wonderful flora and fauna, **Cotswold Water Park** is a great place to discover the wonders of our natural world. As is Wiltshire Wildlife Trust's nature reserve at **Langford Lakes**, which attracts a whole host of wild birds throughout the year. Depending on the season you can watch as grebes shake their heads in dramatic courtship displays. Look out for Canada geese and tufted duck. Spy the turquoise flash of a kingfisher. Or glimpse the spectacular osprey. Even the elusive and endangered bittern has been spotted creeping silently through the reeds.

*“Fun for all the family, come rain or shine”*





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KINGDOM

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# A RICH Industrial Heritage



> Caen Hill Locks, Kennet & Avon Canal

In 1840 Isambard Kingdom Brunel chose to site the factory for his Great Western Railway in Swindon. Today, the Grade II listed buildings of the former railway works make a fitting home for STEAM Museum. Here you can step back in time, try out the interactive exhibits, and discover the story of the men and women who built and operated this iconic line. For the chance to ride aboard a vintage steam train – or, even better, learn to drive one – head to Swindon & Cricklade Railway.

Waterways, too, were a vital means of travel in years gone by. For much of its 87-mile course, the beautifully restored Kennet & Avon Canal runs through Wiltshire. During the Industrial Revolution it was a key means of transport for goods and materials; today it

makes a peaceful and unhurried way to enjoy the county's timeless scenery. Colourful narrowboats are a traditional way to travel. But you can also walk or cycle along the towpath. Try your hand at paddleboarding. Or take to the water in a canoe. In the course of your journey along and around the canal you will come across some amazing examples of industrial archaeology. Crofton Beam Engines, just outside Marlborough, for example, still capable of performing their original job, even at 200 years old. Nearby Wilton Windmill, the only working windmill in Wessex, where you can buy a bag of Wiltshire flour to take home. Or the flight of 29 locks at Caen Hill on the edge of Devizes – an astonishing feat of engineering. For further inspiration, view our Kennet & Avon Canal film here: [visitwiltshire.co.uk/videos](http://visitwiltshire.co.uk/videos)

Many Wiltshire towns owe their modern day prosperity to the production of woollen broadcloth in centuries past. With the exception of Wilton Carpets the textile industry is long gone.

# “Prosperity built on textiles, trade and transport”



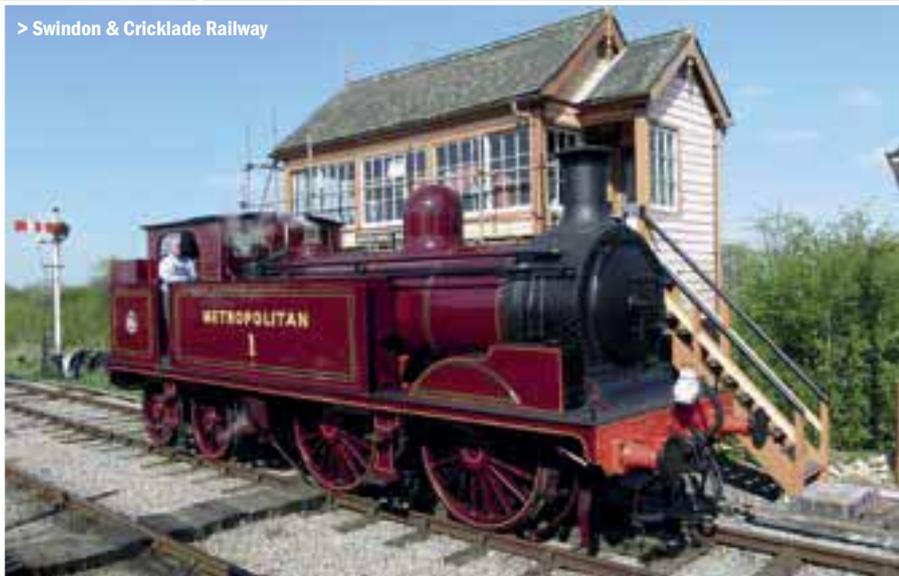
> STEAM - Museum of the Great Western Railway



> Wilton Windmill



> Crofton Beam Engines



> Swindon & Cricklade Railway

However, outstanding examples of industrial architecture remain, providing tangible bonds with the past. Back in its textile manufacturing heyday, **Bradford on Avon** was home to more than 30 cloth factories. Today, the towering walls of Abbey Mill still flank the river, while the cottages once inhabited by spinners and weavers can be seen clinging to the hillside above. In **Trowbridge** the history of weaving dates back over 1,000 years. The result is an important architectural legacy ranging from the late-16<sup>th</sup> to the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century. **Trowbridge Museum** (currently closed for renovation; reopening 2020) has a fascinating collection relating to West Country woollen cloth production, including working looms.

Wiltshire's manufacturing legacy can also be experienced at Hillbrush, in Mere, where they've been making cleaning equipment since 1922. **Visit Hillbrush**, their visitor centre, includes not only a gift shop, restaurant and coffee bar but also a brush museum – the only one in the UK!

Further links with the past can be found at Wiltshire's local museums. At the Athelstan Museum in Malmesbury you can trace the history of lace-making. **Calne Heritage Centre** tells the story of the town and its surrounding area. **Chippenham Museum** highlights aspects of trade and industry, including a working model of a flourmill. Displays at **Royal Wootton Bassett Museum** depict the town's social, rural, commercial and industrial history.

## “Outstanding industrial archaeology”

# ANCESTRAL Houses and Family Homes

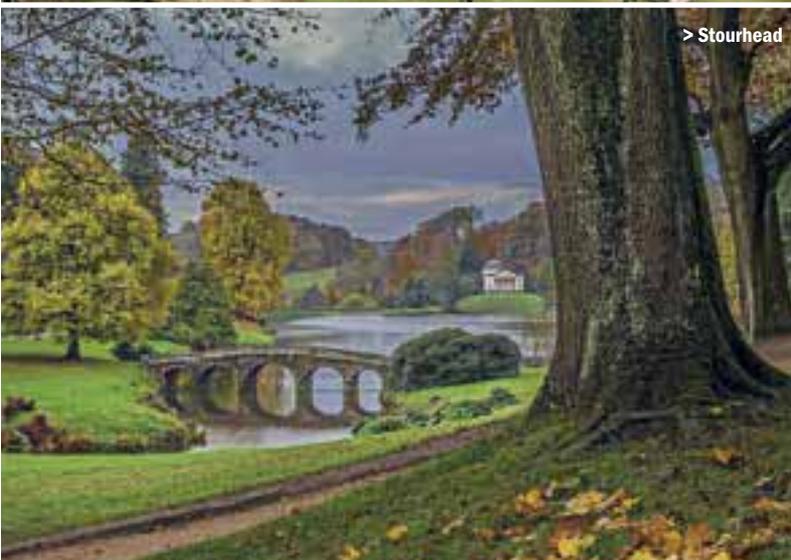
*“Find peace  
and tranquillity”*



> Great Chalfield Manor



> Kelmscott Manor



> Stourhead



> Abbey House Gardens

## Rooted in time and place, Wiltshire's great estates reveal stories that bring the history of England to life.

Set against the drama and majesty of the surrounding landscape, these magnificent residences come complete with equally outstanding grounds, from acres of landscaped parkland to intimate formal and informal gardens.

Spanning the centuries, grand country properties don't come much finer than those to be found in Wiltshire. **Longleat House**, an outstanding example of high Elizabethan architecture. Impressive 18<sup>th</sup> century **Bowood**, with interiors designed by Robert Adam. **Wilton House**, home to the Earls of Pembroke for over 400 years. As you might expect, legendary horticultural genius Lancelot 'Capability' Brown was hard at work in 18<sup>th</sup> century Wiltshire. The breathtaking pastoral settings which complement these properties today were greatly influenced by his brilliance as a landscape architect. While the grounds surrounding **Lacock Abbey** - founded in the 13<sup>th</sup> century for monastic purposes, before later becoming a family home - are also said to have benefited from his attention.

However, he was not the only such genius to have left his mark on Wiltshire. The stunning National Trust garden at **Stourhead** was designed in the 18<sup>th</sup> century by 'Henry the Magnificent'. Described as a living work of art, it has at its heart a glorious lake, where reflections of classical temples and grottoes shimmer in the water. Home to many rare and exotic trees, 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. **Lydiard House**, at the opposite end of the county, is another Palladian jewel, renowned for its elegant state rooms, original family furnishings and Elizabethan portraits. It is surrounded by 260 acres of parkland, with a lake and 18<sup>th</sup> century walled garden.

Designers of note have left their mark on smaller homes of the well-to-do, too. Lesser in size, maybe, but equally rewarding to visit. Thanks to the vision of General Pitt Rivers, **Larmer Tree** is an extraordinary example of Victorian extravagance, perfectly set amid the timeless downland of Cranborne Chase. The Grade I listed house and enchanting riverside gardens at **Kelmscott Manor** were the Cotswold retreat of William Morris: poet, designer, craftsman, socialist and founding father of the Arts and Crafts movement. An Arts and Crafts garden also surrounds 15<sup>th</sup> century **Great Chalfield Manor** near Melksham, familiar to many as a TV location from *Wolf Hall* and *Poldark*. **Iford Manor Gardens**, with its romantic Italianate gardens cut into the hillside, provides an Edwardian version of Tuscany. While the 5 acres at **Abbey House Gardens**, straddling the river beside the 12<sup>th</sup> century Abbey Church in Malmesbury, have been restored in recent years by the Pollard family (better known as 'The Naked Gardeners').

A walled garden is often regarded as horticultural heaven. This is certainly true of three properties in the timeless setting of Salisbury Cathedral Close. **Mompesson House**, where the garden is bounded on one side by the massive city wall, making it the ideal accompaniment to this charming Queen Anne mansion; **Arundells**, home of former Prime Minister Sir Edward Heath; and **The Rifles Berkshire & Wiltshire Museum**. The gardens at the latter two properties run down to the river, further enhancing their appeal.

Two properties just across the county boundary are equally memorable. Just a quick hop over the Wiltshire border into Gloucestershire, the 600 acres at **Westonbirt Arboretum** are a record-breaker, with one of the world's finest collections of temperate trees and shrubs. While 15<sup>th</sup> century **Chavenage House** near Tetbury in Gloucestershire, with its golden stone walls and lichen grey rooves, is the perfect vision of a Cotswold manor.



> REME Museum

# AEROPLANES

## Automobiles and the Armed Forces

At several museums in and around Wiltshire you can trace the fascinating story of flight. Boscombe Down Aviation Collection near Salisbury, for example, is a working museum housed in a historic World War One hangar. Here, over 100 exhibits, including 30 aircraft, bring the history of test flight in the UK to life. Sit in a cockpit, dress up in a flight suit and helmet, imagine yourself as a fighter pilot, and watch ongoing restoration on real aircraft.



> Army Flying Museum



> Boscombe Down Aviation Collection



> Vintage Classics



> Atwell-Wilson Motor Museum

Located beside the busy airfield at Middle Wallop, near Salisbury, the **Army Flying Museum** is the official Regimental Museum of the Army Air Corps and its predecessors. Here you can experience 100 years of British soldiers in the air, from the pioneering era of balloons and kites through to modern day helicopter operations. Exhibits housed in two large hangars include over 40 fixed wing and rotary aircraft.

Showcasing vehicles from yesteryear, **Atwell-Wilson Motor Museum** in Calne takes you on a nostalgic trip down memory lane. Most exhibits are cars from the 1920s onwards. But you'll also find motorcycles, mopeds and bicycles; a reconstructed 1930s-style garage complete with vehicles; a model lorry collection, and a range of interesting motoring memorabilia. If you've always longed to sit behind the wheel of an iconic car, now is your chance, as **Vintage Classics** bring you the ultimate hands-on driving experience! Timeless models available to hire include the Audi Ur Quattro Turbo (as featured in the BBC's Ashes to Ashes), the Jaguar MKII (of Inspector Morse fame) and many other models from Austen and Alfa Romeo to Triumph and Daimler. Alternatively, enjoy the freedom of the road in a well-equipped campervan from **Practical Motorhome Hire** – with a choice of 2-3 berth or 4-6 berth models they make the ideal touring vehicles.

Highlighting the ingenuity and endeavour of Britain's armed forces, from centuries past to the present day, three of our museums trace the history of a particular corps or regiment. **REME Museum** in

Lyneham opened in 2017 and is the latest addition to the Wiltshire stable, its remit to preserve the heritage of the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers. In a collection exceeding 100,000 items you'll find over 100 military vehicles and more than 1,700 medals. Over 950 weapons and more than 2,000 items of uniform. Plus an extensive archive of letters, pamphlets and photographs, paintings, instruction manuals and vehicle specifications.

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. With a range of interactive exhibits bringing history to life, you can send and receive messages in Morse code, set up a radio and satellite network, or drive a full size truck through a virtual world.

Located in Salisbury's Cathedral Close, **The Rifles Berkshire & Wiltshire Museum** showcases the exploits of the infantry of these two local regiments, from 1748 until the present day. Of the 34,000 items in the collection, some 2,000 are on display, with most of the rest available to view via the museum website. In addition to many fascinating photographs the collection features archive documents, medals and items of uniform. Swords, rifles, pistols and anti-tank weapons. Pictures, flags, ornaments and battlefield souvenirs. Even a cannon ball from the American War of Independence.



> Wiltshire Wildlife Trust



> Deves International Street Festival



> Chippenham Soap Box Derby



> Downton Cuckoo Fair

# 2019 Events

Full details of these and many other festivals and events can be found on our website: [visitwiltshire.co.uk/whats-on](http://visitwiltshire.co.uk/whats-on). Please be sure to double check dates and times in advance, as details can sometimes change.

## Regular and Long-running Events 2019

Wiltshire Landscape Walking Challenge, Avebury	Jan-Dec
Pulling out the Stops Exhibition, Salisbury Cathedral	Jan-Dec (dates tbc)
The Explorer's Guide to Lacock	Sat 12 Jan-Sun 19 May
A Celebration of Art in Wiltshire, Salisbury Museum	Sat 19 Jan-Sat 4 May
Ladders of Light Exhibition, Salisbury Cathedral	Fri 1 Feb-Wed 3 Apr
George Shaw Exhibition, Holburne Museum	Fri 8 Feb-Mon 6 May
Standing by my Darling's Side, Mompesson House	Sat 9 Mar-Sun 3 Nov
Owls by Moonlight, Hawk Conservancy	Sat in spring & autumn (dates tbc)
Spring Art Exhibition, Fisherton Mill	Sat 6 Apr-Sat 4 May
Race Days, Salisbury Racecourse	Selected dates Apr-Aug
Augustus John Exhibition, Salisbury Museum	Sat 18 May-Sun 29 Sep
Lauren Child Exhibition, Holburne Museum	May-Oct (dates tbc)
Steaming at Crofton Beam Engines	Selected summer weekends
Beyond Art Exhibition, Salisbury Cathedral	Thu 13 Jun-Mon 30 Sep
Tent Makers of Cairo Exhibition, Fisherton Mill	Sat 15 Jun-Sat 13 Jul
Late Night Opening, Roman Baths, Bath	Fri 21 Jun-Aug (end date tbc)
Summer Sun & Fun, Cholderton Rare Breeds Farm	Jul & Aug (dates tbc)
Marlborough College Summer School	Sun 14 Jul-Sat 10 Aug
Contemporary Print Making Exhibition, Fisherton Mill	Sat 20 Jul-Sat 24 Aug
An Australian Summer, Longleat	Sat 20 Jul-Mon 2 Sep
Family Summer Crafts, Lacock	Mon 22 Jul-Fri 30 Aug
Sculpture Exhibition, Avebury Manor Garden	Sat 7 Sep-Sun 13 Oct
Rembrandt in Print, Holburne Museum	Fri 4 Oct-Sun 5 Jan

## January 2019

Bradford Roots Music Festival, Wiltshire Music Centre	Fri 18-Sun 20 Jan
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## February 2019

Fest West, Pound Arts, Corsham	Thu 14 Feb-Sat 2 Mar
Ghost Stories, Larmer Tree	Fri 15 Feb
Deves Festival of Winter Ales	Fri 15-Sat 16 Feb
Half Term Activities, REME Museum	Tue 19-Fri 22 Feb
Children's Bushcraft Taster, Devenish Nature Reserve	Thu 21 Feb
Winter Bird Fair, Langford Lakes Nature Reserve	Sun 24 Feb

## March 2019

Larmer Tree Races	Sat 9-Sun 10 Mar
Wiltshire Wildcat Sportive, Salisbury Racecourse	Sat 16 Mar
French Market, Tisbury	Sat 30 Mar
Spring Action Day, Castle Combe Circuit	Sat 30 Mar
Handbag Amnesty, McArthurGlen Designer Outlet	Mar (dates tbc)

## April 2019

Easter Events Around Wiltshire	Apr (various dates)
Big Spring Adventure, Bowood	Apr (dates tbc)
Swindon Fringe Festival	Fri 5-Sun 14 Apr
Lego Engineering, REME Museum	Wed 10 Apr
Frittillary Season, North Meadow, Cricklade	From mid-Apr (dates tbc)
Deves to Westminster Canoe Race	Fri 19-Mon 22 Apr (dates tbc)
Late Night Opening, Roman Baths, Bath	Fri 19-Mon 22 Apr
Easter Steaming, Crofton Beam Engines	Sat 20-Mon 22 Apr
Calne Spring Sing	Sat 27 Apr
Cotswold Water Park Spring Ball	Sat 27 Apr
St George's Day Celebrations, Salisbury	Sun 28 Apr
Fisherton Festival Fortnight, Salisbury	Mon 29 Apr-Sun 12 May

## May 2019

Tractor Ted Event, Bowood	May (dates tbc)
Downton Cuckoo Fair	Sat 4 May
May Day Celebrations, Avebury	Mon 6 May
Spring in the Park, Warminster	Mon 6 May
Swindon Spring Festival of Literature and the Arts	Mon 6-Sun 19 May
Wartime Britain, REME Museum	Sat 11 May
Stourhead Immortal Weekend	Sat 11 & Sun 12 May
Party in the City, Roman Baths, Bath	Fri 17 May
Tour de Trussell Cycle Challenge, Salisbury	Sat 18-Sun 19 May
Wylve Valley Art Trail	Sat 18-Mon 27 May
Soap Box Derby, Chippenham	Sun 19 May
Chippenham Folk Festival	Fri 24-Mon 27 May
Salisbury International Arts Festival	Fri 24 May-Sun 9 Jun
Real Ale & Cider Festival, Swindon & Cricklade Railway	Sat 25-Mon 27 May
St Aldhelm's Fair, Malmesbury	2nd May Bank Holiday Weekend

## June 2019

Food and Drink Festival, Bradford on Avon	Sat 1 Jun
Ludgershall Summer Fête	Sat 8 Jun
Wiltshire Steam & Vintage Rally, Oare	Sat 8-Sun 9 Jun
Amesbury Carnival Week	Sun 9-Sat 15 Jun
Old Town Festival, Swindon	Sun 9-Sat 15 Jun
Adults Only Camping, Lower Moor Nature Reserve	Mon 10-Fri 14 Jun
Blue Sky Festival, Pound Arts, Corsham	Tue 11 Jun-Sun 16 Jun
Forest Live, Westonbirt Arboretum	Thu 13-Sun 16 Jun
Murder Mystery & Hog Roast, Wilton Windmill	Sat 15 Jun
Taste of Corsham Food Festival	Sat 15 Jun
Cricklade Festival	Sun 16 Jun
Solstice Music Festival, Stonehenge Campsite	Tue 18-Fri 21 Jun
Solstice Festival, Amesbury	Thu 20-Sat 22 Jun
Summer Action Day, Castle Combe Circuit	Sat 22 Jun
Longleat Food & Drink Festival	Sat 22-Sun 23 Jun
Daily Mail Chalke Valley History Festival	Mon 24-Sun 30 Jun



> **Shalbourne Classic Car Show**



> **Marlborough College Summer School**



> **Sky Safari, Longleat**



> **St George's Day, Salisbury**

**June 2019 continued**

Tea in the Garden with James Emmett's Ragtime Revellers, Arundells	Thu 27 Jun
Wiltshire National Armed Forces Weekend, Salisbury	Fri 28-Sun 30 Jun
Calne Summer Festival & Carnival	Sat 29 Jun
Devizes Arts Festival	Jun (dates tbc)
Open Gardens, Merchant's House	Jun (dates tbc)

**July 2019**

Cheese & Chilli Festival, Swindon	Sat 6-Sun 7 Jul
Waterfront Rhythm and Booze Festival, Pewsey Wharf	Sat 6-Sun 7 Jul
The Secret Garden, Outdoor Theatre, Arundells	Thu 11 Jul
Chippenham Carnival	Sat 13 Jul
Trowbridge Active Festival	Sat 13 Jul
Devizes Carnival	Sat 13 or Sun 14 Jul (date tbc)
Classic Car Show, Atwell-Wilson Motor Museum	Sun 14 Jul
A Midsummer Night's Dream, Open Air Theatre, Swindon	Tue 16 Jul
Melksham Party in the Park	Fri 19-Sat 20 Jul
Larmer Tree Festival	Fri 19-Sun 21 Jul
Royal International Air Tattoo, RAF Fairford	Fri 19-Sun 21 Jul
WOMAD, Malmesbury	Thu 25-Sun 28 Jul
Covent Garden Dance Company, Hatch House	Fri 26-Sun 28 Jul
Marlborough Civil War Re-enactment	Sat 27-Sun 28 Jul
Wilton Horse Trials, Wilton House	Sat 27-Sun 28 Jul
Cycling Festival, Bradford on Avon	Jul (dates tbc)
Inspire of Warminster (free live music event)	Jul (date tbc)
Festival of Archaeology, Salisbury Museum	Jul (dates tbc)
26 Engineer Regiment Freedom of the Town, Ludgershall	Jul (date tbc)

**August 2019**

Summer Family Events, Westonbirt Arboretum	Aug (dates tbc)
Alice in Wonderland, Open Air Theatre, Swindon	Fri 2 Aug
Wessex Country Fair, Wilton House	Sun 4 Aug (date tbc)
Edington Music Festival	Sun 18-Sun 25 Aug
Devizes Festival Fortnight	Sun 18-Sat 31 Aug
Chippenham Summer Festival	Thu 22-Sat 31 Aug
End of the Road Festival, Larmer Tree	Fri 30 Aug-Sun 1 Sep
Malmesbury Carnival	Sat 31 Aug
Melksham Food & River Festival	Sat 31 Aug-Sun 1 Sep

**September 2019**

Swindon Railway Festival, STEAM Museum	Sat 7-Sun 8 Sep
Taste Wiltshire, Bromham	Sun 8 Sep
Steam Gala, Swindon & Cricklade Railway	Fri 13-Sun 15 Sep
Heritage Open Days, Across Wiltshire	Fri 13-Sun 22 Sep
Sky Safari, Longleat	Fri 13-Sun 15 Sep
Street Fair, Corsham	Sat 14 Sep
Model Show, REME Museum	Sat 21 Sep
Tisbury Carnival	Sat 21 Sep (date tbc)
Shalbourne Classic Car Show	Sun 22 or Sun 29 Sep (date tbc)

**September 2019 continued**

Marlborough Literature Festival	Thu 26-Sun 29 Sep
Mini Action Day, Castle Combe Circuit	Sat 28 Sep
800th Market Charter Celebrations, Melksham	Sat 28-Sun 29 Sep
Steam Gala, Crofton Beam Engines	Sat 28-Sun 29 Sep
Devizes Food & Drink Festival	Sat 28 Sep-Sat 5 Oct
Salisbury Food and Drink Festival	Sun 29 Sep
Marlborough Rising Music Festival	Sep (dates tbc)
Wiltshire 100 & Big Wheel Bike Ride, Devizes	Sep (date tbc)
West of England Festival of Textiles, Trowbridge	Sep (dates tbc)

**October 2019**

Enchanted Autumn, Bowood	Oct (dates tbc)
Autumn Classic Historic Racing Festival, Castle Combe Circuit	Sat 5 Oct
Great Western Brick Show, STEAM Museum	Sat 5-Sun 6 Oct
Peacock Arts Trail, Corsham	Sat 5-Sun 13 Oct
Halloween Ghost Train, Swindon & Cricklade Railway	Fri 25-Sat 26 Oct
Owl-O-Ween, Hawk Conservancy Trust	Tue 29 & Thu 31 Oct
Halloween Spooktacular, Cholderton Rare Breeds Farm	Oct (dates tbc)
Warminster Carnival	Oct (date tbc)
Salisbury Literary Festival	Oct (dates tbc)
Candlelit Evening, Merchant's House	Oct (date tbc)
Celebrate Voice, Salisbury	Oct (dates tbc)
Big and Little Mop Fairs, Marlborough	Oct (dates tbc)

**November, December & Christmas 2019**

Bonfire & Fireworks Events, around Wiltshire	Nov (various dates)
Christmas Lights Switch On and Christmas Shopping Events, around Wiltshire	Nov & Dec (various dates)
Salisbury Christmas Market	Nov & Dec (dates tbc)
Santa's Grotto, McArthurGlen Designer Outlet	Nov & Dec (dates tbc)
Longleat Festival of Light	Selected dates Sat 9 Nov-Sun 5 Jan
Magic and Mayhem Festival, Pound Arts, Corsham	Tue 12-Sun 17 Nov
The Christmas House, Stourhead	Sat 23 Nov-Sun 22 Dec
A Victorian Christmas, Mompesson House	Sat 23 Nov-Sun 22 Dec (Thu-Sun)
Christmas at Avebury	Sat 23 Nov-Wed 1 Jan (Manor closed Wed)
Darkness to Light Advent Procession, Salisbury Cathedral	Fri 29 Nov-Sun 1 Dec
Calne Christmas Festival of Lights	Sat 30 Nov
Christmas at STEAM Museum	Sat 30 Nov-Sun 1 Dec
Christmas at Lacock	Thu-Sun from 1-29 Dec (exc 25/26 Dec)
Santa Specials, Swindon & Cricklade Railway	Sat & Sun from 30 Nov-22 Dec
Tis the Season, Tisbury	Sat 14 Dec (date tbc)
Christmas Carols and Owls by Moonlight, Hawk Conservancy Trust	Fri 20 & Sat 21 Dec
Christmas Celebrations, Cholderton	Dec (dates tbc)
Enchanted Christmas, Westonbirt Arboretum	Dec (dates tbc)
Traditional Victorian Christmas, Trowbridge	Dec (dates tbc)

# TAKE Time Out



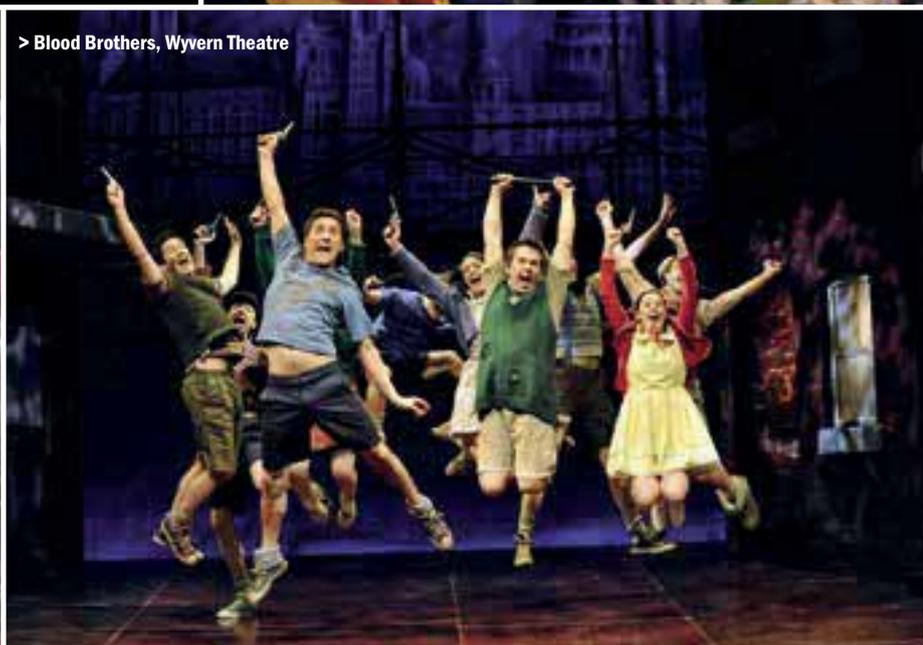
> Fireworks at Longleat



> Much Ado About Puffin, Pound Arts



> Christmas at Avebury



> Blood Brothers, Wyvern Theatre

Wiltshire's arts scene is thriving, inventive and engaging. Here, imagination and creativity can flourish. If you appreciate art in any of its forms, Wiltshire is the perfect place to immerse yourself in timeless pleasures.

Salisbury is particularly well provided for thanks to **City Hall**, its largest venue, which programmes three seasons of live entertainment throughout the year; **Salisbury Arts Centre**, a vibrant hub of activity housed in a beautiful deconsecrated church; **Salisbury Playhouse**, renowned for commissioning and producing new works as well as hosting touring productions; and **Salisbury International Arts Festival** which takes over the city for two fabulous weeks from the end of May. The Arts Centre, Playhouse and Festival have recently come together to form

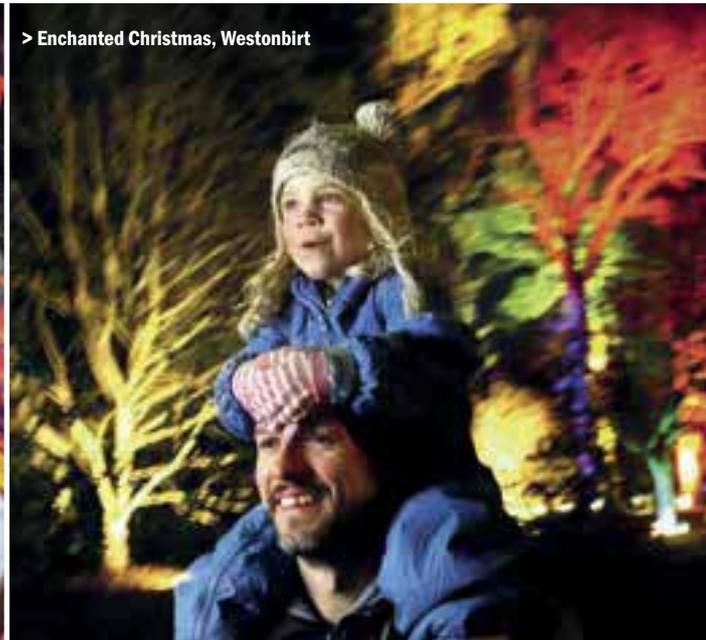
**Wiltshire Creative**, a new, pan-arts organisation, rooted in the city, yet drawing inspiration from across the county and beyond. Whilst still in its infancy, first-rate performances in music, theatre, dance, comedy, film, exhibitions and more are already drawing the crowds.

With an impressive auditorium seating over 600 people, Swindon's **Wyvern Theatre and Arts Centre** offers a mixed programme of concerts, comedy, musicals, drama and dance, including a popular annual pantomime. At the heart of the community, **Trowbridge Town Hall Arts** offers professional performances and exhibitions by companies and artists from around the world. In Corsham, **The Pound** arts centre is a thriving venue with a year-round programme of shows, exhibitions and films. **Pound Arts** creates live performances across Wiltshire under the banner of Rural Arts Touring, running both the family-focussed *Blue Sky Festival* in June and the delicious and decadent *Magic and Mayhem Festival* in November. **Wiltshire Music Centre**, in Bradford on Avon, hosts over 120 events every year, from classical, jazz and folk music to children's and storytelling shows, attracting musicians of

## “We’re a creative lot in Wiltshire”



> Family Fiesta, Salisbury Arts Centre



> Enchanted Christmas, Westonbirt



> Xuefei Yang, Wiltshire Music Centre



> Frankenstein, Salisbury Playhouse

international renown – hardly surprising, when you hear that Sean Rafferty of BBC Radio 3 once described its 300-seat concert hall as having ‘the finest acoustic outside London’.

**Swindon Museum and Art Gallery** features impressive and thought-provoking works by some of Britain’s finest modern artists. Lucien Freud, Leon Kossoff, Frank Auerbach, Alfred Wallis and LS Lowry are all represented here, alongside an important collection of studio ceramics. The **Victoria Art Gallery**, just across the county border in Bath, offers a stunning permanent collection from Turner and Gainsborough to the moderns, as well as an exciting programme of temporary exhibitions.

Important art collections are also to be found in many of Wiltshire’s stately homes. Corsham Court, for example, is home to furniture by Chippendale, mirrors by Adams and portraits by Sir Joshua Reynolds. The magnificent Inigo Jones state rooms at **Wilton House** include the Double Cube Room, the finest surviving 17<sup>th</sup> century stateroom in England. Designed to display family portraits by van

Dyck, it contains the greatest collection of his paintings still housed in its original setting.

Events including open-air theatre, historic re-enactments, firework displays and Christmas celebrations are regularly hosted by historic properties too, including **Arundells, Avebury and Bowood, Lacock, Longleat and Mompesson House, Old Sarum, Old Wardour Castle, Stourhead and Westonbirt Arboretum**.

Theatres, galleries, arts centres. Plays, recitals, exhibitions. Inspirational venues and outstanding entertainment, dedicated to making imaginations fly. With such beautiful and diverse countryside as our backdrop, the whole county is a canvas for creativity.

Further information on the many timeless pleasures to be enjoyed around the county can be found at [visitwiltshire.co.uk/whats-on](http://visitwiltshire.co.uk/whats-on)

# A YEAR of Celebrations

*“We’ve got entertainment down to a fine art”*

**Wiltshire’s annual programme of festivals and events showcases the county’s outstanding creativity and inventiveness. Often based on stories drawn from the history of England, these are authentic and entertaining experiences, perfectly designed to help you escape the everyday.**

Around the county and throughout the year, you’ll find cuckoo, craft and Mop fairs. Open days, action and fun days. Pancake races and duck races. Horse races and canoe races. There are river, cycling and walking festivals. Scarecrow and sculpture festivals. History, archaeology and literature festivals. As well as steam and vintage weekends, a confetti battle and a flying monk trail.

As soon as spring has sprung it’s time to get in carnival mood. For two weeks from 29 April-12 May, Salisbury’s **Fisherton Festival Fortnight** gets the season off to a flying start as food and drink stalls vie for attention with live music, dancing, street artists and more. On Saturday 4 May the focus is on **Downton Cuckoo Fair**, with over 250 stalls lining the picturesque village greens, plus music, craft demonstrations, Maypole and Morris dancing. **Swindon Spring Festival of Literature and the Arts**, from 6-19 May, celebrates all things well thought, well written and well said. In a 10-day festival of visual arts and crafts **Wylde Valley Art Trail** from 18-27 May combines open studios and workplaces, galleries and exhibitions with workshops, talks, demonstrations and children’s activities.

**Chippenham Folk Festival** from 24-27 May sees more than 200 individual events and workshops over one long weekend, combining nationally acclaimed performers with dynamic young musicians, dancers and singers. From 24 May-9 June **Salisbury International Arts Festival** makes a welcome return with a two-week Festival of Celebration to mark the culmination of Wiltshire Creative’s first year. The **Taste of Corsham Food Festival**, on 15 June, is just one of many fabulous foodie events throughout the year.

The **Daily Mail Chalke Valley History Festival** from 24-30 June offers a star-studded line-up of speakers embracing all things historical in an idyllic downland setting. **Wiltshire National Armed Forces Weekend** takes place in Salisbury from 28-30 June. Recognising and celebrating our armed forces in Wiltshire and throughout the United Kingdom, this spectacular three-day event

will include a military parade, air displays, military bands, vehicles and equipment, as well as family entertainment, evening concerts, fireworks and more.

**Trowbridge’s Active Festival** on Saturday 13 July offers a huge variety of activities and sports for all the family, from inflatables and face painting to food from around the world. Combining a mix of art, cultural and sporting courses for adults with inspirational activities for children, this year’s **Marlborough College Summer School** runs from 14 July-10 August. Now an established summer must-see, from 26-28 July the **Covent Garden Dance Company** presents three nights of world-class ballet and dance from the famous 17<sup>th</sup> century walled **Dutch Garden at Hatch House**.

Sheer delight for lovers of sacred choral music, **Edington Music Festival** makes its annual appearance from 18-25 August, featuring some of the most complex and beautiful music ever written. This year’s **Devizes Festival Fortnight** runs from 18-31 August: two whole weeks of colourful events, including Picnic in the Park, the Confetti Battle and Devizes International Street Festival. The ancient market town of Malmesbury has been home to a carnival for over 90 years – this year, **Malmesbury Carnival** takes place on Saturday 31 August.

Focusing on creative writing across all genres and with a strong local content, **Salisbury Literary Festival** is one of October’s highlights. From 12-17 November, **Magic and Mayhem** at The Pound arts centre in Corsham offers four days of music, comedy, burlesque and more. While from late November **Salisbury Christmas Market** fills the Guildhall Square with stalls selling tasteful, high quality gifts and festive goods.

From January to December, Salisbury Cathedral’s interactive **Pulling out the Stops** exhibition will follow the fascinating story of the construction and history of its famous Father Willis Organ and the restoration work being carried out on it in 2019. Throughout the year **Wiltshire Wildlife Trust** runs a wide range of family events. Try your hand at pond dipping, learn bushcraft and woodland skills, follow a nature-themed treasure trail – there’s always something new and interesting to get involved in.

And it doesn’t stop there... for an even wider range of events around the county and throughout the year see pages 28-29 or go to [visitwiltshire.co.uk/whats-on](http://visitwiltshire.co.uk/whats-on). Just remember to check dates and times before setting out, as these can sometimes change.

*“Plenty to fire the imagination!”*



> Longleat Festival of Light

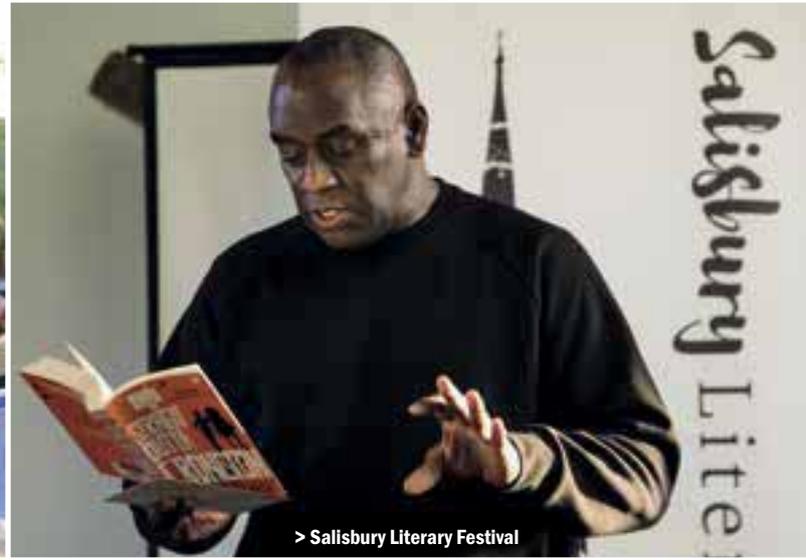


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> Wiltshire National Armed Forces Weekend



> Malmesbury Carnival



> Salisbury Literary Festival



> Marlborough College Summer School



> Devizes International Street Festival



> Chippenham Folk Festival



> Chalke Valley History Festival

# IN THE Footsteps of the Stars

Wiltshire locations have played a leading role in a host of big screen movies and TV costume dramas. From swashbuckling adventures to Jane Austen classics. *Dr Dolittle* to *Dr Who*. *Hogwarts* to *Wolf Hall*. Some of the best known are listed below; for more information on how to follow in the footsteps of the stars go to [visitwiltshire.co.uk/film](http://visitwiltshire.co.uk/film)

**Bradford on Avon** – Featuring in the upcoming film version of *Downton Abbey* (2019), this charming town has also appeared in *The White Princess* (2017) and *Creation* (2009). Its Tithe Barn and surrounding areas were seen in the BBC's *Wolf Hall* (2015) and *Robin of Sherwood*.

**Castle Combe** – Sometimes referred to as 'the prettiest village in England', Castle Combe has played host to many TV and film productions including *Dr Thorne* (2016), *War Horse* (2012), *The Wolf Man* (2010), *Stardust* (2007) and *Dr Dolittle* (1966).

**Chavenage House** – Just across the border in Gloucestershire, Chavenage House plays the part of Trenwith, Ross's family home, in the BBC's adaptation of *Poldark* (2015-2018).

**Corsham** – This attractive market town has been making quite a name for itself in filming circles of late, thanks to its High Street being selected as the perfect match for 18<sup>th</sup> century Truro in series one of BBC's *Poldark* (2015). Locations near Corsham also featured in *Lark Rise to Candleford* (2008-2011).

**Devizes** – Devizes achieved renown as Casterbridge in Hardy's *Far from the Madding Crowd* (1967) with scenes shot in the Market Place, St John's Church, the Corn Exchange and the Shambles



> A scene from *Pride & Prejudice* at Wilton House



> Animal Park at Longleat



> Filming *Poldark* in Corsham

Photo: Mammoth Screen

Market. Nearby Roundway Down featured in Orwell's *Nineteen Eighty-Four* (1984) starring John Hurt and Richard Burton.

**Great Chalfield Manor** – In *Wolf Hall* (2015) the Manor's interiors stood in for Austin Friars, home of Thomas Cromwell. It also appeared – as Killewarren, home of the Penvenens – in series three of BBC's *Poldark* and starred as the family home of the Boleyns in *The Other Boleyn Girl* (2008).

**Iford Manor Gardens** – Keep an eye out for these romantic, award-winning gardens in a re-make of *The Secret Garden* (currently in post-production; due for release 2019/2020). Iford Manor also featured in *The Razor's Edge* (1984), the BBC's *Robin of Sherwood* (1984-1986) and ITV's *Element of Doubt* (1996).

**Lacock** – This charming National Trust village is a perennial favourite with location scouts. Having featured in the final series of ITV's *Downton Abbey* (2015) it makes a welcome return in the film version, due for release in 2019. It has also played host to a variety of classic films including *The White Princess* (2017), *Wolf Hall* (2015), *The Wolfman* (2010), *The Other Boleyn Girl* (2008) and *Pride and Prejudice* (2005). Scenes from *Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince* (2009) and *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets* (2002) were shot here. Lacock featured in ITV's costume drama *Dr Thorne* (2016) too, and in the BBC production of *Cranford* (2007).

**Longleat** – The safari park has starred in various series of the BBC's *Animal Park*, while the Elizabethan house featured in *The Four Seasons* (2008), based on Rosamunde Pilcher's best-selling

novels *The Shell Seekers* and *Coming Home*. Other productions filmed here include a Bollywood movie.

**Mompesson House** – Situated in Salisbury's Cathedral Close this National Trust mansion achieved celebrity status as the London home of Mrs Jennings in the Oscar-winning version of *Sense and Sensibility* (1995).

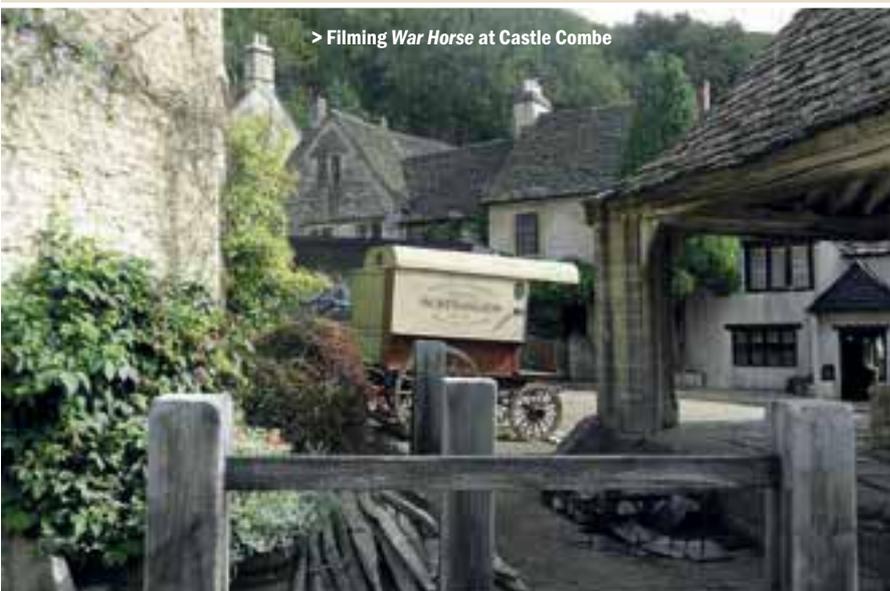
**Old Wardour Castle** – This impressive historic property experienced some modern-day drama when it was used for the filming of *Robin Hood, Prince of Thieves* (1991).

**Salisbury Cathedral** – The cathedral was the inspiration behind TV mini-series *Pillars of the Earth* (2010).

**Stonehenge** – In recent years this iconic location has featured in *Transformers: The Last Knight* (2017), *Thor: The Dark World* (2013) and *Doctor Who* (2010). It also appeared in the BBC production of *Tess of the d'Urbervilles* (2008).

**Stourhead** – This National Trust property's magnificent gardens were used in the filming of *Pride and Prejudice* (2005) for the scene where Lizzie initially rejects Darcy's proposal of marriage.

**Wilton House** – Most recently Wilton House has featured in *Tomb Raider* (2018) and *The Crown* (2017). In *The Young Victoria* (2009) it represented Rosenau Castle, Prince Albert's Coburg and Buckingham Palace. The Double Cube Room featured in the cinema version of *Pride and Prejudice* (2005) and was also used for ballroom scenes in *Sense and Sensibility* (1995).



> Filming War Horse at Castle Combe



> Chavenage House



> Mompesson House



> Lacock Abbey

# WHAT'S on the menu?

> Lucknam Park



**Malmesbury Pudding. Wiltshire Lardy Cake. Wiltshire Loaf. (That last one's a cheese, by the way, not a type of bread!) Just a few of our traditional specialities. Made using recipes handed down through the generations. Still tasting as good as ever today.**

When it comes to local produce, Wiltshire's pedigree is second to none. Back in 18<sup>th</sup> century Calne, the Harris family invented the traditional technique of curing bacon and ham. In time, this became known as the 'Wiltshire Cure' and is now recognised countrywide. So bacon features widely on the breakfast menu. Home-made bread, jam and preserves are Wiltshire staples too.

And, depending on where you stay, you could even find yourself eating the very eggs you collected fresh from the hens that morning. (Toasted 'fingers' dipped in golden yolk, anyone?)

If a busy day's sightseeing is on the agenda, you may find yourself feeling a bit peckish. Which is lucky, as it gives you the perfect excuse to take a break and savour the taste of Wiltshire. You'll find coffee shops and tea rooms serving mouth-watering cakes and pastries. Delicious ice cream, made on site using milk from the farm's own cows. Not to mention an abundance of friendly inns offering tasty food and drink at reasonable prices. At restaurants, wine bars and bistros across the county, menus change with the seasons. Timeless classics and new favourites are crafted with care and attention. Every day.

If celebrations are the order of the day you could head for **Rick Stein's** restaurant in Marlborough, or **The Harrow** at Little Bedwyn. Book a

For more inspiration pick up a copy of our **Food and Drink Map** or go to [visitwiltshire.co.uk/food-and-drink](http://visitwiltshire.co.uk/food-and-drink)



> Red Lion Freehouse



> Fisherton Mill



> Rick Stein



> The Harrow

table at **The Old Bell** in Malmesbury (England's oldest hotel). Or try **The George & Dragon** at Rowde or **The Bishopstrow Hotel & Spa**, both of which have been awarded two AA Dining Rosettes. When you really want to push the boat out, look no further than the **Red Lion Freehouse** at East Chisenbury and the hotel restaurants at **Lucknam Park** near Chippenham and **Whatley Manor** near Malmesbury. All of which have won a coveted Michelin star. (Or two!)

With such a wealth of fresh local produce right here on the doorstep, Wiltshire sets great store by its mouth-watering range of foodie events. Sample the beer festivals in Devizes (February and July), Chippenham (April), Malmesbury (July), Blunsdon (May) and Swindon (October). Or savour the food and drink festivals in Devizes (late September/early October), Corsham and Longleat (June), Melksham (end August/early September), or Bromham, Calne and Salisbury (September). Wander among an array of tempting stalls. Inhale the aromas of freshly-ground coffee and herbs. Eat your fill from sizzling sausages, barbecues or a hog

roast. Then wash it all down with one of our lip-smacking local ales. Tunnel Vision... Flapjack Black... Flint Knapper... in Wiltshire the names are almost as delicious as the brews themselves.

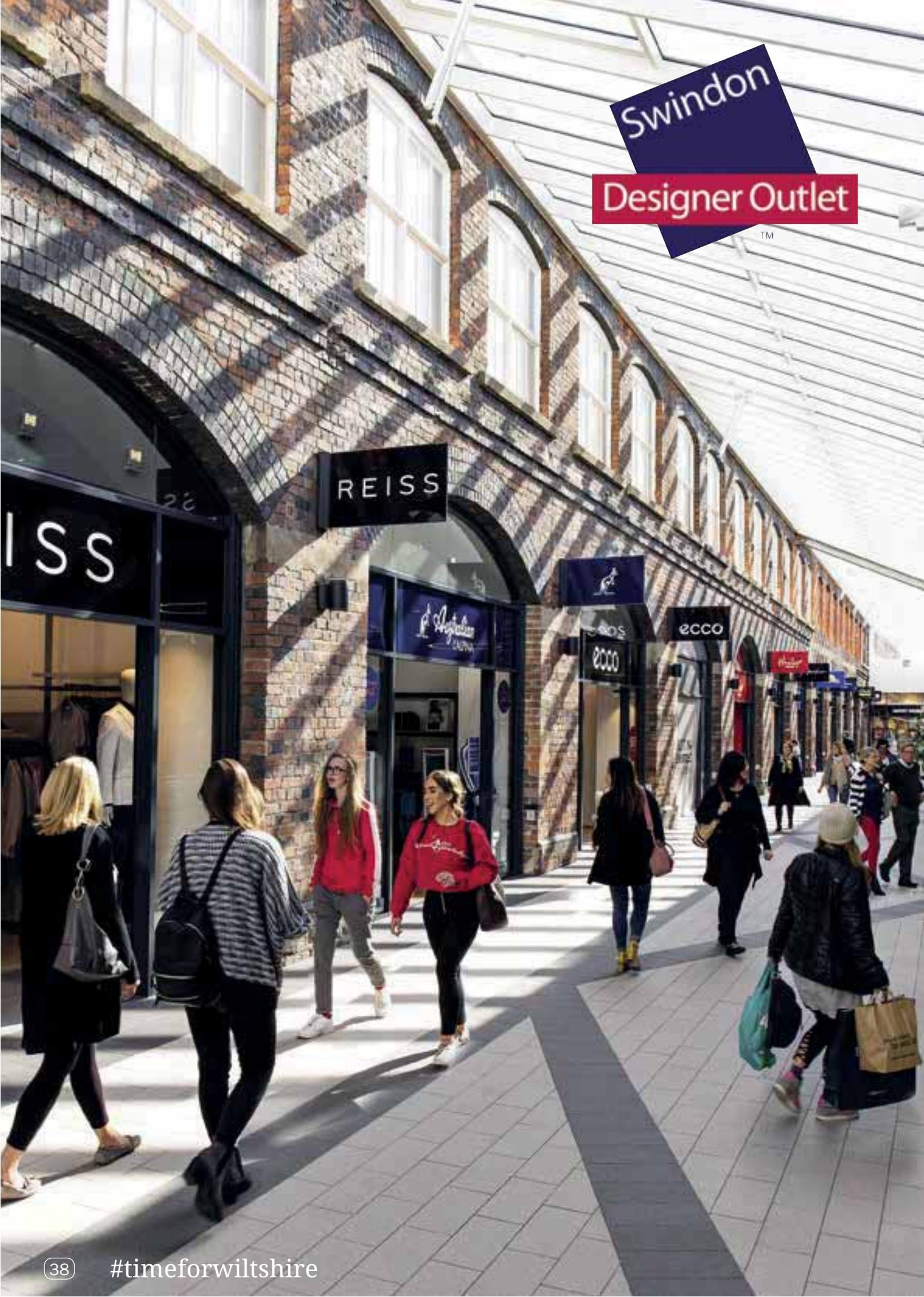
You can enjoy a home-grown pint at **Box Steam Brewery**, the **Three Daggers** at Edington or the **Red Lion** at Cricklade. Vodka is available from **Ramsbury Brewery & Distillery**. Wine from **a'Beckett's Vineyard** near Devizes. Gin from **Bombay Sapphire Distillery** in Whitchurch.

Taste, provenance, food miles... in Wiltshire, good food matters. Here, we create food to feed the soul. Lucky, then, that life moves at a gentler pace. Giving you time to savour the culinary magic conjured up by our chefs, bakers and brewers. Start the day by tucking into a hearty Wiltshire breakfast. Then linger over elevenses. Treat yourself to afternoon tea. While away the hours over a long lunch, or dinner with family and friends. No hurry. It'll be ready in a Wiltshire minute.

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# IT'S TIME to hit the shops!

Over 100 stores to choose from. A huge range of high street and designer labels. Up to 60% off recommended retail prices... McArthurGlen Designer Outlet Swindon makes a great day out for all the family.

From Build-A-Bear to Hugo Boss, John Lewis to Ernest Jones, Samsonite to Superdry, you'll find them all here. Plus cafés, restaurants and children's activities. All housed in the tastefully converted Grade II listed buildings of Brunel's former Great Western Railway works.

Not far geographically, but a million miles away in atmosphere, our award for the most unusual shopping location goes to... Avebury! Maybe not the first place you'd think of when planning to unleash your credit card. Yet here, within the world's largest prehistoric stone circle, you'll find not one, but two charming businesses: **The Henge Shop** and **Elements of Avebury**.

Elsewhere around Wiltshire, numerous small, family-run outlets continue to thrive. Offering a relaxed and unhurried shopping experience as they've been doing for generations. In **Devizes**, for example. **Malmesbury**. Or **Tisbury** – which more than makes up for its lack of size with a unique selection of interesting, independent shops. For stylish stores in a cosmopolitan setting, the quintessentially English towns of **Marlborough** and **Bradford on Avon** are popular choices. As is **Corsham**, where many of the Bath stone buildings on High Street are independent businesses, providing irresistible retail opportunities. In **Swindon**, as well as the Designer Outlet, you can choose between the traditional stores of Old Town and shopping malls in the modern city centre.

As befits a county famous for its local produce there are farm shops aplenty. **Allington Farm Shop** near Chippenham,

**Neston Park Farm Shop** near Melksham, and **Berwick Farm Shop** near Salisbury. While cask and bottled beer can be bought from the **Box Steam Brewery** near Trowbridge.

In Salisbury you'll find galleries, studios and workshops at **Fisherton Mill**, classic and contemporary menswear at **Chas H Baker** and fine lingerie at **Annie's Just Jane**. Head to **Regent Tailoring** for timeless design with British heritage at its core. Or **Roly's Fudge Pantry** for the ultimate in indulgent treats. In Malmesbury you can bid for your chosen lots at **Hillditch** auction house. While **PA Oxley** near Calne is a treasure trove of antique clocks and barometers.

Wiltshire is home to an outstanding range of markets, around the county and throughout the year. Indoor, outdoor and farmers' markets... continental and Christmas markets... vintage, artisan and foodie markets... we've got them all. What better way to spend an hour or two than browsing the many stalls, where every imaginable item is on offer. First prize for the longest running market goes to Trowbridge, Wiltshire's county town, where stallholders have been trading since the year 1200. These days, it's on a Wednesday. Hot on its heels, history-wise, is Salisbury's Charter Market, which has been coming to the city on Tuesdays and Saturdays (except the third Tuesday in October) for nigh on 800 years. Other bustling market towns include Amesbury (Wednesday), Bradford on Avon (Thursday), Calne (Friday), Chippenham (Friday and Saturday), Corsham (Tuesday), Devizes (Thursday), Highworth (Saturday), Marlborough (Wednesday and Saturday), Melksham (Tuesday), Pewsey (Tuesday), Royal Wootton Bassett (Wednesday), Swindon (Monday-Saturday), Warminster (Friday), Wilton (Thursday) and Wroughton (Friday). Up-to-date details of these and other markets can be found at [visitwiltshire.co.uk/markets](http://visitwiltshire.co.uk/markets)

So, with designer brands and high street names, independent outlets and shopping malls, farm shops and markets, Wiltshire offers a great all-round shopping experience.



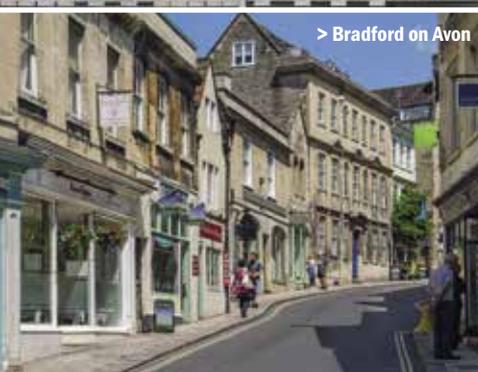
> Neston Farm Shop



> The Shires Shopping Centre, Trowbridge



> Malmesbury



> Bradford on Avon



> Marlborough



> Regent Tailoring



> GoSkydive



> Cotswold Water Park



> Aerosaurus Balloons



> Live Escape Salisbury



> Castle Combe Circuit



> Salisbury Plain Safaris



> Treasure Trails



> Skydive Netheravon

# BE PART of the action!

*“Step outside your comfort zone”*

For anyone who ever wanted to be a racing driver, Castle Combe Circuit's Racing School Experiences are a dream come true! Here you can drive real racing cars, on a real race circuit. Kick up some dust with a spin round the rally field. Buckle up and enjoy one roller coaster of a passenger ride. For useful tips before you start out, see how the experts do it at one of their show-stopping car and bike race meetings.

Fans of karting can get behind the wheel, too, at **Wessex Raceway**, one of the largest indoor tracks in Europe. Free from pillars, ramps and bridges, this could just be the ultimate karting experience. Rather let someone else do the driving? Then sign up for a **Salisbury Plain Safari** and let their iconic Land Rover Defender transport you to far flung parts of the Wiltshire landscape. Areas inaccessible to most other vehicles, and inhabited by wildlife that exists only here. Take spectacular views of Europe's largest expanse of chalk downland... throw in some rutted tracks, deep puddles and bumpy roads... add a splash or two of mud and you have all the makings of an expedition to write home about.

Designed to make the blood freeze in your veins, **Virtual Warfare** is home to Battlefield Live, a tactical game of team-based combat. With massive ranges and ultrarealistic arenas, this is laser combat for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. If you prefer your activities wet and wild, head to the **Cotswold Water Park** for windsurfing, sailing, kayaking, cable skiing and banana boating.

For the ultimate adrenalin rush, it, doesn't get much more invigorating than skydiving. If jumping out of a plane from almost three miles high sounds like your perfect way to relax and unwind, team up with **GoSkydive** or **Skydive Netheravon** for up to a minute's freefall against the stunning backdrop of Salisbury Plain. Unrivalled excitement and exhilaration in the air, followed by elation and a real sense of achievement on landing. For experienced skydivers with over 200 jumps under their belt, Netheravon even offers wingsuiting – a whole new way to experience the freedom of the skies!

However, not all adventures have to be nerve-racking, white knuckle rides. **Aerosaurus Balloons** offer a rather gentler airborne experience. Book one of their hot air balloon flights and you'll drift peacefully at dawn or dusk over Wiltshire's timeless countryside, taking in the view from a height of up to 3000ft. Complimentary in-flight Champagne and a post-flight certificate signed by your pilot complete a truly memorable trip.

Back on solid ground, treasure hunts are a great way to have fun with friends and family. **Treasure Trails** offer challenges in over 20 locations around Wiltshire – just download a self-guided booklet and set out on your expedition. Your mission: to find and solve intriguing clues on buildings, statues and monuments, revealing fascinating history and stunning scenery along the way. In Salisbury you can find your way around the fun way with **Text Quest**. As its name suggests, you receive a text with directions and a clue. Reply with the right answer and you receive the next clue. Pit your wits against other teams. Aim for a personal best. Or just amble round at your own pace, enjoying the sights. However you play it, it's time to channel your inner Holmes and Watson.

For those who get a kick out of racing against the clock, real life escape games have taken the world by storm. Faced with an array of puzzles, riddles and clues, your team has to work swiftly to solve the mystery and escape from captivity. Unique, interactive challenges are offered by **Co-Decode**, **11<sup>th</sup> Hour Escape Rooms**, **Live Escape Salisbury** and **Salisbury Escape Rooms**. Themes are updated regularly, so choose your favourite and start sleuthing. But don't forget, for each challenge you have only one hour, and time is fast running out...

*“If this doesn't  
send your  
heartrate soaring,  
nothing will!”*

# ON TOP Form



> Salisbury Racecourse



> Bowood Golf and Country Club



> Upavon Golf Club



> Lucknam Park Equestrian Centre

**First rate courses, excellent facilities, affordable green fees, flexible timings, special offers, stay-and-play packages, fabulous views... just some of the many reasons to choose Wiltshire for your next golfing break.**

The meticulous 18-hole championship course at **Bowood Golf and Country Club** blends perfectly with woodland and undulating countryside, affording extraordinary vistas across rolling parkland towards the Cherhill White Horse. **Cumberwell Park Golf Club**, near Bradford on Avon, has a total of five 9-hole courses set within 700 acres of beautiful parkland, a delightful blend of rolling countryside, lakes and streams, natural copse and woodland.

From their hilltop position above Warminster, the small greens and undulating approaches at 18-hole **West Wilts Golf Club** afford stunning panoramas across three counties. While **Upavon Golf Club's** 18 holes offer magnificent views over Salisbury Plain and the Vale of Pewsey. If you feel the need to get some practice in before heading onto the first tee, **Sleight Valley Golf Driving Range** on the outskirts of Devizes offers twelve floodlit bays, plus tuition with PGA professionals.

Thanks to a glorious location on the eastern edge of Cranborne Chase, with distant views of the Cathedral's soaring spire, **Salisbury Racecourse** is one of England's most beautiful, as well as one of its most historic. They've been laying the odds here since the early 1600s, and these days it successfully combines high quality racing with a friendly and enjoyable day out. Sixteen flat race meetings take place between April and October, a mix of afternoon and evening fixtures, including the ever-popular Ladies' Day. Facilities include bars, catering outlets and a big screen

## *“The views are as breathtaking as the racing”*



> Rein and Shine



> Cumberwell Park Golf Club



> Sleight Valley Golf Driving Range



> Salisbury Plain Safaris

opposite the stands. Accompanied children are always welcome and entertainments for them are provided at weekend and evening race meetings.

With plenty of bridleways to choose from there are opportunities for you to enjoy Wiltshire's breathtaking landscape on horseback too. **Lucknam Park Equestrian Centre** near Chippenham is surrounded by 500 acres of unspoilt parkland and has access to numerous countryside trails in the southern Cotswolds. With 35 horses of all sizes and capabilities it welcomes adults and children alike, from complete beginners to more proficient riders wishing to improve their skills in jumping, dressage or cross country.

Located in the North Wiltshire Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, **Pewsey Vale Riding Centre** is one of Wiltshire's largest, with stabling for over ninety horses. Facilities here include a large indoor school, two full size outdoor manèges and a cross country course. At Braydon in the north of the county, **Rein and Shine**

offers private, semi-private and group lessons with British Horse Society qualified instructors, as well as two- and three-hour 'horsey experiences'. All ages and abilities are welcome, from beginners to experienced riders. Or, for something a little different, team up with **Salisbury Plain Safaris** and explore this vast and untamed plateau on a two-hour hack.

## *“Wiltshire's golf courses have bags of history”*

# RURAL ENGLAND

at its very best

*“One of Britain’s best kept secrets”*



> Cranborne Chase



> Historic milestone



> Savernake Forest



> Pewsey Vale

## What view did you wake up to this morning?

Chances are it wasn't as stunning as those that abound in Wiltshire's glorious countryside. Newborn lambs taking their first unsteady steps. Shadows of hay bales lengthening in the setting sun. Blankets of mist floating low over meadows. Frost glistening on mighty standing stones. Wiltshire is a county for all seasons. The perfect antidote to overcrowded cities.

Easy to explore, yet off the beaten track, Wiltshire is an enchanted place where you feel close to the earth and the ever-changing big skies. As the landscape's mood alters with the seasons and light changes the texture of the hills, you feel connected not just to nature, but to time itself. Almost half the landscape lies within an **Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty**. In the **Cotswolds**, where dry stone walls, narrow winding lanes and honey-coloured villages meld seamlessly into rolling hills. In **Cranborne Chase** and the **West Wiltshire Downs**, which stretch in a giant undulating swathe across the south of the county. In the **North Wessex Downs** and **Vale of Pewsey** where the lush meadows and more austere expanses of upland are a nationally protected landscape.

Crop circles are a much-debated feature of the landscape too. Head for the **Crop Circle Exhibition and Information Centre** in Honeystreet – now open all year round – to ponder the meaning of these mysterious formations.

Whether you are walking, cycling or travelling by car, miles of ancient drove roads and quiet country lanes make exploring a pleasure. Look out for charming hamlets, nestling amid rolling, unspoiled countryside. Among them **Castle Combe**, arguably one of the prettiest villages in England, and the stunning National Trust village of **Lacock**. There are acres of ancient woodland to be found, too, on the edge of the **New Forest National Park** and

in the **Savernake Forest**. And always, at the heart of it all, the vast, untouched expanse of **Salisbury Plain**. An untamed plateau. Sometimes gentle, sometimes wild. Home to rare and endangered species which thrive in the sparsely populated landscape.

The 37 nature reserves managed by **Wiltshire Wildlife Trust** cover a variety of natural habitats. From chalk grassland and woodland to wetland and bog, they are havens for flora and fauna. **Lower Moor Farm** near Cricklade is a mosaic of lakes, brooks and ponds linked by boardwalks, ancient hedges, woodland and meadows. **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 Wood** near Wilton are awash with bluebells in May.

Wiltshire is also blessed with outstanding chalk streams and rivers. Flowing south from Pewsey, the **River Avon** supports an abundant variety of wildlife, including the endangered water vole. The gin-clear waters of the **Wylde, Nadder, Bourne and Ebbel** offer excellent trout fishing and delightful riverside walks. 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. If you're tired of the everyday, it's time for Wiltshire.

To find out more and to book your rural break, go to [visitwiltshire.co.uk/accommodation](http://visitwiltshire.co.uk/accommodation)

# STEP OFF

## the world for a while

These days we're all so busy. 24/7 this. 4G that. Sometimes you need to escape, press pause and let time stand still. With just three speeds – slow, very slow and stop – a narrowboat cruise along the Kennet & Avon Canal provides an ideal opportunity to take things at a gentler pace. No need for speed cameras (although the more conventional kind could come in handy).

Wiltshire's breathtaking countryside might well have been invented with outdoor pursuits in mind. Saddle up for a pony trek or horseback safari. Try your hand at canoeing or paddle boarding. Go fishing. New stories await you round every corner, while travelling under your own steam gives you time to appreciate the beauty of Wiltshire's timeless landscape.

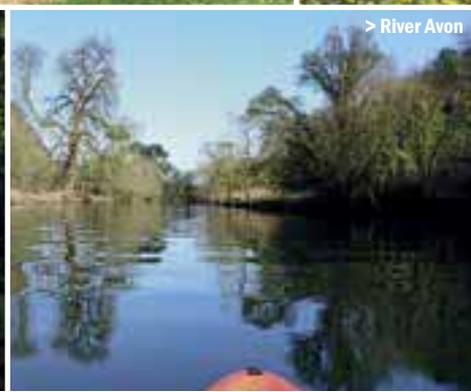
Cyclists – whether seasoned experts, keen amateurs or just starting out – have plenty of options. From the confidence-building to the downright daring. Looking for a stress-free family outing? Give the Golden Way a go. After the excitement of off-road adventure? The Longleat Estate is a great place to start. Keen to test your mettle on a demanding long-distance trail? The 160-mile Wiltshire Cycleway should provide more than enough of a challenge. With an exciting selection of cycling events throughout the year, you can take part yourself or just go along to watch. And if you haven't brought your wheels with you, don't worry. You can hire a bike from **Hayball Cyclesport** in Salisbury, or the **Towpath Trail** in Bradford on Avon.

For those on foot we have an outstanding array of walks you can comfortably complete in just a few hours. Follow in the footsteps

of the ancient drovers. Meander through our market towns. Amble along the towpath of the Kennet & Avon Canal. Even if you're short on time, you'll never be short on views! If you hanker after more serious, long-distance routes you can stride out to your heart's content too. Walk the Wansdyke. Roam the Ridgeway. Hike the White Horse Trail. Tackle their entire length over several days, or cherry pick the bits you like best. If you're out and about, don't miss the opportunity to visit one of The Churches Conservation Trust properties. Interesting in their own right, they also make great places to pause for a breather. At end of a busy day, a refreshing drink in one of our country pubs goes down a treat too. For details of the 'Saints and Sinners' heritage trail combining the best of both worlds, go to [visitwiltshire.co.uk/itineraries](http://visitwiltshire.co.uk/itineraries)

See [visitwiltshire.co.uk/activities](http://visitwiltshire.co.uk/activities) for further details of walking and cycling routes around Wiltshire, as well as a wide range of other things to do. Maps and routes for cyclists and walkers can be downloaded from [connectingwiltshire.co.uk](http://connectingwiltshire.co.uk) or contact one of the Information Centres listed on page 70. If you're at your happiest heading off in the morning with just a packed lunch and a map for company, that's fine by us. But if you need a little help with planning your itinerary, arranging places to stay – even transporting your luggage – local specialists such as **Foot Trails, Footpath Holidays** and **Guided Walks in Wiltshire** can take the hassle out of your holiday. There's a great choice of walker- and cyclist-friendly accommodation to be found on our website, too. Accommodation providers are often happy to advise on their favourite local routes, and many actively welcome outdoor enthusiasts by offering facilities such as drying rooms for wet clothing. To find out more, go to [visitwiltshire.co.uk/accommodation](http://visitwiltshire.co.uk/accommodation)

Of course, in the unlikely event that the sun is having an off day, there are ample indoor activities too. Brush up your foreign language skills. Master new culinary techniques. Or unwind with a luxurious treatment in one of our spas.



*“Sturdy shoes  
recommended!”*



# SOMEWHERE

## to lay your head



> The Old Bell Hotel, Malmesbury



> Royal Oak, Swallowcliffe



> Woolley Grange



> Hillside Cottage & Spa

**Wiltshire is the perfect antidote to busy lives and overcrowded cities. Here you can breathe more easily. Feel unhurried. Relax and unwind. So make time for Wiltshire. It's just what the doctor ordered.**

In Wiltshire we know that little moments matter. A crackling open fire, a comfy chair, and a glass or two of your favourite tippie. Wiltshire's **pubs and inns** have been welcoming and reviving generations of weary travellers for centuries. Our **restaurants with rooms**, too, are the perfect places to enjoy a delicious evening meal with good company all around.

What could be more timeless than the English B&B experience? Cosy rooms, thatched rooves, and a hearty English breakfast featuring local produce to start the day. Make time for each other at a perfect **bed and breakfast**, in a perfect Wiltshire village.

When was the last time you all went away together? Enjoy some family time at one of our **self-catering** properties. A converted stable or barn, maybe, with inglenook fireplace and flagstone floors. Or a city centre property, with all amenities close at hand. Come and go as you please. Eat out or cater for yourself. If your thing is to do your own thing, these offer the last word in flexibility.

For many people, holiday heaven means waking up to the sounds of the countryside. Home-made bread, local honey, and eggs straight from the hen. If this describes your rustic dream, a **Farm Stay** property could be the perfect fit. Some are on working farms,

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as well as the latest offers,  
go to [visitwiltshire.co.uk/accommodation](http://visitwiltshire.co.uk/accommodation)”*



> Copse Cottage



> Stonehenge Glamping Pods



> Buttle Farm



> Homewood Park Hotel & Spa

others simply in farm locations. Chances are, you'll be able to take your best friend along too, as many are happy to welcome dogs. (Or even horses!)

With comfortable two, three and four star options we have **hotels** to suit every pocket. Some at the centre of the action. Others more rural and remote. Several with AA Dining Rosettes. Wherever you lay your head, you'll sleep soundly and wake refreshed. Ready for another busy day out and about in Wiltshire.

At the upper end of the market our breathtaking **country house hotels** are the ultimate in indulgence. Excellent facilities and levels of comfort and service that are second to none. Some offer Michelin star dining. Others a luxurious spa, on-site golf course or their own riding stables. Many are surrounded by acres of beautiful English parkland. Take time out and treat yourself. No expense spared.

For a taste of the country life, nothing beats spending a night under the open sky. Which is where our **campsites** come into their own. Just park your caravan, pitch your tent, or pull up in your motorhome.

If you hanker for something a little out of the ordinary, a spot of **glamping** in a canvas lodge might fit the bill nicely. Or snuggle up close in a **glamping pod**. Simple pleasures, with creature comforts thrown in.

When nothing but the ultimate countryside experience will do, get in touch with your rural roots and spend the night in a traditional **shepherd's hut**. You. A canopy of stars. And the great outdoors on your doorstep.

# CHOOSING AND Booking your Accommodation

Hopefully the information contained within these pages has whetted your appetite and inspired you to visit Wiltshire in 2019... All you need to do now is **find somewhere to stay**.

**To help you on your way**, a selection of accommodation is featured on pages 51-61 of this guide. If you can't see exactly what you're looking for there, a wider choice of places to stay can be found on our website.

As you would expect, our website has an extensive 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.



**Getting started** is easy: just go to [visitwiltshire.co.uk/accommodation](http://visitwiltshire.co.uk/accommodation) on your mobile, tablet or laptop 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.

Once you've found somewhere you like the look of, the **next step** is to 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**.

**That's all there is to it.** Planning your short break or holiday to Wiltshire using our website couldn't be easier... especially as you can now also **book tickets online**, before you arrive, for lots of places to visit and things to do – just go to [visitwiltshire.co.uk/shop](http://visitwiltshire.co.uk/shop)

And finally... don't forget to check the **Events Calendar** on pages 28-29 of this guide to see what's on while you're here... keep an eye on the **Special Offers** page on our website for a range of seasonal escapes, activity breaks, last minute deals and more... and be sure to check out our **Blog** – it's full of great ideas for places to visit and things to do.



*“Book via VisitWiltshire or direct with the accommodation provider”*

A WORLD OF FUN WITH DICK & JANE



**EAT**

The Lock Inn Café has been home of the famous Boatman's Breakfast since 1990. The café offers a vast lunch, snack and evening menu, a canalside garden, good beer, wines and coffee. Our Kitchen is open All Day, Every Day.

Frome Road, Bradford on Avon BA15 1LE

[www.thelockinn.co.uk](http://www.thelockinn.co.uk) • 01225 868068



**PEDAL/PADDLE**

Bike and Canoe Hire on the Kennet and Avon Canal is available from Towpath Trail. We have high quality bikes, trailers, canoes and everything else the family may need for a day messing about on the level and traffic free canal towpath including snacks, ice creams, barista coffees and a range of cycling and canal giftware.

Frome Road, Bradford on Avon BA15 1LE

[www.towpathtrail.co.uk](http://www.towpathtrail.co.uk) • 01225 867187



**SLEEP**

Widbrook Barns offers self contained, comfortable B&B barns and family suites. Families, couples, singles and business travellers are all most welcome. Guests also have the option of more unusual Gypsy Caravan and Shepherd's Hut stays.

Widbrook, Bradford on Avon BA15 1UD

[www.widbrookbarns.co.uk](http://www.widbrookbarns.co.uk) • 01225 865049



**SHOP**

Our newly expanded TT Cycles store is now Wiltshire's premier bike shop with a vast range of parts, clothing and accessories and possibly the most extensive range of bikes for all disciplines. We have a fully equipped workshop (and Shimano Service Centre) to service or build your bike, or just help to keep you on the road. Finance and Cycle Scheme available too.

Elms Cross Business Park, Bradford on Avon BA15 2AY

[www.ttcycles.co.uk](http://www.ttcycles.co.uk) • 01225 867187

# ACCOMMODATION

For quality assessment, pricing and symbol information please see pages 69-70

For map references please see page 71

## Bradford on Avon, Trowbridge and Villages

### Church Farm Country Cottages and The Old Granary

★★★★ Self-Catering

Map Ref D2



Church Farm, Winsley, Bradford on Avon, Wiltshire, BA15 2JH  
T: 01225 722246 E: stay@churchfarmcottages.com

Superbly located family-run farm cottages and delightful 'Old Granary' barn (¾ mile away) on working sheep farm. Sleeping 34 in total, including ground floor accommodation. Indoor heated pool and games room. Free Wi-Fi. Located on the edge of Winsley in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Country walks/cycling on the doorstep. Excellent village pub, farm shop/café and village shop all under ½ mile. Bath 5 miles. Longleat 12 miles. Bradford on Avon 2 miles. Kennet & Avon Canal ¾ mile. Cycle hire 2 miles. Farm and woodland activities by prior arrangement. Couples, families, friends, business people and larger groups welcome. Also cyclists, walkers, and dogs by arrangement. Good local buses. Weekend and mid-week breaks, weekly and longer stays available. Welcome cream tea on arrival.

**7 Cottages:** Four 4-person and three 2-person cottages. £215-£695 short break; £395-£1,295 per week.

**Old Granary:** Sleeps up to 12. Short breaks from £995-£2,395; £2,595-£3,495 per week.

[www.churchfarmcottages.com](http://www.churchfarmcottages.com)



### Best Western Leigh Park Country House Hotel & Vineyard

★★★ Country House Hotel

Map Ref D2

Leigh Road West, Bradford on Avon,  
Wiltshire, BA15 2RA  
T: 01225 864885  
E: info@leighparkhotel.co.uk

Relaxing, informal venue with its own walled garden and vineyard, only 15 minutes' drive from the Georgian city of Bath. Stunning views over the Wiltshire Downs. Ideal for weddings, meetings and conferences.

**Bedrooms** 38

**Bathrooms** 38 en suite Room only (B&B available)

**S** £88-£95 **D** £98-£175 **T** £98-£175 **F** £130-£175

[www.leighparkhotel.co.uk](http://www.leighparkhotel.co.uk)



### Cumberwell Country Cottages

★★★★ Self-Catering

Map Ref D2

Great Cumberwell Farm, Bradford on Avon, Wiltshire, BA15 2PQ  
T: 01225 869230  
E: enquiries@cumberwellcountrycottages.com  
Mr Alistair James

Seven unique, luxurious and spacious self-catering cottages set in a peaceful, rural location on the edge of an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, only 5 miles from Bath and 1 mile from Bradford on Avon.

**Bedrooms** 1 or 2 per unit

**Sleeps** Between 2-4 in seven cottages

**Prices** £265-£855

[www.cumberwellcountrycottages.com](http://www.cumberwellcountrycottages.com)



### Newhouse Farm

★★★★ Bed & Breakfast

Map Ref D2

Littleton, Semington, Trowbridge, Wiltshire, BA14 6LF  
T: 01380 870349 E: stay@newhousefarmwilt.co.uk  
Mrs Carole Ball

Comfortable Victorian farmhouse offering a warm welcome, spacious rooms and delicious breakfasts. Ideal for Longleat, Bowood, Bath and Lacock; also walking and cycling along the Kennet & Avon Canal. Great pubs nearby.

**Bedrooms** 3

**Bathrooms** 3 en suite

**S** £46-£60 **D** £75-£95 **T** £75-£95

[www.newhousefarmwilt.co.uk](http://www.newhousefarmwilt.co.uk)



## Calne, Devizes and Villages

### The Lansdowne Hotel

★★★ Inn

Map Ref C3



The Strand, Calne, Wiltshire, SN11 0EH  
T: 01249 812488 E: Lansdowne@arkells.com

This historic hotel, a Grade II listed building, was built in the 16<sup>th</sup> century as an important coaching inn, and was also home to a local brewery for a time. The courtyard still has its medieval brew house.

The hotel is located on the A4, just 15 minutes from the M4 in this ancient Wiltshire market town.

In 2017 the hotel received a major investment and upgrade. With 25 rooms, all en suite, two function rooms, two bars and a bistro, the Lansdowne is a wonderful place to eat and drink, with enticing open fires in the winter just calling for visitors to linger over a meal and a pint of real ale.

Golf nearby. Secure parking within the hotel courtyard. Close to famous chalk white horses. Pets welcome.

**Bedrooms** 25

**Bathrooms** 25 en suite

**S** £50 **D** £60-£70 **F** £60-£70 **Tr** £140

[www.lansdownestrand.co.uk](http://www.lansdownestrand.co.uk)

### Bowood Hotel, Spa and Golf Resort

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Derry Hill, Calne, Wiltshire, SN11 9PQ  
T: 01249 822228 E: resort@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

[www.bowood.org](http://www.bowood.org)

**Queenwood Lodge**

Map Ref C3

VisitWiltshire Accommodation Charter

Bowood Hotel, Spa and Golf Resort, Derry Hill, Calne, Wiltshire, SN11 9PQ  
**T: 01249 822228**  
**E: resort@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 £1,175 per night for DBB  
[www.bowood.org](http://www.bowood.org)



> Devizes

**Blounts Court Farm**

Map Ref D3

VisitWiltshire Accommodation Charter

Coxhill Lane, Potterne, Devizes, Wiltshire, SN10 5PH  
**T: 01380 727180**  
**E: carys@blountscourtfarm.co.uk**  
 Mrs C Cary

Luxury accommodation situated in quiet countryside. Award-winning breakfast with homemade bread, preserves and eggs from our own hens. Walking distance to village pub.

**Bedrooms 3**  
**Bathrooms 3** en suite  
**S** £62-£68 **D** £94-£104 **T** £94-£104  
[www.blountscourtfarm.co.uk](http://www.blountscourtfarm.co.uk)



**The George & Dragon**

Map Ref D3

★★★★ Restaurant with Rooms

High Street, Rowde, Devizes, Wiltshire, SN10 2PN  
**T: 01380 723053**  
**E: gm@thegeorgeanddragonrowde.co.uk**  
 Christopher Day

A hidden gem, this 16<sup>th</sup> century inn combines modern day style with country character. A roaring fire, three cosy bedrooms and garden terrace. Specialising in Cornish seafood delivered daily.

**Bedrooms 3**  
**Bathrooms 2** en suite, 1 private  
**S** £75-£95 **D** £75-£95 **F** £125-£155  
[www.thegeorgeanddragonrowde.co.uk](http://www.thegeorgeanddragonrowde.co.uk)



**Stable End**

Map Ref D3

VisitWiltshire Accommodation Charter

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, minimum 2 nights' stay. Own small garden. TV and DVD. Dogs welcome: £15 per week. Electricity payable by meter in winter. WiFi.

**Bedrooms 1**  
**Sleeps 2**  
**Prices** £180-£310  
[www.stableendselfcatering.co.uk](http://www.stableendselfcatering.co.uk)



**Abbotts Ball Farm Cottage**

Map Ref D3

VisitWiltshire Accommodation Charter

Worton Road, Potterne, Devizes, Wiltshire, SN10 5PW  
**T: 01380 721661**  
**E: hazel@abbottsballfarm.com**  
 Mrs Hazel Hobbs

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

**Bedrooms 3**  
**Sleeps 5**  
**Prices** £337-£825 per week. Shorter breaks available.  
[www.abbottsballfarm.com](http://www.abbottsballfarm.com)



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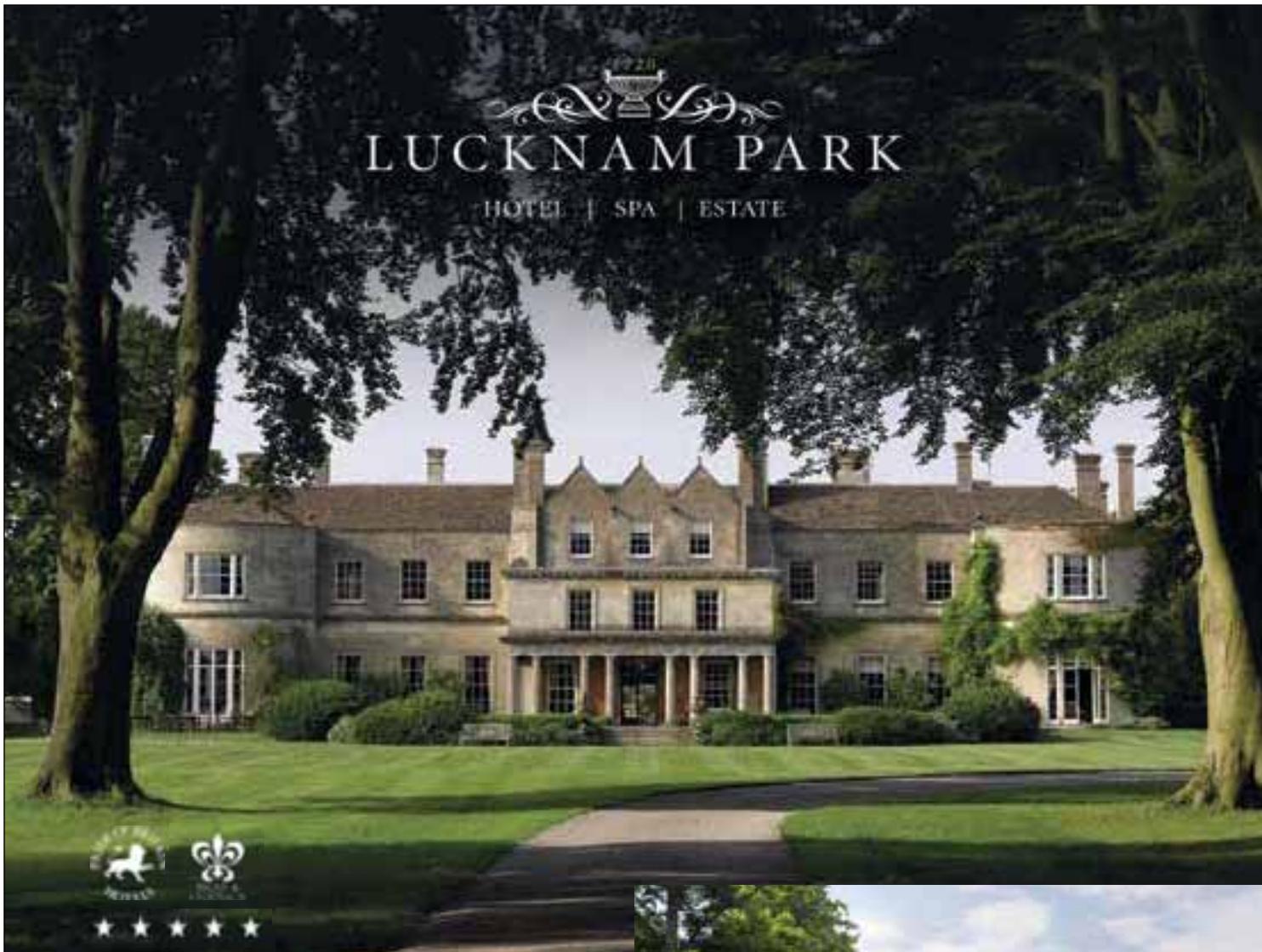
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# Chippenham, Malmesbury and Villages



> Chippenham

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 A family-run country hotel set amidst beautiful countryside in the south Cotswolds, within very easy access of the M4. With ancient Malmesbury, Royal Tetbury, Westonbirt Arboretum and the Cotswold Water Park all on our doorstep, it's the perfect spot to relax, unwind and explore. We offer 28 en suite rooms including family rooms, disabled levels 1 and 2, and dog-friendly accommodation.  
 Our AA Rosette country-style restaurant serves beautifully cooked, locally sourced fare, whilst our cellar is stocked with fine wines, and our bar serves great local real ale from the cask. In the summer months our wood fired oven serves pizzas in the garden. Sunday lunches are an especially relaxed and traditional family affair, while special occasions can be catered for in our private dining room, the 17<sup>th</sup> century Stoneroom.  
**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  
[www.mayfieldhousehotel.co.uk](http://www.mayfieldhousehotel.co.uk)

**Manor Farm** Map Ref C2  
 ★ ★ ★ ★ Farmhouse

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**



> Malmesbury

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## Corsham, Lacock and Villages



> Corsham

### Sign of the Angel

★★★★ Restaurant with Rooms

Map Ref C2



Church Street, Lacock, Wiltshire, SN15 2LB

T: 01249 730230 E: info@signoftheangel.co.uk Jon Furby

A modern-rustic 15<sup>th</sup> century coaching inn, for casual dining and relaxing stays. The focus has always been to provide a special experience, for both day guests and staying visitors. We have brought the traditional inn up-to-date with current demands. We believe great food and drink should be enjoyed in a relaxed atmosphere, and an overnight stay should be comfortable and cosy.

Located in the National Trust village of Lacock, we are perfectly positioned on the edge of the Cotswolds and only a short distance from Bath and many more sites in the area.

Dishes are created from the best produce the West Country has to offer through our fantastic farmers, butchers and artisan producers in the area. A British menu is served with the inclusion of various influences.

**Bedrooms** 5  
**Bathrooms** 5 en suite  
**S** £80-£110 **D** £100-£150 **F** £185-£210

www.signoftheangel.co.uk

### The Old Post Office Cottage

VisitWiltshire Accommodation Charter

Map Ref C2

Silver Street, Gastard, Corsham, Wiltshire, SN13 9PY  
T: 01249 713968  
E: pjcollier@talktalk.net or mail@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** £350-£450

www.theoldpostofficecottage.com



### Piccadilly Caravan Park

★★★★★ Camping & Touring Park

Map Ref C2

Folly Lane West, Lacock, Chippenham, Wiltshire, SN15 2LP  
T: 01249 730260  
E: info@piccadillylacock.co.uk  
Peter Williams

A peaceful, pleasant location close to the National Trust village of Lacock. Facilities and grounds are immaculately kept and showers have been recently upgraded. 2.5 acre level site with good screening.

**Pitches** 43  
**Prices** £20-£22 per night  
www.piccadillylacock.co.uk



## Highworth, Swindon and Villages

### Highworth Hotel and Restaurant

VisitWiltshire Accommodation Charter

Map Ref B4

1 Westrop, Highworth, Wiltshire, SN6 7HJ  
T: 01793 762364  
E: info@thehighworth.com

Elegant, luxurious guest rooms with state-of-the-art en suite bathrooms give you the perfect place to relax. Just plan a weekend away, or book a romantic table for two.

**Bedrooms** 10 **Bathrooms** 10 en suite  
**S** £98-£142 **D** £106-£150 **T** £106-£150  
**Superior D** £126-£170 **Junior Suite** (1 child) £150-£213  
**Family Suite** (2 children) £160-£223

www.thehighworth.com



### > Highworth



### > Lydiard Park



### Cheney Thatch

★★★ Bed & Breakfast

Map Ref B4

Oxon Place, Bishopstone, Swindon, Wiltshire, SN6 8PS  
T: 01793 790508  
Mrs Rosemary Boot

Comfortable 400-year-old thatched cottage; unique setting in downland village near Swindon. Log fire, heated outdoor pool. Large garden with stream and abundant wildlife. Extremely quiet. Easy access for Stonehenge and Bath. Open all year.

**Bedrooms** 2  
**Bathrooms** 2 private  
**S** £55 **D** £65



**Swindon Marriott Hotel**

**Map Ref B4**



Pipers Way, Swindon, Wiltshire, SN3 1SH  
**T: 01793 512121** E: mhrs.swidt.frontdesk@marriotthotels.com

Discover modern style, 4-star service and a convenient setting near the city centre at Swindon Marriott Hotel. Located on the outskirts of historic Old Town, Swindon, near the M4 motorway and the Cotswolds, our hotel positions you to explore the city with ease.

Relax in our spacious guest rooms and suites, with stylish decor, plush bedding, flat-screen TVs and high-speed Internet. Our suites boast garden views and luxury amenities.

Stay fit in our complimentary leisure club, with an indoor pool, tennis courts and a fitness centre. Indulge in beauty treatments at our on-site spa. Get energised for a day of sightseeing or meetings at the bar, or savour locally sourced cuisine at Cast Iron Bar & Grill, our hotel restaurant.

Our hotel offers a pillarless ballroom, an enchanting garden and nine meeting rooms for your special events. Additionally, we offer on-site catering services and a 24-hour business centre.

Book your stay today in our award-winning, 4-star hotel in Swindon, UK.

**Bedrooms** 156 **Bathrooms** 156 en suite  
**S** From £70 **D** From £70 **T** From £80 **F** From £80 **Tr** From £174

[www.swindonmarriott.co.uk](http://www.swindonmarriott.co.uk)

# Marlborough, Pewsey Vale and Villages

**Buckerfields Barn**

**Map Ref C4**

VisitWiltshire Accommodation Charter

Buckerfields Nursery, Ogbourne St George, Marlborough, Wiltshire, SN8 1TF  
**T: 01672 841414** **M: 07976 912927**  
**E: info@buckerfieldsbarn.co.uk** Terence and Sonia Wright

Four comfortably furnished, high quality self-catering apartments. Created from a barn on an old farmyard, now a small plant nursery run by the hosts, and surrounded by lovely gardens.

**Bedrooms** 4 one bedroom apartments  
**Sleeps** 2 persons per apartment  
**Prices** on application

[www.buckerfieldsbarn.co.uk](http://www.buckerfieldsbarn.co.uk)



**Willowbank Lodges**

**Map Ref D4**

VisitWiltshire Accommodation Charter

Milkhouse Water, Pewsey, Wiltshire, SN9 5JX  
**T: 01672 562110** **M: 07778 205763**  
**E: nickywood@willowbanklodges.com**  
 Nicky Wood

Five spacious, comfortable and well equipped log cabins nesting in a small hamlet in the heart of the Pewsey Vale, bordering the Kennet & Avon Canal. Situated in 3½ acres, including a private lake.

**Bedrooms** 1 or 2 per cabin **Sleeps** 2-5 per cabin  
**Prices** One bed cabin £393-£585 per week  
 Two bed cabin £465-£789 per week

[www.willowbanklodges.com](http://www.willowbanklodges.com)



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## Salisbury and Villages



> Salisbury

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#### The Cathedral Hotel

Map Ref F4

★★★ Hotel



7-9 Milford Street, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP1 2AJ  
T: 01722 343700 E: [info@cathedralhotelsalisbury.co.uk](mailto:info@cathedralhotelsalisbury.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 8am 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. All our rooms are secondary glazed, but if you want a quiet room at the weekend, please request this at the time of booking. All our rates include a cooked and continental breakfast. Ideal base for touring this great city and surrounding county of Wiltshire. Winner of The South Wilts Tourism Business Of The Year Award 2015.

**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  
[www.cathedralhotelsalisbury.co.uk](http://www.cathedralhotelsalisbury.co.uk)

#### The Old Rectory

VisitWiltshire Accommodation Charter

Chicklade, Hindon, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP3 5SU

T: 01747 820000

E: [lynda@theoldrectory-bandb.co.uk](mailto:lynda@theoldrectory-bandb.co.uk)

Lynda Masefield

A beautifully restored rectory, ideally located for Stonehenge, Stourhead, Longleat, Salisbury and Bath. Expect a warm welcome and a traditional breakfast with local ingredients. Three comfortable en suite bedrooms, including a 2-room family suite. Two excellent pubs in nearby Hindon. Walkers and cyclists welcome.

**Bedrooms 3 Bathrooms 3** en suite  
**S** £60-£75 **D** £85-£95 **T** £85-£95 **F** £95-£140  
[www.theoldrectory-bandb.co.uk](http://www.theoldrectory-bandb.co.uk)

Map Ref E2



#### Evening Hill

VisitWiltshire Accommodation Charter

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

T: 01722 718561 M: 07900 360360

E: [henrys@eveninghill.com](mailto:henrys@eveninghill.com)

Mrs Joyce Henry

Quiet, friendly bungalow in picturesque village, two miles south of Salisbury, overlooking open fields. Relaxing conservatory looking onto garden. Pub/restaurant five minutes' walk.

**Bedrooms 2**  
**Bathrooms 2** en suite  
**S** £40 **D** £50-£55 **F** £75-£95  
[www.eveninghill.com](http://www.eveninghill.com)

Map Ref F4



**Marshwood Farm, Dinton**

**Map Ref F3**

Come and enjoy peace and tranquility at Marshwood Farm, tucked between the Nadder and Wylve valleys at the heart of Cranborne Chase. Combining a relaxing farmhouse B&B, a tranquil self-catering cottage and a cosy Shepherd's Hut, our friendly working farm is just a short drive from Stonehenge, Salisbury and Longleat. Stourhead, Shaftesbury, Bath and Glastonbury are within easy reach, as are many other National Trust and English Heritage sites. While walkers and cyclists are well placed for the Monarch's Way and a variety of local walks and cycle routes.



**Bed & Breakfast**

★★★★★

The 17<sup>th</sup> century, Grade II listed farmhouse offers two comfortable and spacious en suite rooms, each with complimentary toiletries, hospitality tray, and flat screen TV with Freeview. A delicious hot and cold breakfast of locally sourced ingredients is served each morning around the long oval table in our dining room. Continental options include organic yoghurt, fresh fruit salad, cereals, homemade preserves and local honey, while a cooked breakfast, prepared to order, offers Wiltshire-sourced chipolatas, eggs, tomatoes, mushrooms and baked beans.

**Bedrooms 2 Bathrooms 2** en suite  
**S** £60-£70 **D** £70-£90 **T** £80-£100  
 Discounts are available for stays of two nights or more, excluding bank holidays and Christmas/New Year.

**The Cottage**

★★★★★

Attached to the main farmhouse, our cosy, well-equipped self-catering cottage has been tastefully renovated whilst retaining many original features. It can comfortably sleep a family of four in one double bedroom and another with full size bunk beds. There is a fully fitted kitchen/dining room with dishwasher, microwave, cooker and fridge/freezer; a lounge with TV/DVD; and a family bathroom with shower over the bath. Rental includes a welcome pack of breakfast groceries, bedlinen and towels, heating and electricity, and use of a BBQ.

**Bedrooms 2**  
**Sleeps 4**  
**Prices Weekly** (Friday to Friday or Monday to Monday) £490-£595  
**Short break** (Friday to Monday or Monday to Friday) £290-£340

**Shepherd's Hut**

Wiltshire Approved Accommodation

Sleeping two in a double bed our delightful hand-built Shepherd's Hut is surrounded by rolling landscape and ancient woodland. Our aim is to combine comfort and relaxation with being as eco-friendly as possible, so as well as a little wood stove to keep you warm on chilly evenings and a camp stove to make tea and coffee, you will find solar powered lights and a composting toilet. After a night under the stars you can choose between a Continental breakfast hamper delivered to your door, or a full cooked breakfast served in the farmhouse nearby.

**Bedrooms 1 Sleeps 2**  
**Prices** £140-£180 for 2 nights Monday to Friday  
 £160-£180 for 2 nights Friday to Monday  
 Minimum 2-night stay.

Mrs Fiona Lockyer, Marshwood Farm, Dinton, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP3 5ET **T: 01722 716334 M: 07906 940894 E: marshwood1@btconnect.co.uk**

[www.marshwoodfarm.co.uk](http://www.marshwoodfarm.co.uk)

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## POTTERS WAY

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A quiet residential area, one mile from city centre, with view to the Cathedral spire. Twenty minutes' walk into city. Family atmosphere. Note: family room can be used as a twin. Garden for guests' use, baby sitting and left luggage facilities available. Walking frame available for guests with disabilities.

**Websters B&B** **Map Ref F4**

★★★★★ Guest House



11 Hartington Road, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP2 7LG  
**T: 01722 339779 E: enquiries@websters-bed-breakfast.com** Natasha MacGowan  
 Delightful and welcoming family-run bed and breakfast. Quiet location within easy walking distance of the city centre, Cathedral and railway station. All rooms are en suite, with flat screen TV and free WiFi. Delicious freshly cooked breakfasts. Free parking. Booking by telephone or online booking system advisable.

**Bedrooms 5**  
**Bathrooms 5** en suite  
**S** From £60 **D** £80-£95 **T** £80-£95  
[www.websters-bed-breakfast.com](http://www.websters-bed-breakfast.com)

**Salisbury Cathedral Close B&B** **Map Ref F4**

VisitWiltshire Accommodation Charter  
 Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP1 2EN  
**T: 01722 330736 M: 07957 863183**  
**E: cathedralclosebb@gmail.com**  
 Jane Singleton

Photo from outside our home in the Cathedral Close. Unrivalled quiet location. En suite double bedroom on 1<sup>st</sup> floor (own staircase) and en suite log cabin with double bed. Includes: Parking, WiFi, tea/coffee, simple breakfast.

**Bedrooms 2**  
**Bathrooms 2** en suite  
**S** From £80 **D** From £90  
[www.salisburycathedralclosebandb.co.uk](http://www.salisburycathedralclosebandb.co.uk)



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> Salisbury Market Place

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## The Stonehenge B&B / Self-Catering Studios

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Scotland Lodge, Winterbourne Stoke, Wiltshire, SP3 4TF  
**T: 01980 620943 M: 07957 863183**  
**E: stonehengebandb@gmail.com**  
 Jane Singleton

Quirky 16<sup>th</sup> century house with Victorian additions. Convenient for Stonehenge, Salisbury, Bath etc. En suite B&Bs (1-12+ guests) and studio apartments, all upstairs. Billiard/snooker room, sitting room, simple breakfast downstairs. Parking, WiFi, tea/coffee.

**Bedrooms** 4 + 2-room complex  
**Bathrooms** 5 en suite  
**S** From £60 **D** From £70/80 **T** From £90 **F** From £100  
**www.stonehengebandb.co.uk**

Map Ref E3



## Manor Farm Cottages

VisitWiltshire Accommodation Charter

Map Ref F3



Manor Farm, Sutton Mandeville, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP3 5NL  
**T: 01722 714226 M: 07941 299806 E: info@holidaycottagewiltshire.co.uk** Gillie Strang

Two beautifully restored 17<sup>th</sup> century farm cottages, furnished to the highest standard, each with a pretty garden, barbecue and patio furniture. Breakfast and BBQ hampers filled with local produce are available and suppers can be delivered. On the same site, the Calf Shed is a fully accessible, single story, modern barn conversion with floor to ceiling glass affording stunning views towards the Fovant Badges. The romantic double bedroom has electric profiling beds and there are sofa beds sleeping a further two guests. An open plan living area features sumptuous soft furnishings and a modern kitchen with granite worktops and low level oven, hob and sink. A luxurious wet room completes the facilities here. There are several local pubs offering good food within a 10 minute radius. Assistance dogs welcome. All in all, a beautiful relaxing retreat.

**Bedrooms** Cottages: 3 Calf Shed: 1  
**Sleeps** Cottages: 6 Calf Shed: 5  
**Prices** £420-£895

**www.holidaycottagewiltshire.co.uk**



## Stonehenge Campsite & Glamping Pods

VisitWiltshire Accommodation Charter

Map Ref E3



Berwick St James, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP3 4TQ  
**M: 07786 734732 E: stay@stonehengecampsite.co.uk** Wardens: Jeff and Nikki

Multi-award winning camping and glamping site, just three miles from the World Heritage Site of Stonehenge. Our beautifully landscaped, semi-woodland setting is perfectly situated for visits to Longleat, Bath, Salisbury and the New Forest.

Surrounded by outstanding walks, with five local pubs and a farm shop nearby, there is plenty to explore. Dog friendly, with electric car charging and campfires on site, Stonehenge Campsite is perfect for an idyllic escape to the country, or even as a venue for your very own event.

**Pitches** Motor Homes from £11, Tents from £10, Glamping Pods from £45.  
 Prices per pitch, per night, includes two people and one car.

**www.stonehengecampsite.co.uk**



## Warminster, Westbury and Villages



> Stourhead

## The Bishopstrow Hotel and Spa

★★★★ Hotel

Map Ref E2



Boreham Road, Bishopstrow, Warminster, Wiltshire, BA12 9HH  
**T: 01985 212312 E: info@bishopstrow.co.uk**

Bishopstrow Hotel and Spa is one of the finest luxury hotels in Dorset and Wiltshire. All rooms and suites are beautifully furnished and decorated. Our award-winning restaurant serves the finest locally sourced food in a modern, light and spacious dining room. Sample afternoon tea in one of our comfortable lounges. Relax in our spa with one of our many treatments or enjoy the thermal experiences, indoor or outdoor pools, fitness suite and indoor and outdoor tennis courts. Close to Salisbury, Bath, Longleat and Stonehenge.

**Bedrooms** 32  
**Bathrooms** 32 en suite  
**S** £85-£170 **D** £106-£535 **T** £120-£535 **F** £250-£570 (2 adults + 1 child)

**www.bishopstrow.co.uk**



## Horningsham B&B

VisitWiltshire Accommodation Charter

Map Ref E2



197 Pottle Street, Horningsham, Warminster, Wiltshire, BA12 7LX  
**T: 01985 844454 E: susiehilleary@btinternet.com** Susanna Hilleary

Family home situated in a quiet country lane in the beautiful village of Horningsham on the Longleat Estate. Perfect for a romantic getaway, peaceful break or family holiday. Wonderful views, lovely garden, walks and cycling. Within easy reach of Stourhead, Bath, Salisbury, Bruton, Frome and Stonehenge. Several recommended pubs within five miles.

**Bedrooms** 3  
**Bathrooms** 2 en suite, 1 private  
**S** £50 **D** £90 (en suite) **T** £80 **F** £80

**www.horningshambnb.com**

**Black Dog Farm Bed & Breakfast**

Map Ref E2

VisitWiltshire Accommodation Charter

Chapmanslade, Westbury, Wiltshire, BA13 4AE  
**T: 01373 832858**  
**E:** bookings@blackdogfarm.co.uk  
 Cate Pearson

A stunning Grade II listed Georgian farmhouse providing fresh bread with locally sourced produce for breakfast. Hairdryers and ironing board available, along with tea and coffee facilities in the bedrooms.

**Bedrooms 3 Bathrooms 3** en suite  
**S** From £65 **D** From £75 **T** From £90 **F** From £100  
**www.blackdogfarm.co.uk**



**Brokerswood Holiday Park**

Map Ref D2

Campsite



Brokerswood, Westbury, Wiltshire, BA13 4EH  
**T: 01373 822238** **E:** brokerswood.info@haulfryn.co.uk

Brokerswood is a delightful holiday home park located near Westbury and down the road from Longleat Safari Park. All of our luxury holiday homes and woodland pods come with the highest quality furnishings and fittings, as well as their very own hot tub to make every stay special. Plus, offset your running costs by subletting your holiday home when you're not using it. With homes from just £90,000, and woodland pods from £65,000, there's no better time to buy.

Set in over 80 acres of natural woodland, Brokerswood has its own fishing lake, and hiding amongst the trees are adventure playgrounds, nature trails and woodland walks. Dogs are welcome, but well-trained owners are essential! Onsite there is a shop that provides everyday essentials as well as a few luxuries, and a café serving breakfast, then hot drinks throughout the day until 4pm.

**www.brokerswoodpark.co.uk**

**Brokerswood Holiday Park**

Map Ref D2

Holiday Park

Brokerswood, Westbury, Wiltshire, BA13 4EH  
**T: 01373 822238**  
**E:** brokerswood.info@haulfryn.co.uk

Whether you want to stay in a magnificent lodge or a cosy woodland pod, Brokerswood Holiday Park has everything you need. Each accommodation has its very own hot tub to make every stay special. Brokerswood is located near Westbury and down the road from Longleat Safari Park.

**Prices** Please see haulfrynholidays.co.uk for our latest prices  
**www.haulfrynholidays.co.uk**



# Wiltshire Borders

**La Fosse at Cranborne**

Map Ref G3

★★★★ Restaurant with Rooms

London House, The Square, Cranborne, Wimborne, Dorset, BH21 5PR  
**T: 01725 517604** **E:** lafossemail@gmail.com  
 Mark and Emmanuelle Hartstone

Welcoming Restaurant with Rooms set in idyllic rural surroundings at the heart of Cranborne Chase. Comfortable accommodation, delicious home cooked dinners and friendly, efficient service.

**Bedrooms 6**  
**Bathrooms 6** en suite  
**Cosy** £89 **Classic** £99 **Spacious** £120 **Generous** £165  
**www.la-fosse.com**



**The Place To Stay**

Map Ref E1

VisitWiltshire Accommodation Charter



Knoll Hill Farm, Trudoxhill, Frome, Somerset, BA11 5DP  
**T: 01373 836880** **E:** theplacetostayuk@gmail.com

Luxury guest house situated close to Longleat Safari Park, Stourhead Gardens, Frome and Bath. This beautiful Edwardian farmhouse, with ten unique rooms, is renowned for its relaxing and peaceful atmosphere, glorious views of the countryside, large garden and our delicious breakfast. All the rooms are en suite, and with five rooms able to accommodate children, it's the perfect place for couples and families. Dogs by prior arrangement and horse B&B is on offer. We are surrounded by local attractions, you can pamper yourself in our beauty and massage treatment centre, The Bodhi Tree. You can make reservations for lunch or dinner at our very own traditional village pub, The White Hart Inn, only 3 minutes' walk away from the main house. We offer a home from home.

**Bedrooms 10**  
**Bathrooms 10** en suite  
**D** £75-£89 **K** £89-£125 **F** £104-£170  
**www.theplacetostayuk.com**

# Wedding Venues

**Corsham Town Hall**

Map Ref C2

Corsham Town Council, Town Hall, High Street, Corsham, Wiltshire, SN13 0EZ  
**T: 01249 702130**  
**E:** mjones@corsham.gov.uk

In the heart of Corsham's picturesque High Street, two minutes' walk from St Bartholomew's Church, the historic Town Hall makes an excellent wedding reception venue – and a glorious backdrop for photographs. Seats 100. The hire price includes use of the kitchen (including crockery and cutlery) and tables and chairs.

**www.corsham.gov.uk**



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**Britford Farm Shop & Café** Map Ref F4

Bridge Farm, Lower Road, Britford, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP5 4DY  
**T: 01722 413400**  
**E: info@britfordfarmshop.co.uk**

Just five minutes from Salisbury in a traditional, rural, relaxed setting Britford Farm Shop is the perfect place to stop off for a morning coffee with a tasty cake, a lunch from the popular wide selection, or as a venue for a special occasion for up to 48 persons. The shop offers a select range of local preserves, cheeses, eggs and chocolates too!

**Open:** For opening times or to make a reservation please call us on 01722 413400

**www.britfordfarmshop.co.uk**



**Aerosaurus Balloons** Map Ref Various

**T: 01404 823102**  
**E: mail@ballooning.co.uk**

Champagne hot air balloon flights in Wiltshire and the South West. Book a flight today for an experience like no other!

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**www.ballooning.co.uk**



**Cholderton Rare Breeds Farm** Map Ref E4

Amesbury Road, Cholderton, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP4 0EW  
**T: 01980 629438**  
**E: info@choldertoncharliesfarm.com**

Family-fun-filled Rare Breeds Farm Park, with animals and activities throughout the day, in and outdoor play areas and the exhilarating Tree Top Trail! The Kitchen Café & Bar serves delicious food all day as well as catering and hosting large events such as legal marriage ceremonies, wedding receptions and more! Overnight accommodation is available in the 70-bed 4\* Hostel, which is open all year round.

**Open:** Summer: 10am-6pm; Winter: 10am-4pm.  
**Admission:** Please see website for up-to-date prices Under 2s FREE

**www.choldertoncharliesfarm.com**



**Bowood House & Gardens** Map Ref C3

Bowood House & Gardens, Calne, Wiltshire, SN11 0LZ  
**T: 01249 812102**  
**E: houseandgardens@bowood.org**

Visit the magnificent home of the Marquis and Marchioness of Lansdowne set in 2,000 acres of Grade 1 listed parkland. Wander through the grounds or book a tour of the award-winning walled garden. A fantastic day out for all the family, with the Adventure Playground, including life size pirate ship, slides and soft play.

**Open:** 30 Mar-3 Nov, 11am-6pm (5pm after autumn clock change)  
**Admission:** Please see website for details

**www.bowood.org**



**Salisbury Plain Safaris** Map Ref E3

Book online at **www.salisburyplainsafaris.co.uk** or call us on **07717 803999**

Salisbury Plain Safaris is a licensed tour company which takes its guests on escorted excursions around Wiltshire by 4x4 or on horseback. Every tour is a unique experience, exploring areas of Salisbury Plain inaccessible to the usual tourist routes. See the hidden sights of the UK's largest military training area, ancient archaeology, animals, wild flowers and stunning views. Oh! And a bit of a blast in our 4x4 or on our wonderful ponies for good measure.

Tours for up to 6 people **from £30pp**

**www.salisburyplainsafaris.co.uk**



**Castle Combe Circuit** Map Ref C2

Castle Combe, Chippenham, Wiltshire, SN14 7EY  
**T: 01249 782417**  
**E: info@castlecobbecircuit.co.uk**

The West Country's home of motorsport that's been welcoming fans of racing, car shows and events for over 65 years. With a full racing calendar featuring three of its own buoyant club championships and the Hot Hatch Challenge as well as a host of other events, whether you want to race, watch or experience we've got it all!

**Open:** Dependent on event – please see website for details.  
**Admission:** Dependent on event – please see website for details. Under 17s go FREE.

**www.castlecobbecircuit.co.uk**





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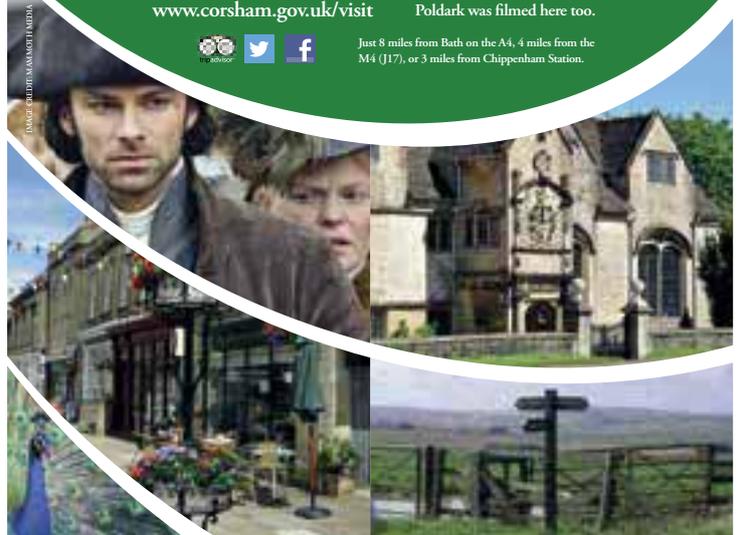
History, heritage, arts and crafts, great places to eat and drink and lots of independent shops – plus BBC One's Poldark was filmed here too.

Visit Corsham

[www.corsham.gov.uk/visit](http://www.corsham.gov.uk/visit)



Just 8 miles from Bath on the A4, 4 miles from the M4 (J17), or 3 miles from Chippenham Station.



**Crofton Beam Engines**

Map Ref C4

Crofton Beam Engines, Crofton, Marlborough, Wiltshire, SN8 3DW  
**T: 01672 870300**  
**E:** [crofton@katrust.org.uk](mailto:crofton@katrust.org.uk)

Magnificent 200-year-old working steam operated beam engines still capable of performing their original job. Amazing industrial archaeology in an unspoiled, rural setting overlooking the Kennet & Avon Canal. Free access to café, grounds and shop, except during Steam Gala in September. The beam engines are in steam on selected weekends during the summer.

**Open:** Every day (except Wed) from 6 Apr-6 Oct, 10.30am-4.30pm

**Admission:** Please see website for details

[www.croftonbeamengines.org](http://www.croftonbeamengines.org)



**Edington Music Festival**

Map Ref D2

The Priory Church, Edington, Westbury, Wiltshire, BA13 4QN  
**T: 01380 831425**  
**E:** [info@edingtonfestival.org](mailto:info@edingtonfestival.org)

This annual Festival of sacred choral music is one of the oldest in the world, with an international reputation. Three choirs from the great cathedrals and colleges sing four services a day in the beautiful 14<sup>th</sup> century Priory Church. The complex and exquisite music includes plainchant, new commissions and organ recitals.

**Dates:** Sun 18-Sun 25 Aug. Matins, Eucharist/Choral Matins, Choral Evensong and organ recitals daily. Wed: Evensong will be recorded and broadcast on BBC Radio 3 at 3.30pm.

**Prices:** The Festival is FREE and unticketed, all welcome.

[www.edingtonfestival.org](http://www.edingtonfestival.org)



**11<sup>th</sup> Hour Escape Rooms**

Map Ref C3

1<sup>st</sup> Floor, 91 Devizes Rd, Bromham, Chippenham, Wiltshire, SN15 2DZ  
**T: 01380 609608**  
**E:** [enquiries@11thhourescaperooms.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@11thhourescaperooms.co.uk)

Live interactive 'Escape The Room' games. A choice of two rooms to play. Teams of 2-6 per room. 60 minutes to escape! Teams have to work together to solve puzzles, riddles and clues to unravel the mystery and find the escape key before the hour runs out. Ages 18+.

**Open:** Every day from 2 Jan-31 Dec (including bank holidays), 10am-9pm (last game starts at 8pm). Specific time slots viewable on website.

**Admission: 2 Players £50 3-4 Players £60 5-6 Players £80** (Prices from £13 per person)

[www.11thhourescaperooms.co.uk](http://www.11thhourescaperooms.co.uk)



**Great Chalfield Manor and Garden**

Map Ref D2

Near Melksham, Wiltshire, SN12 8NH  **T: 01225 782239**  
**E:** [greatchalfieldmanor@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:greatchalfieldmanor@nationaltrust.org.uk)

Great Chalfield Manor and Garden is a charming fifteenth century manor house with a beautiful Arts and Crafts garden. With its romantic terraces, colourful borders and spring-fed fishpond, the garden is perfect for a gentle stroll.

**Open:** April-October - please see website for details

**Admission:** Manor and Garden: **A** £10.00 **Ch** £5.00 **F** £25.00 (2+3) Garden only: **A** £6.20 **Ch** £3.10 **F** £15.50 (2+3) National Trust members and under 5s go FREE

[www.nationaltrust.org.uk/great-chalfield-manor](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/great-chalfield-manor)



**Il Gusto Mediterranean Restaurant**

Map Ref C2

21 Pickwick Road, Corsham, Wiltshire, SN13 9BQ  
**T: 01249 716383**  
**E:** [info@ilgustocorsham.co.uk](mailto:info@ilgustocorsham.co.uk)

We are a family-run restaurant bringing the traditional flavour of the Mediterranean to your local town. Our team of experienced chefs can cook anything to order, and with an extensive menu serving classic Mediterranean dishes you can experience the love, food, and magic from this amazing part of the world.

**Open:** Mon-Fri 12noon-3pm, 5.30pm-10.30pm; Sat 12noon-11pm; Sun 12noon-9pm.

[www.ilgustocorsham.co.uk](http://www.ilgustocorsham.co.uk)



**Rick Stein**

Map Ref C4

Lloran House, 42A High Street, Marlborough, Wiltshire, SN8 1HQ  
**T: 01672 233333**  
**E:** [reservations@rickstein.com](mailto:reservations@rickstein.com)

Located at Lloran House on the High Street in Marlborough guests can enjoy some of Rick's most iconic dishes such as the Dover Sole à la Meunière and Turbot Hollandaise, as well as a selection of new dishes including salt pork belly with split pea purée and sauerkraut, and baked guinea fowl with garlic bean and smoked sausage. Alongside the A la Carte menu, we also offer a set lunch menu available Monday to Friday, and a traditional Sunday roast.

**Open:** Mon-Fri: Lunch 12 noon-3pm; dinner 5.30pm-10pm. Sat: 12 noon-10pm. Sun 12 noon-9pm.

[www.rickstein.com](http://www.rickstein.com)



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Larmer Tree

Map Ref F2



Rushmore Estate, Tollard Royal, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP5 5PY  
**T: 01725 516971**

Set in the outstanding landscape of the Cranborne Chase, these beautifully laid out gardens were created by General Pitt Rivers in 1880. Originally designed as pleasure grounds for 'public enlightenment and entertainment', the Larmer Tree is an extraordinary example of Victorian extravagance. Recognised by English Heritage as a Garden of National Importance, they were the first privately owned gardens to be opened for public enjoyment.

From the magnificent main lawn, radiate wide laurel-hedged avenues leading to woodland beyond. The garden showcases a wonderful collection of ornate buildings, peacocks and free-flying macaws, retained in an enchanting and tranquil atmosphere.

Larmer Tree is also a unique venue, offering a versatile space for civil ceremonies, dining, dancing, conferences and bespoke events all year round.

**Open:** Garden and Coffee Grove Café open Sunday to Thursday 11am to 4.30pm April to October.

Visit [www.larmer-tree.co.uk](http://www.larmer-tree.co.uk) for information on special events and occasional closures.

**Admission: A £4 Ch up to 14 £2.50 Under 5s FREE S £3 F £12 (2+3)**

[www.larmer-tree.co.uk](http://www.larmer-tree.co.uk)

Marlborough

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TIC at Marlborough Town Council, 5 High Street, Marlborough, SN8 1AA

**T: 01672 512487 E: [enquiries@marlborough-tc.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@marlborough-tc.gov.uk)**

Historic, vibrant Marlborough with its wide High Street is bursting with character. Close to Avebury and Savernake Forest in the North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, it was listed in the top ten shopping districts in 2017 for a great mix of independent and national shops, twice-weekly street market as well as a host of cafés, pubs and restaurants.

Annual events include a literature festival, summer school, art trails, mop fairs, remembrance parade, music events, Christmas lights and more.

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> Trowbridge



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There are 800 years of history at the UK's birthplace of photography; furnished rooms, a beautiful cloister, wooded grounds and a quintessential English village. Lacock is instantly recognisable from film and TV productions such as Harry Potter, Downton Abbey, Wolf Hall, Cranford, The Hollow Crown and Pride and Prejudice.

**Call 01249 730459 for details or visit [nationaltrust.org.uk/lacock](http://nationaltrust.org.uk/lacock)**

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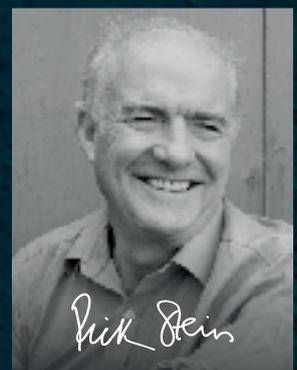
T: 01249894869 E: [enquiries@rememuseum.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@rememuseum.org.uk)

# Rick Stein, Marlborough

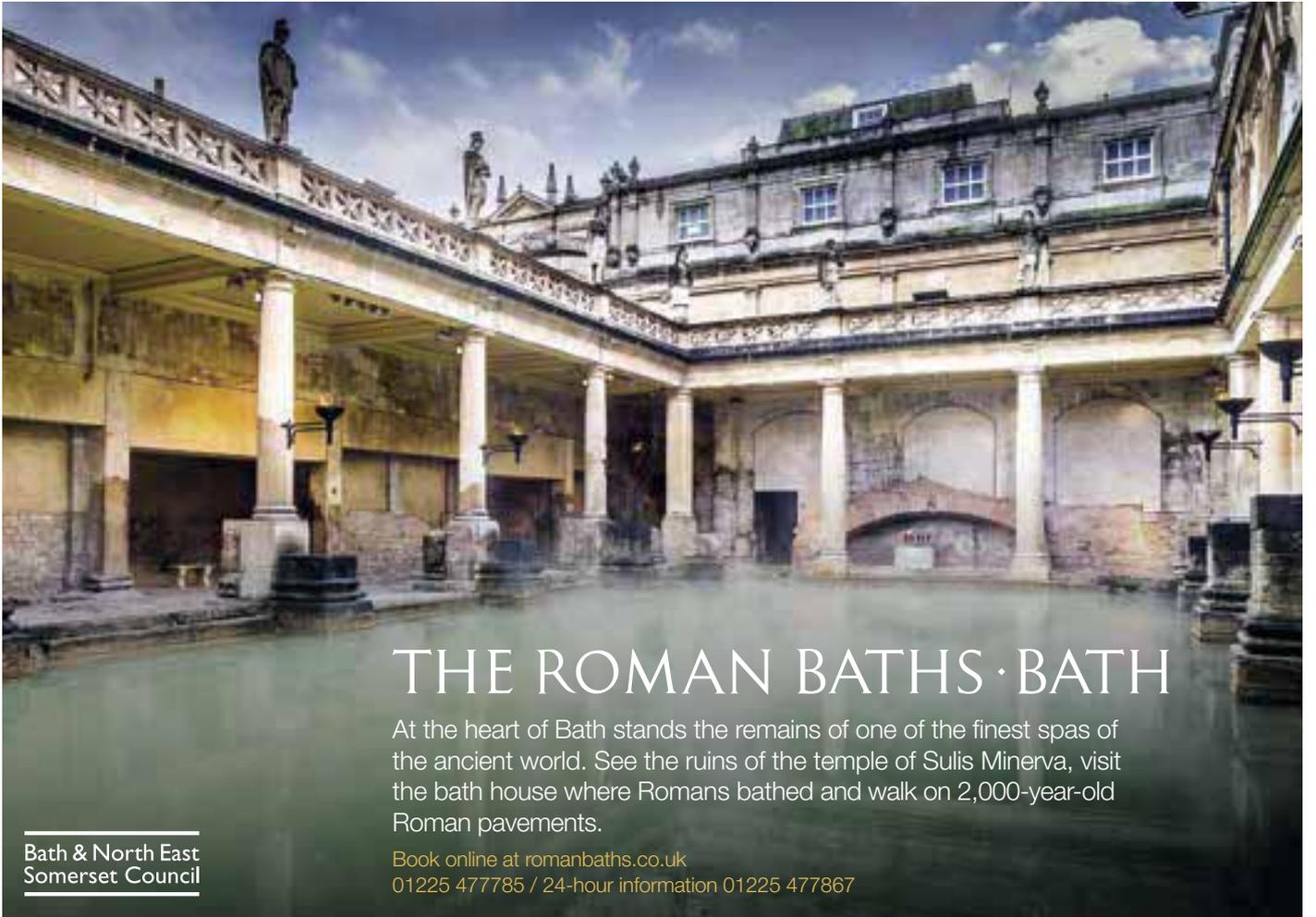
Fresh fish, simply cooked with classic seafood dishes including Dover sole à la meunière and turbot hollandaise alongside local meat and game.

## 3 course set lunch for £24.95

To make a reservation call **01672 233333** or visit [www.rickstein.com](http://www.rickstein.com)



Lloran House, 42a High Street, Marlborough, Wiltshire SN8 1HQ



# THE ROMAN BATHS · BATH

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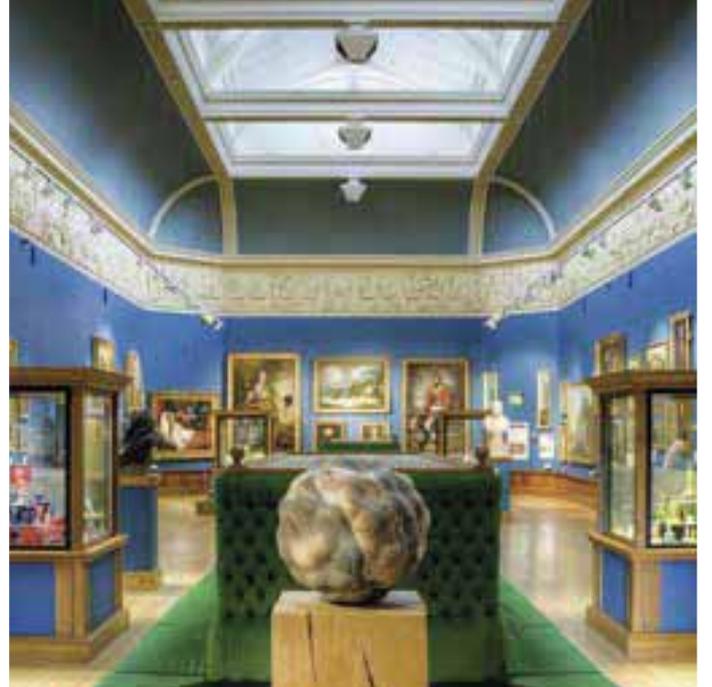
Book online at [romanbaths.co.uk](http://romanbaths.co.uk)  
01225 477785 / 24-hour information 01225 477867

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**Hire Charges:** From £165 per day  
[www.vintage-classics.co.uk](http://www.vintage-classics.co.uk)

Warminster

Map Ref E2



Discover Warminster at Warminster Community Hub, Central Car Park, Off Station Road, Warminster, BA12 9BT  
**T: 01985 218548 E: discover@warminstercommunityhub.co.uk**

Warminster is a busy, friendly market town, first settled in Saxon times. It has many fine Georgian buildings, and hosts a wide variety of independent shops, with numerous cafés, restaurants and historic inns. Market day is Friday.

There are excellent road, rail and bus links, and ample car parking. In the heart of town the Lake Pleasure Grounds provide tennis courts, a boating lake with rowing boats and canoes for hire, children's playground, putting green, café and skateboard park. The Smallbrook Meadows Nature Reserve next to it is a lovely mosaic of water meadows between the Were and Wylde rivers. A short walk from the centre of town leads to the 30-mile circular walk around Salisbury Plain's Live Firing Range.

Longleat, Center Parcs, Stourhead House and Garden, Bath and Salisbury are all within easy reach. The beautiful surrounding villages and countryside provide numerous opportunities for peaceful walking, cycling and riding.

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-  VisitEngland Walkers Welcome
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-  VisitEngland Families Welcome
-  VisitEngland Pets Welcome
-  The AA
-  AA Highly Commended Award Guest Accommodation
-  VisitEngland Breakfast Award
-  AA Breakfast Award
-  AA Dining Rosette
-  Green Tourism Award
-  Welcome to Excellence
-  World Host
-  Mobility Level 1
-  Mobility Level 2
-  Mobility Level 3
-  Mobility Level 4

## Key to Room Types and Abbreviations used in this Guide

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

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## 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 such as glamping and shepherd's huts.

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**Meeting your requirements** – Please read accommodation descriptions carefully. Remember to confirm the price, facilities and cancellation policy at the time of booking, paying special attention to any aspects that are of particular importance to you. A key to the symbols, room types and abbreviations used in this guide can be found on page 69.

**How to find your accommodation** – Accommodation within this guide has been grouped according to location (eg Corsham, Lacock and Villages). Standard accommodation entries are colour coded according to the type of accommodation and have a map reference which cross-refers to the map on page 71.

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## INFORMATION Centres

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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 Visitor Centre

Westbury Gardens, 50 St Margaret's Street,  
Bradford on Avon, BA15 1DE  
Tel: 01225 865797 Email: [tourism@bradfordonavontowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:tourism@bradfordonavontowncouncil.gov.uk)

### Calne Visitor and Community Information Centre

Bank House, The Strand, Calne, SN11 0EN  
Tel: 01249 814000 Email: [calne@calne.gov.uk](mailto:calne@calne.gov.uk)

### Chippenham Town Council

High Street, Chippenham, SN15 3ER  
Tel: 01249 446699 Email: [enquiries@chippenham.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@chippenham.gov.uk)

### Corsham Area Information Centre

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

### Cricklade Visitor Information Point

Town Council Office, Ockwells, 113 High Street, Cricklade, SN6 6AE  
Tel: 01793 751394 Email: [admin@crickladetowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:admin@crickladetowncouncil.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](mailto:tourism@devizes.org.uk)

### Malmesbury Tourist Information Centre

Town Hall, Cross Hayes, Malmesbury, SN16 9BZ  
Tel: 01666 822143 Email: [tic@malmesbury.gov.uk](mailto:tic@malmesbury.gov.uk)

### Marlborough Town Council

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

### Melksham Tourist Information Centre

Church Street, Melksham, SN12 6LS  
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### Tisbury Information Centre

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### Warminster Community Hub

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### Westbury Heritage and Visitor Centre

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