

# Welcome to Winchelsea

Winchelsea is an historic town situated on the beautiful Sussex coast. This is a special place celebrated for its landscape, wildlife, history and culture. Please help us to look after it.

## What you can see and do

Lying between Rye and Hastings is a beautiful area of countryside and coastline with leisure options to suit all interests.

**The great outdoors:** there is an extensive network of short and long-distance walking trails, national cycling routes, water sports, nature reserves and even paint-balling. For the less energetic there are long beaches, secluded countryside, places to picnic or country pubs to while away the afternoon.

**Family days out:** south east England is renown for its gardens and vineyards but there are also castles, steam railways and a host of other family attractions within a short distance of Winchelsea.

**Hastings and Rye:** If you wish to take a break from the countryside, simply hop on a train or bus to the nearby historic cinque ports of Hastings and Rye with their museums and family attractions, shops, restaurants and nightlife.

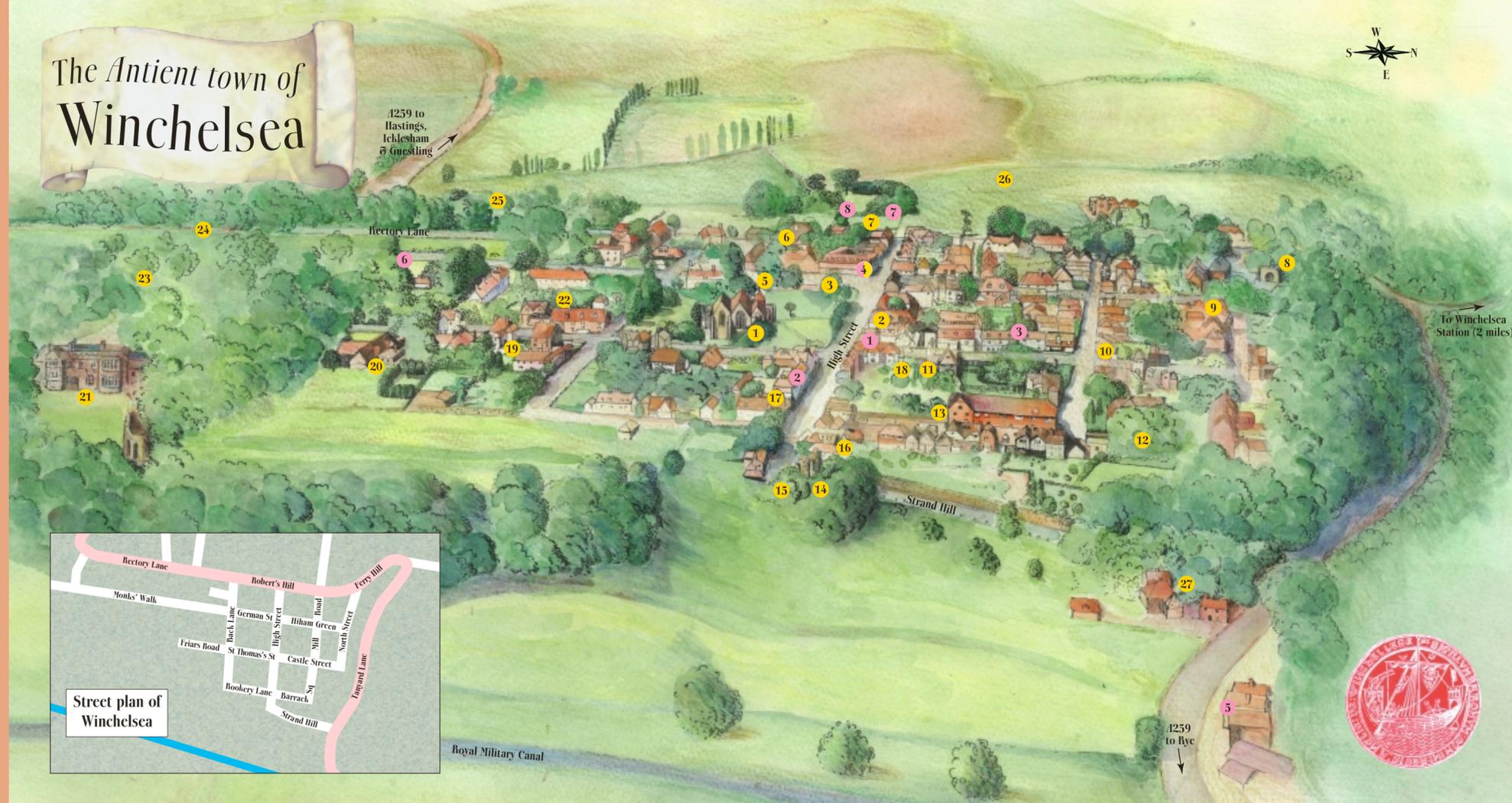
## Tourist information

This area offers a huge variety of things to see and do. Staff in nearby Tourist Information Centres will help you get the best out of your visit. For more information on accommodation bookings, local attractions and events, and travel details, please contact:

**Rye** 01797 226696. Email: ryetic@rother.gov.uk  
**Hastings** 01424 781111. Email: hic@hastings.gov.uk

## Useful websites

www.



## Sites of interest

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| 1 St Thomas's Church                       | 15 The Lookout                          |
| 2 Court Hall and Museum                    | 16 Tower Cottage                        |
| 3 Millennium Town Sign                     | 17 Nesbit                               |
| 4 New Inn                                  | 18 Town Well                            |
| 5 Wesley's Tree                            | 19 The Little House                     |
| 6 Wesleyan Chapel                          | 20 St Thomas's School                   |
| 7 Blackfriars Barn                         | 21 Greyfriars                           |
| 8 Pipewell Gate                            | 22 Mariteau House                       |
| 9 Five Houses                              | 23 St John's Hospital                   |
| 10 Salutation Cottages                     | 24 Road to New Gate                     |
| 11 The Armoury                             | 25 Deadman's Lane and site of St Giles  |
| 12 Spring Steps and Queen Elizabeth's Well | 26 Millennium Beacon and the 'Windmill' |
| 13 Barrack Square                          | 27 Strand House                         |
| 14 Strand Gate                             |   |

For more detailed information on the history of the town please pick up a copy of 'The Official Guide to the Antient Town of Winchelsea' by Malcolm Pratt and John Gooders.

## Facilities

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| 1 The Little Shop and Information Centre |
| 2 The Tea Tree Tea Shop                  |
| 3 Wickham's Family Butchers              |
| 4 New Inn                                |
| 5 Bridge Inn                             |
| 6 Toilets                                |
| 7 Cricket ground                         |
| 8 Village hall                           |
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| 10                                       |

We are grateful to the Winchelsea Corporation for use of the Seal of Winchelsea and kind permission to draw inspiration from the 1923-25 Town Map drawn by Charles Thomas in this 2004 representation of the town.

## How to get to Winchelsea



## Travel information

Winchelsea is well connected with regular train and bus services to and from Rye and Hastings. Confirm precise travel times and details using the following:

### Train

National Rail Enquiries 08457 484950  
 www.nationalrail.co.uk  
 (Allow 15 mins to walk from the station)

### Bus

Stagecoach South Coast Buses 08702 433 711  
 www.stagecoachbus.com  
 ESCC Local Rider Bus Line 0797 223053

### General

Traveline (national public transport enquiry line)  
 0870 608 2608  
 www.traveline.org.uk

Leaving the car behind will help reduce traffic and pollution in the countryside.



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## Eating and drinking

### Country pubs

The White Hart	Guestling	01424 813187
The Red Lion	Brede	?
The Rainbow Trout	Broad Oak	01424 882436
The Smuggler	Pett Level	01424 813491
The Cove Continental	Fairlight Cove	01424 812110
The Robin Hood	Icklesham	01424 814277
The Queen's Head	Icklesham	01424 814552
The Royal Oak	Pett	01424 812515
Two Sawyers	Pett	01424 812255
Inkerman Arms	Rye Harbour	01797 222464
William the Conqueror	Rye Harbour	01797 223315
The Three Oaks	Three Oaks	01424 813303
The New Inn	Westfield	01424 751603
The Plough	Westfield	01424 751066
The Bridge Inn	Winchelsea	01797 224302
New Inn	Winchelsea	01797 226252
The Ship Inn	Winchelsea Beach	01797 225521
The King's Head	Udimore	01424 882349

### Tea rooms/cafes

Coastguards Tea Room	Fairlight	01424 812902
Bosun's Bite	Rye Harbour	-
P&K Bistro	Winchelsea Beach	-
The Tea Tree	Winchelsea	01797226102

### Restaurants

The Wild Mushroom	Westfield	01424 751137
Winchelsea Lodge Motel	Winchelsea	01797 226211

## Outdoors

### Outdoor Activities

Fairlight Country Park	Fairlight	-
Beckley Woods	Beckley	-
Pannel Valley Nature Reserve		-
Guestling Wood	Guestling-	
Hastings Country Park	Hastings	-
Pett Levels Nature Reserve	Pett Levels	-
Rye Harbour Nature Reserve	Rye Harbour	-
Rye Harbour Sailing Club	Rye	01797 230877
Cycle Hire	Rye	01797 223033/227826
Freshwater Fishing (Environment Agency)	Pett Levels,	
Nook Beach...other...?	01732 875587	
Rye Watersports	Rye	01797 225238
Sea Fishing – Brinkliners	Rye - check	01424 437517
Sea Fishing – Three Sisters	Rye - check	01797 321107
Sedlescombe golf course	Sedlescombe	1424 871700
1066 Paintball	St Helen's	01424 851162
Paintball and riding at Buckswood School?????		
Guestling	-	

### Walking and cycling paths

This area has some of the most beautiful scenery in the South of England and can be best appreciated by using its foot and cycle paths.

Please note:

- The walking and cycling routes outlined on this map are for illustrative purposes only.
- Ordnance Survey maps Explorer 124 and 125 are recommended, but there are also many local trail leaflets to guide you.
- Routes vary in difficulty, so please consider your fitness and ability before starting out.
- Routes marked with may be most suitable for those with mobility impairment. Please check by phoning 01435 869252.

## Places to visit

### Visitor attractions

Battle of Hastings & Battle Abbey	Battle	01424 773792
Buckleys Yesterday's World	Battle	01424 775378
Farmworld	Beckley	01797 260250
Bodiam Castle	Bodiam	01580 830436
Camber Castle	Winchelsea	-
Great Dixter House & Gardens	Northiam	01797 252878
Clambers Play Centre	Hastings	01424 423778
Fishermen's Museum	Hastings	01424 461446
Flower Makers Museum	Hastings	01424 781186
Hastings Castle '1066 Story'	Hastings	01424 781111
Hastings Museum & Art Gallery	Hastings	01424 781155
Old Town Museum of Local History	Hastings	01424 781166
Shipwreck Heritage Centre	Hastings	01424 437452
Smugglers Adventure	Hastings	01424 422964
Underwater World	Hastings	01424 718776
Lamb House	Rye	?
Heritage Centre & Town Model	Rye	01797 226696
Rye Art Gallery	Rye	01797 223218
Rye Castle Museum	Rye	01797 226728
Sedlescombe Vineyard	Sedlescombe	0800 980 2884
Kent & East Sussex Steam Railway	Tenterden-Northiam-	
Bodiam	01580 765155	
Carr Taylor Vineyard	Westfield	01424 752501
Winchelsea Court Hall Museum	Winchelsea	01797 224395

## Local produce

### Local producers

Sunbeam Farm	Broad Oak	01424 883237
Newble Bros		
Austens Wood Farm	Broad Oak	01424 882075
Wakeham's Farm Shop	Fairlight Cove	
Wakehams Farm		
Pett Level Road	Hastings	01424 814898
Hollypark Organic Produce	Guestling	01424 812229
Windmill Orchard Farm Shop	Icklesham	
01797 227219		
Little Buds	Pett	01424 813368
Freshfields Farm Shop & Garden Furniture	Westfield	

Freshfields Fruit Farm	Freshfields, Westfield Lane	
Hastings		
East Sussex TN35 4SA	01424751397	
Suttons Fish Shop	Winchelsea Beach	01797 226261

Nurseries and garden centres		
High Banks Nurseries	Brede	01580 754492
Harborough Nurseries Plant Centre	The Thorne, Guestling	
Hastings		
East Sussex TN35 4LU	01424814220	
Rotherview Nursery	Three Oaks	01424 756228
Ivyhouse Nursery	Hastings	

### Do your bit

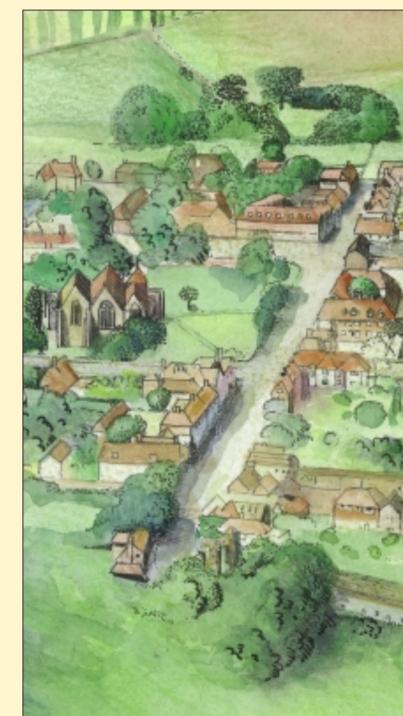
This is an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, a legally protected landscape similar to a National Park.

- Please take care not to disturb wildlife
- Please drive considerately by obeying speed limits
- Please take your litter home with you

You can also help conserve this area by buying local products grown or harvested from the area.

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## VISITOR MAP & GUIDE



Places to visit, things to do, where to eat and drink