



Living in Haslemere



This handy guide contains a wealth of information about living in Haslemere, the town's amenities, facilities, events and its history. More detailed information is available from the Visitor Information Centre situated in the award winning Haslemere Educational Museum right in the heart of the town centre.

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Welcome to Haslemere

Haslemere is a charming market town, steeped in history and the perfect place to enjoy living with a traditional town atmosphere. Wander through its pretty streets with timbered and tile hung buildings, and visit the welcoming shops which offer a wonderful variety of independent boutiques, stores and cafes.

Nestling between wooded hills in the South West corner of Surrey and surrounded by National Trust land, it is one of the gems of the Surrey Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and a gateway town to the South Downs National Park.

Historic Haslemere

Haslemere is a town with a fascinating history. In 1393 it was granted an annual fair by Royal Charter, as well as a weekly market. Queen Elizabeth I laid the true foundations of the town by granting the right to elect two members of Parliament. In 1596, a new charter was granted confirming the weekly market and permitting two annual fairs. Today, this special status is celebrated with the Charter Fair, held in the High Street every other year.

The oldest part of the town centres around the High Street, where there are several buildings dating back to the 14th & 15th centuries. These include **Half Moon House**, one of the town's oldest buildings, **Tudor Cottage** next to the Georgian House Hotel and the three-gabled **Lloyds Pharmacy** building where an old inscription dated 1613 can be found engraved into a beam near the ceiling. The **Town Hall** built in 1814 which originally had open arches on the ground floor for market stallholders is today used by Haslemere Town Council and the council chamber on the first floor with its ornate ceiling contains a copy of the Queen Elizabeth I charter and the town twinning charters. Another site of historic interest includes the **Penfold Post Box** located under the chestnut tree next to the Georgian House Hotel. This type of green letter box was in use in 1866 and designed by local architect, John Penfold.

In 1855 the London and South Western Railway Company reserved the town's fortune by extending their London to Farncombe railway line all the way to Portsmouth. The opening of the railway station in 1859 was an important landmark in the history of Haslemere as it enabled many people to come and enjoy the lovely countryside and healthy air. A number of well-known people settled in the area including Alfred, Lord Tennyson, Poet Laureate to Queen Victoria, George Bernard Shaw who wrote *Caesar and Cleopatra* whilst living locally and Sir Arthur Conan Doyle who wrote some of his Sherlock Holmes stories here. Artists attracted to the area included Walter Tyndale, who lived in Hill Road, and Josiah Whymper (whose son Edward was the first person to climb the Matterhorn in 1865), who lived in the Town House. Helen Allingham often painted in and around the town, although she lived at nearby Sandhills, Witley, from where she may have travelled on the new railway to sketch some of Haslemere's pretty tile-hung cottages

Many fine houses were built during the late 19th and early 20th century and Haslemere played an important part in the Arts and Crafts Movement at this time with the town becoming home to a number of craftsmen and women including spinners, silk weavers, furniture makers and metal workers. The town is also significant musically, partly through the contribution of one family. Arnold Dolmetsch, musician and instrument maker, was born in France in 1858 and when the family settled in Haslemere his son, Carl Dolmetsch, took over the business. They revived the recorder and began the revival of other instruments of early music, contemporarily with the start of historically informed performance which itself came to fruition towards the end of the 20th century. The family firm today still manufacture viols, recorders and harpsichords.

The easy access to London by rail made the town a fashionable place to live and Haslemere continues to be a very popular commuter town today.

Shopping & Markets

Haslemere is an excellent shopping destination. It has a wide range of interesting independent and specialist shops which maintain Haslemere's traditional character and sense of individuality with a variety of shops ranging from clothing and designer boutiques, gifts and jewellery, florists, sporting goods, household and more. There is also no shortage of places to buy good food in and around Haslemere from the baker, deli or fishmonger selling local and seasonal fare to the excellent farm shops in the surrounding area. Visit the monthly **Farmers' Market held in the High Street on the first Sunday of each month**, where you will find a selection of locally produced food all grown, reared, caught, brewed, pickled, baked or smoked by the stallholder!

Events In Haslemere

Haslemere hosts a wonderful variety of events throughout the year through a combination of groups and associations which provide something for people of all ages. The **Charter Fair** held every other year on the first bank holiday at the beginning of May, the **Haslemere Festival** which runs every third year, **Haunted Haslemere**, spooky fun for all the family and the **Christmas Market** held on the first Sunday of December with over 200 stalls selling unique Christmas gifts. And for all food lovers, the increasingly popular **Food Festival** held in September promotes local food and businesses and includes lots of new and exciting events every year!

Places to Eat and Drink

Haslemere has plenty of choice when it comes to eating out with an exciting number of options. Whether you are meeting friends, taking the family out or looking for a special evening meal, there is truly something for everyone. The town and its surrounding areas boast a superb range of traditional English pubs, fine restaurants, lively street cafés and coffee shops to suit all tastes and budgets and where local produce is often on the menu. A full list covering pubs in the surrounding area is available from the Visitor Information Centre.

Pubs, Restaurants and Cafés in Haslemere

ASK www.askrestaurants.com

The Post Office, 3 West Street, GU27 2AF / Tel: 01428 655945

Barista

3 Charter Walk, Haslemere, GU27 2AD / Tel: 01428 664464

Chilli Nights www.chillinights.com

64 Weyhill, Haslemere, GU27 1HS / Tel: 01428 644288

Costa Coffee

42 High Street, Haslemere, GU27 2LA / Tel: 01428 645479

Darnley's

High Street, Haslemere, GU27 2JZ / Tel: 01428 643048

Dylans Ice Cream Parlour www.dylansicecream.co.uk

1 Junction Place, Wey Hill, GU27 1LE / 01428 645219

Hemingways www.hemingwayscoffeeshop.co.uk

48 High Street, Haslemere, GU27 2LA / Tel: 01428 656904

Kritsana Thai www.kritsanathai.co.uk

84 Weyhill, Haslemere, GU27 1HS / Tel: 01428 642642

Ozzys Café

74 Wey Hill, Haslemere, GU27 1HN / Tel: 01428 652996

Pizza Express www.pizzaexpress.com

Causeway Side, Haslemere, GU27 2JZ / Tel: 01428 642255

Mirabelle Tea Shop

110 Weyhill, Haslemere, GU27 1HS / Tel: 01428 661412

Shahanaz Tandoori www.shahanaz.com

59-63 Weyhill, Haslemere, GU27 1HN / Tel: 01428 651380

Squires Restaurant www.georgianhousehotel.com

Georgian Hotel, High Street, GU27 2JY / Tel: 01428 656644

Stepping Stones Cookie Bar

Tilford Road, Hindhead, GU26 6TD / Tel: 01428 608001

The Apple Tree www.appletreepub.co.uk

2 Lion Green, Haslemere, GU27 1JB / Tel: 01428 642816

The Good Earth www.good-earth-restaurant.co.uk

97 Weyhill, Haslemere, GU27 1HS / Tel: 01428 651240

The Inn on the Hill www.innonthehillhaslemere.co.uk

Lower Street, Haslemere, GU27 2PD / Tel: 01428 642006

The Swan Inn www.jdwetherspoon.co.uk

15 High Street, Haslemere, GU27 2HG / Tel: 01428 641747

The White Horse www.thewhitehorsehaslemere.co.uk

27 High Street, Haslemere, GU27 2HJ / Tel: 01428 661276

Useful Information

Banks

Barclays / 6 High Street, Haslemere, GU27 2LY

HSBC / 19 High Street, Haslemere GU27 2HQ

Lloyds TSB / 12 High Street, Haslemere, GU27 2JG

National Westminster / 24 High Street, Haslemere, GU27 2HJ

Santander / 93e Weyhill, Haslemere, GU27 1HS

Car Parks

Haslemere - High Street, Chestnut Avenue, Tanners Lane, Weydown Road, Station, Weyhill, Woolmer Hill Sports Ground

Hindhead - Devil's Punch Bowl, Beacon Hill Road

Chemists

Beacon Hill Pharmacy

Churt Road, Hindhead, GU26 6NL

Boots

38 High St Haslemere GU27 2HJ

Lloyds Pharmacy

30 High Street, Haslemere / 5-7 Junction Place, GU27 1LE

Community

Citizens Advice Bureau

Well Lane, Haslemere, GU27 2LB / Tel: 0844 848 7969

Haslewey Community Centre

Lion Green, Haslemere, GU27 1LD / Tel: 01428 648716

Haslemere & District Chamber of Trade

Email: secretary@haslemerechamber.co.uk

Haslemere Hall

Bridge Road, Haslemere, GU27 2AS / Tel: 01428 642161

Haslemere Library

91 Weyhill, Haslemere, GU27 1HP / Tel:

Hoppa Bus Services

Waverley Hoppa Community Transport / Tel: 01428 681701

Councils

Haslemere Town Council

Tel: 01428 654305 / www.haslemere.com/towncouncil

Allotments, Lion Green Playground, Planning, Charitable Grants, Remembrance Sunday and Christmas Lights

Surrey County Council

Tel: 03456 009 009 / www.surreycc.gov.uk

Highways, Footpaths and Bridleways, Social Services, Potholes, Fallen Trees and Streetlights.

Waverley Borough Council

Tel: 01483 523333 / www.waverley.gov.uk

Housing Benefits, Car parking - off street, Housing, Planning, Refuse Collection, Anti-social Behaviour

Dental Surgeries

Haslemere Dental Centre (HDC)

56 Weyhill, Haslemere, GU27 1HN

Tel: 01428 643506 / www.somethingtosmileabout.co.uk

Stricklands Dental Fitness Centre

Longdene Lodge, Haslemere, GU27 2QB

Tel: 01428 654923 / www.dentalfitnesscentre.co.uk

Vicarage Lane Dental Care

Vicarage Lane, Haslemere, GU27 1LQ

Tel: 01428 643503 / www.southerndental.co.uk

Emergency Services

Haslemere Police Station

Tel: 101 or 01483 571212 or Emergency 999

Surrey Fire and Rescue Service

West Street, Haslemere / Tel: 01737 242444 or Emergency 999

Hospitals

Haslemere Hospital

Church Lane, Haslemere, GU27 2BJ / Tel: 01483 782300

Holy Cross Hospital

Haslemere, Surrey, GU27 1NQ / Tel: 01428 643311

Royal Surrey County Hospital

Egerton Road, Guildford, GU2 7XX / Tel: 01483 571122

Post Offices

Haslemere / 3 West Street, Haslemere, GU27 2AF

Public Transport

National Rail / Tel: 08457 484950 / www.nationalrail.co.uk

Traveline / Tel: 0871 200 2233 / www.traveline.org.uk

**bus guides available from the Visitor Information Centre*

Surgeries

Haslemere Health Centre

Church Lane, Haslemere, GU27 2BQ

Tel: 01483 783021 / www.haslemerehc.co.uk

Taxi Companies

Haslemere Station Taxis / Tel: 01428 642221

Robins Taxis / Tel: 07872 186168

Veterinary Surgeries

Croft Road Veterinary Surgery

28 Petworth Road, Haslemere, GU27 2HR / Tel: 01428 651880

Total Pet Care Ltd

12 Weyhill, Haslemere, GU27 1BX / Tel: 01428 651300

Woodland Veterinary Clinic

2 Chestnut Avenue, Haslemere, GU27 2AT / Tel: 01428 653056



Haslemere Town Council has 18 councillors who serve the residents of Critchmere, Grayswood, Haslemere, Hindhead and Shottermill. There is a Town Mayor, Town Clerk and a team who look after an array of services for residents, businesses and visitors which include Allotments, Lion Green Playground, Planning, Charitable Grants, Remembrance Sunday and Christmas Lights. The community website www.haslemere.com is a one-stop-shop for all your needs with lots of useful information as well as the latest news and events.

Haslemere is also well-known for its music and **Haslemere Hall** is the focal point with a wide variety of shows, operatic productions, plays, films, events and even live satellite broadcasts from the National Theatre etc.

Haslewey is a thriving community centre at the heart of Haslemere and has a wide range of daily activities to suit all needs. **Haslemere Museum** has become a popular landmark for the town and home to some fascinating treasures. There are many societies and clubs in and around Haslemere and the area is well known and recognised nationally and regionally for the considerable range of cultural pursuits available. Excellent standards of education within both state and public schools can be found locally and many of the schools have close links with each other and the community, offering their facilities, teaching and pastoral support – a full list of schools and churches are available from the Haslemere Visitor Information Centre.

Clubs and Societies in Haslemere

Books on Wheels

Tel: 01428 605498

Haslemere Art Society

Valerie Lee / Tel: 01428 642291

Haslemere & District Conservation Volunteers

Tel: 01428 654681

Haslemere & District 41 Club

John Carey / Tel: 01428 643718

Haslemere & District Round Table

Paul Avery / Tel: 01428 643883

Haslemere & District Twinning Association

Ann Fitchett / Tel: 01428 653487

Haslemere & Grayswood Duplicate Bridge Club

Pauline Leech / Tel: 01428 643052

Haslemere Camera Club

Dr C P Blackman / Tel: 01428 727403

Haslemere Comrades Club

Mr G Williams / Tel: 01428 642771

Haslemere Decorative & Fine Arts Society (NADFAS)

Jane Stopford / Tel: 01428 645080

Haslemere Embroiderer's Guild

Jenny Jenkins / Tel: 01428 725092

HHH Concerts

Anna Hill / Tel: 01798 831970

Haslemere Thespians

Kim Seymour / Tel: 01428 661298

Haslemere Symphony Orchestra and Chorus

Sue Ecclestone / Tel: 01428 605612

Hindhead Music Centre

Tel: 01428 604941

Haslemere Performing Arts

Angela Cantan / Tel: 01428 652360

Clubs and Societies in Haslemere

Haslemere Flower Club

Gail Bearman / Tel: 01732 893708

Haslemere Gardening Society

Jeff Hemmings / Tel: 01483 421317

Haslemere Morning Women's Institute

Pat Orrin / Tel: 01428 607170

Haslemere Musical Society

Sue Ecclestone / Tel: 01428 605612

Haslemere Natural History Society

Judith Kusel / Email: hnhs@talk21.com

Haslemere Players

Pamela Depledge / Tel: 01428 605237

Haslemere Recorded Music Society

Roger Saunders / Tel: 01428 605002

Haslemere Society

Robert Serman / Tel: 01428 654681

Haslemere Writer's Circle

Suzanne Anstee / 01428 643613

Haslemere U3A (University of the third age)

Stephen Bennett / Tel: 01428 642320

Transition Haslemere

Email: info@transitionhaslemere.org

Surrey Archeological Society

Emma Coburn / Tel: 01483 532454

Surrey Wildlife Trust

Tel: 01483 488055

Rotary Club of Haslemere

Yvonne Mayer / Tel: 01428 715438

Three Counties Association of National Trust Members

Robert Serman / Tel: 01428 654681

Haslemere Town Band

Sandra / Tel: 07708 334179

Haslemere offers an unparalleled choice of ways for all the family to get active and is well-known for its sporting activities. It is also well situated to visit the Festival of Speed, Motor and Horse racing at Goodwood, cricket can also be enjoyed at nearby Test, County and Club grounds; golf at the many challenging and picturesque golf courses, polo at Midhurst and sailing at Frensham Ponds.

Haslemere Recreation Ground, Scotland Lane, Haslemere, GU27 3AR

The recreation ground serves the people of Haslemere with a range of facilities and has a lovely refurbished children's playground which is a great community asset. Tennis is a leading sport, with Haslemere Lawn Tennis Club at the ground providing tennis to a high standard. Bowling is also focused here and has a first-class green. The ground is also the main centre for football played by many local junior and senior clubs.

Haslemere Recreation Association sporting activities are centred upon the recreation ground and consist of Haslemere Youth Football, Haslemere Cricket and Lawn Tennis clubs and Haslemere Preparatory School.

Sport Haslemere is an independent body representing sports clubs in Haslemere. It aims to improve the existing facilities and encourage residents to take part in sport and recreation. It offers advice to Haslemere Town Council and Waverley Borough Council ensuring members' best interests are always served, with their views being sought on any issues affecting sport in the Haslemere district.

Haslemere Leisure Centre / Tel: 01428 658484 Kings Road, Haslemere, GU27 2QT

Swimming reaches a high standard with an excellent and recently refurbished swimming pool complex. Skateboarding can also be enjoyed here. The leisure centre offers a wide range of classes to suit all ages, abilities and fitness levels and has a kinetika gym. There is also a soft play facility for children aged 2-8 and a variety of activities and clubs including an onsite crèche.

The Edge Leisure Centre / Tel: 01428 644577 Woolmer Hill, Haslemere, GU27 1QB

Rugby and Hockey are leading sports enjoyed in Haslemere with the main facilities here. The facilities include indoor pitches and astroturf pitches. Badminton, Basketball, Netball, Tennis, Volleyball and Table Tennis are also featured here. The centre also offers a wide range of classes and a kinetika gym.

The Town Meadow located on Tanners Lane has a popular children's play area, and provides a peaceful setting close to the town centre for a relaxing break.

Sports Clubs in Haslemere

Countryside Companions Walking Group

Tel: 01428 642550

Godalming and Haslemere Ramblers

Tel: 01483 416907

Haslemere Angling Society

Tim Tucker / Tel: 01428 654905

Haslemere Border Athletic Club

Tel: 07793 420328

Haslemere Bowling Club

Don Gribble / Tel: 01428 604541

Haslemere Community Rugby Club

Matt McGrory / Tel: 01428 643072

Haslemere Cricket Club

Laurence Coady / Tel: 01428 645074

Haslemere Hockey Club

Neil Francis / Tel: 07748 933256

Haslemere Karate & Jujitsu Club

Corin Pegden / Tel: 07876 577675

Haslemere Lawn Tennis Club

Beryl Bishop / Tel: 07760 155227

Haslemere Sub- Aqua Club

Mike Trussler / Tel: 01420 489592

Haslemere Swimming Club

The Chairman / Tel: 01428 645006

Haslemere Table Tennis Club

Noel Fairbairn / Tel: 01428 653174

Haslemere Town Football Club

Andy Brine / Tel: 01428 653869

Haslemere Wado Karate School

lorna.lawson@yahoo.com

Nordic Walking and Circuit Training

Andrew Webb / Tel: 07950 031538

Walks for Health

Martin Osbourne / Tel: 01428 644824

Wheelchair Rugby Club

Tony Manos / Tel: 01428 725386

Woolmer Hill Men's Keep Fit Club

Trevor Burton / Tel: 01428 651816

Youth Clubs in Haslemere

1268 Haslemere Air Cadets

Beth Williams / Tel: 01428 653933

1st Haslemere Rainbows

Lesley Jeffery / Tel: 01428 654416

2nd Haslemere Rainbows

Nikki Weekes / Tel: 01428 658611

5th Haslemere Brownies

Doreen Creasey / Tel: 01428 644166

5th Haslemere Guide Company

Elizabeth Lelew / Tel: 01428 652469

Scouting in Haslemere

Mark Downer / Tel: 0845 0944216

Guides in Haslemere

Tel: 01428 645704

St John's Ambulance Cadets

Dawn Roberts / Tel: 01428 661715

Surrey Army Cadet Force

2 Lt L Bowes / Tel: 01483 425371



Haslemere is one of the gems of the Surrey Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and a gateway town to the South Downs National Park. We are also officially the first **Walkers are Welcome town in Surrey!** We received this accolade in 2013 and are very proud to be honoured with this title. Haslemere applied to become part of this valuable UK network as we believe that the remarkable location of our town is greatly enhanced by the surrounding countryside and the vast wealth of walking opportunities that it provides. The rich and diverse landscape has helped to inspire many great artists and authors, and you can also enjoy a healthy invigorating walk all year round. The town makes the perfect base for exploring the beautiful surrounding countryside, woodlands, heathland, valleys, and the attractive market towns and picturesque villages.

The National Trust has owned much of the beautiful countryside surrounding Haslemere and Hindhead since 1905, thus ensuring its' protection from development. Sir Robert Hunter, one of the three founders of The National Trust, lived in Haslemere from 1883 until he died in 1913. He was Chairman and its legal expert for 18 years from 1895, and drew up the constitutional documents for the 1907 National Trust Act. **Surrey Hills** is one of 36 nationally protected landscapes in England and was designated in 1958. The hills stretch across the chalk North Downs running from Farnham in the west, above Guildford, Dorking and Reigate, to Oxted in the east. To the south are the Greensand Hills that include Black Down, the Devil's Punch Bowl and Leith Hill.

Haslemere has many local walks which vary in length and can be enjoyed in part or as a whole. The best starting point for any walk is the friendly **Haslemere Visitor & Local Information Centre**, where a selection of free walks leaflets are available for you to enjoy all year round. These walks include, the **Town Trail** commencing at the museum on the High Street and taking you through the historical market town, **Swan Barn Walk**, a charming walk through field, farm and woodland where you can see restored orchards, ponds and hedgerows full of wildlife and located just off the High Street. **Black Down, Sailor's Stone & Gibbet Hill, Devil's Punch Bowl, Beacon Hill, and Heather Hills & Wooded Vales** are all picturesque walking areas with spectacular views around Haslemere.

The **Serpent Trail** is a 64 mile long path which starts in Haslemere. The route snakes its way out of the town, past Swan Barn and onto Black Down before progressing through the South Downs National Park, looping round and eventually arriving in Petersfield. It was specifically designed to enable people to link together these rare heathland areas on a long distance linear route.

The **Greensand Way** is a long distance walk of 108 miles across Surrey and Kent beginning at Haslemere and ending at Ham Street, Ashford in Kent. It follows the Greensand Ridge along the Surrey Hills and Chart Hills and takes the walker along paths which in many places give unparalleled views across the Weald. Guides for both walks are available at the **Haslemere Visitor & Local Information Centre**. Other walking routes surrounding Haslemere include **Frensham, Churt** and **Tilford** and **Rail to Ramble** walks which begin and end at a railway station between Guildford and Haslemere. There are five walks starting at Haslemere, Witley, Milford, Godalming and Guilford train stations and a full Rail to Ramble place is available from Haslemere Educational Museum.

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Places to Visit

Haslemere has a host of attractions for visitors to satisfy all interests! Experience first-hand the beautiful parks, gardens, and spectacular historic houses or immerse yourself in culture at the many places of historical interest all within easy reach. Take in the fascinating award winning **Haslemere Educational Museum**, founded in 1888 which contains wonderful collections of natural history and human history and fascinating exhibitions throughout the year. There are family drop-in events – fun packed sessions offering a wide selection of activities throughout the year, themes range from Vikings to National Children’s Art Day. Gallery quizzes and trails are available every day and the backpacks offer a variety of activities for children to do whilst visiting the galleries. For more enjoyable fun days out, Haslemere is close to a wealth of family attractions, from theme parks, farms and adventure parks to scenic railways and canals. Below are some of the highlights but do visit the **Haslemere Visitor & Local Information Centre** for more ideas.

Haslemere Educational Museum

78 High Street, Haslemere, Surrey, GU27 2LA

Tel: +44 (0) 1428 642112 / www.haslemeremuseum.co.uk

One of the largest Natural History Museums in central southern England where a variety of remarkable and rare collections are on display. Enjoy the beautiful gardens overlooking National Trust land – they include a pond, gazebo and beehive.

Haslemere Hall

Bridge Road, Haslemere, Surrey, GU27 2AS

Tel: : +44 (0) 1428 642161/ www.haslemerehall.co.uk

The town’s major centre for culture and entertainment - a fully equipped theatre seating approximately 340 which hosts music, theatre and movies as well as live satellite broadcasts from the National Theatre and Royal Opera House.

St Bartholomew’s Church

Derby Road, Haslemere, Surrey, GU27 1BS

Tel: +44 (0) 1428 644578 / www.haslemereparish.org

Dating from 13th century, St Bart’s plays a central role in the life and community of Haslemere. It contains memorials to many of the most prominent local residents, including Alfred, Lord Tennyson, who lived in Haslemere at Aldworth House and is commemorated in one of the stained glass windows.

St Christopher’s Church

St Christopher’s Green, Haslemere, Surrey, GU27 1DD

Tel: +44 (0) 1428 644578 / www.haslemereparish.org

A beautiful Arts & Crafts church, designed, constructed and consecrated in 1903. Highlights include the triptych, road cross and a wealth of woodwork. Open every Wednesday morning (10am -12noon) - spend time exploring and learning more about the church and local history.

Historic Town Trail

Find out more about the buildings, streets, history and the people from the past and go on a town trail – a historical journey round this picturesque town. Town trail leaflets available from the Visitor Information Centre based at Haslemere Museum and guided town tours run in May and September.

Black Down

Tennyson's Lane, Haslemere, Surrey, GU27

Blackdown is the highest point in the South Downs National Park. The pine and heather covered slopes are owned by the National Trust and are a favourite walking spot. Blackdown has strong literary associations with the poet Alfred, Lord Tennyson.

Devil’s Punch Bowl and Café

London Road, Hindhead, Surrey, GU26 6AB

The Devil's Punch Bowl is a large natural amphitheatre and beauty spot near Haslemere, and is the source of many stories about the area. Good walking country with many footpaths to explore and plenty of space for family adventures with many lovely spots for picnics too.

Grayshott Pottery

School Road, Grayshott, Surrey, GU26 6LR

Tel: +44 (0) 1428 604404 / www.grayshottpottery.com

There is plenty to enjoy at Grayshott Pottery. It has a studio gallery where visitors can buy the work of many of the Pottery’s designers and decorators. It also has an extensive gift and home-ware shop and a cosy café and a patio area too.

Hollycombe Steam Collection

Iron Hill, Liphook, Hants, GU30 7LP

Tel: +44 (0)1428 724900 / www.hollycombe.co.uk

Home to the largest traditional fairground in Britain, steam railways, farm and listed woodland gardens. A great family fun day out.

Lurgashall Winery

Jobsons Lane, Lurgashall, West Sussex, GU28 9HA

Tel: +44 (0) 1428 707292 / www.lurgashall.co.uk

Offers traditional English liqueurs, meads and wines made only from the finest natural ingredients and nestles in a 38-acre estate beneath Black Down. They offer wine tasting sessions and have a shop and tearoom.