

5 Coming to Steyning



Main Roads - east and west A27 or A272 north A24 or A23/M23 Link road to Steyning A283

Bus - regular from Brighton via Shoreham also Horsham, Burgess Hill and Worthing via cross-country services.

Coach - to Worthing Brighton and Horsham

Train - from Portsmouth in the west, from Brighton in the east and from Victoria or London Bridge to Shoreham By Sea.

Distances (in miles)

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6 Local Events

There is no shortage of events happening in the Steyning area.

On Easter Monday you could be swept off your feet by race walkers aged 7 to 70 - a town event since 1902. This event has produced many international athletes.

The late May Bank Holiday Monday sees Steyning people and thousands of visitors take to the streets for a delightful old time Country Fair. Craftsmen, animals, clowns, a dog show - plus traditional entertainment fill the day.

The Steyning Festival of art, entertainment, heritage and environment takes place during the last week of May and the first week in June.

The festive late - night Christmas shopping event, great for children and adults alike, is held on the first Wednesday in December.

Throughout the summer many country events take place, all of which can be enjoyed by visitors: fetes, craft shows, cricket and stoolball matches, the Round Hill romp and the Bath Tub race from the bridge at Bramber to Shoreham-by-Sea.

Steyning is an ideal base for visiting many other events and attractions in the region. Festivals take place in Brighton (May), Adur (May) Arundel (August) and Chichester (June-July).

The South of England Show at Ardingly (June).

International show jumping at Hickstead.

Battle of Britain RAFA Air Show at Shoreham-by-Sea (September).

Polo at Midhurst.

Racing at Goodwood, Brighton and Fontwell.

Parham Point to Point (February/March).

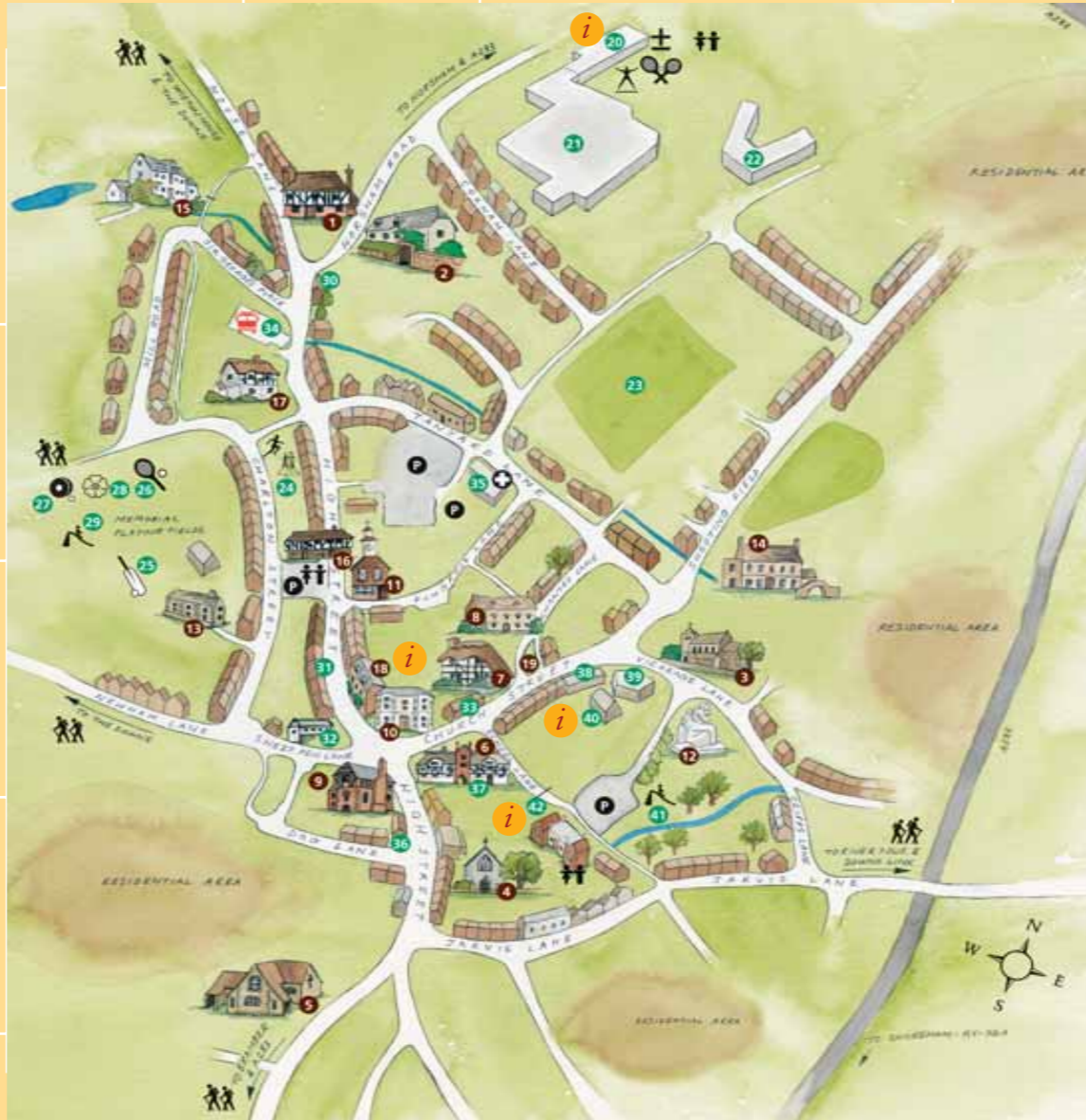
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Individual shops to browse through, pubs and tearooms, narrow streets full of history, green countryside ... that's the beauty of this small but lively Sussex town.

- 1 The Old Workhouse
- 2 Penn's House
- 3 St. Andrew's Church
- 4 The Methodist Church

- 5 Church of Christ The King
- 6 Brotherhood Hall
- 7 Saxon Cottage
- 8 Chantry House

- 9 Stone House
- 10 Osbourne House
- 11 Market House
- 12 St Cuthman Statue



● Historical place of interest

● Amenity

8 Activities

The South Downs provide a natural playground for Steyning. There are dozens of trails criss-crossing this Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty where horseriders, mountain bikers and walkers can find space to enjoy the tranquillity and spectacular views. Destined to be included in the South Downs National Park, the area is rich in wildlife and a haven for nature lovers.

Local Walks

Two Nature Trails follow around the Steyning horseshoe. The upper route gives excellent views over the Sussex Weald, an ancient forest. The chalk grassland that can be seen along the trail is rich in wildlife, a wide variety of wildflowers and insects. The long-term survival of this downland is dependent on sheep grazing.

There is a wide selection of published local walks for the town and surrounding countryside.

The seaside is just 15 minutes drive with safe bathing on shingle beaches. There are several sailing and windsurfing clubs between Shoreham-by-Sea and Chichester where tuition is available.

There are two coarse fishing centres and a trout lake, or sea fishing for those who prefer it.

Within Steyning itself there are tennis and squash courts and excellent facilities at the sports and leisure centre including a swimming pool. Many clubs and societies cater for a wide range of interests including athletics, sports and walking. The film and music societies and art clubs are particularly popular.

More information about Steyning

For further information visit local bookshops, Steyning Post Office, The Steyning Museum, or Information points marked **i** on the map or visit:

www.steyningsouthdowns.com.

- 13 Police Station
- 14 Gatewick House
- 15 Court Mill
- 16 Chemist
- 17 Chanctonbury Cottage
- 18 Post Office
- 19 Chantry Green
- 20 Leisure Centre
- 21 Steyning Grammar School
- 22 St. Andrew's Primary School
- 23 Steyning Town Football Club
- 24 Athletic Club
- 25 Cricket Club
- 26 Tennis Club
- 27 Bowling Club
- 28 Garden of Remembrance
- 29 Play Area
- 30 The Star Inn
- 31 The Chequer Inn
- 32 The White Horse Inn
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Explore

Steyning

An Historic Market Town



West Sussex

Where the warmest welcome awaits

1 Steyning - a country town of character

2 Steyning Town

3 Places to Visit

4 Steyning - The place for walking

Steyning has a beautiful backdrop in the South Downs which gently curve around the town, protecting yet giving easy access to the countryside.

At its heart are the timber-framed buildings of Tudor and Stuart tradesmen. Subtle changes over the years have only added to their attraction.

Learn more about the town at the Museum or take advantage of its sports and community facilities. Not far away, down past Bramber Castle and the old templar hostelry of St Mary's is the River Adur. In Saxon times it was navigable as far as Steyning, where there was once a port.



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Wiston House

Wiston House, a 16th Century country manor house, is set in a spectacular, secluded location at the foot of the South Downs. Since 1950, it has been the home of Wilton Park, one of the world's leading centres for the discussion of key international policy challenges. The institution was created in 1946 as part of an initiative by Winston Churchill to re-establish peace and democracy in Europe.

History is all around you in Steyning. The buildings show that rich mixture of styles which is the England of your imagination.

The legacy of the Normans is still with us in the fine church of St. Andrews and the ruins of Bramber Castle. But go to the Museum to learn the story of St. Cuthman and the Saxon port which took his name. For many centuries a livestock market was held in the High Street, with deals being struck in one of the old coaching inns or the Market House.

A glance at the workhouse or Penns House, where William Penn often came to preach, reminds us that history did not pass Steyning by. George Fox, founder of the Quakers, also preached in the High Street

It is perhaps in Church Street that our past is most keenly felt. The Registrar was formerly located at No.2 and it was here that Charles Stewart Parnell married Kathleen O'Shea in 1891.

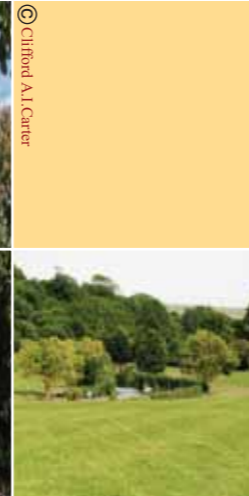
Down the street John Launder was hurried from his prison cell in 1555 to be burnt for heresy on Chantry Green, and William Butler Yeats wrote many of his later poems whilst resident at Chantry House.

Enjoy Steyning's wide range of shops or relax in one of our teashops, restaurants or pubs.

There is something quite different about Steyning. It has a relaxed and comfortable feel about it.

Where to Stay

Details of accommodation, from comfortable B&Bs to country hotels are available from the library, The Steyning Centre, The Museum & www.steyningsouthdowns.com.



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Food & Drink

In Steyning and the surrounding area pubs have a well-deserved reputation for the quality of their food, beers and historical ambience. There is a choice of cafés, wine bars and restaurants offering a selection of quality fare.

Going Shopping

There is little need to go outside Steyning. The shops in the High Street offer almost everything you could wish for: furnishing and decorations for the home, music, pictures, jewellery and antiques and quality clothing. We have our own bakers and butchers with a whole range of local produce plus a farmers market held on the first Saturday of every month. Even the estate agents, solicitors, insurance brokers and accountants are truly local enterprises rooted in the local community.

Steyning Museum

The Story of Steyning, its history and events are all brought to life in the museum. It is open everyday throughout the year, except Monday and Thursday. Admission is free, donations are always welcome.

Bramber Castle

A dramatic ruin: its dominant position in the Adur valley with its towering keep wall is a reminder of Norman power. It is an ideal spot for a picnic with fine views.



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St Mary's

Originally a monastic inn beside the old bridge of Bramber is one of the most historic houses in Sussex with charming gardens and currently restoring the Victorian Garden to its former glory. St Mary's hold regular concerts and is licensed for weddings.

Local Churches

St Andrew's Steyning

The 12th century nave contains some of the best Romanesque architecture in the country: the original church was twice its current size. Open winter mornings and 9am - 4pm April to October.

Christ the King

A modern Roman Catholic Church was built around an old barn funded by local subscription in the 1960's

Steyning Methodist Church

Built in 1877 in the Victorian Gothic style.

Surrounding local Churches

Including Bramber's St Botolphs, Ashurst, Buncton and Wiston are all well worth a visit. Perhaps the most charming is Coombes, set in a field behind a farm, with rare medieval wall paintings.



A little further afield

Coombes Farm: farm walks, tours and fishing.

Woods Mill: a nature reserve and home to the Sussex Wildlife Trust and the Sussex Biodiversity Centre.

RSPB Pulborough Brooks Nature Reserve

Parham House: a grand Elizabethan House in its own park with delightful gardens and church.

Amberley Working Museum

Horsham Historic Town with markets on most days.

Billinshurst, Henfield, Pulborough and Storrington market towns within the Horsham district.

Plus a whole host of attractions within easy reach.

The South Downs Way is a 100 mile National Trail following the ridge of the Downs from Eastbourne to Winchester. It passes within a mile of Steyning, which is mid-way along the route.

Chanctonbury Ring This famous crown of trees is recovering from hurricane damage in 1987 - a place of mystery with Iron Age and Roman remains. A verse by J.S. Purvis has been carved on a commemorative stone in Mouse Lane remembering Chanctonbury before the battle of the Somme.

Cissbury Ring A mile south of Chanctonbury, you can still climb the ramparts of the Iron Age fortress and see the ground pitted by the remains of Stone Age flint mines.



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The Adur Valley and the Weald are linked by a network of footpaths and bridleways, passing through attractive landscapes, enjoyed by walkers, cyclists, horse-riders and bird watchers. There is excellent fishing with, bream, pike and sea trout.

The Downs Link is a 37 mile bridleway, linking the North and South Downs Way across the low Weald to Botolphs en route to the sea at Shoreham-by-Sea.