

HORSHAM & DISTRICT VISITOR INFORMATION

Set in outstanding parkland and beautiful countryside the historic market town of Horsham offers a welcoming and attractive environment for shopping, meeting friends, enjoying the local arts and culture and eating out. Enjoy a swim in the Pavilions In The Park, visit one of the regularly-changing exhibitions at Horsham Museum & Art Gallery, catch a show at the theatre, or just soak up the atmosphere of this medieval town, listening to musicians play on the Victorian bandstand, and admiring the award-winning displays of Horsham in Bloom.

A Quality Shopping Experience

Horsham is proud of its unique blend of independent shops and national high street names located in attractive streets, passageways and intriguing townships that are full of history and character. The **Carfax, West Street, and East Street** are the town's best shopping areas, home to an eclectic mix of specialist and independent shops and restaurants. The **Forum** offers a spacious public piazza where you can shop and enjoy a coffee whilst children play in the water jets in summer. **Princes Place** is a very attractive partially covered space where **Wanham** sits alongside some of Horsham's most popular independently-run specialist retailers, restaurants and bars. Across the **Carfax** from **Princes Place**, **Swan Walk Shopping Centre** is home to a wealth of high street names and a fine selection of national and independent quality brands. Pick up a detailed **Shoppers Guide** from Horsham Visitor Information Centre or go to www.visithorsham.co.uk

Markets and Events

Horsham has been a bustling market town for centuries and today has a thriving market scene including local produce and arts and crafts. Markets take place in the **Carfax** on Saturdays, with an open-air market on Thursdays. Specialist markets also visit Horsham annually including the popular **French and Italian** markets. In September the town hosts the launch of the District's **Flood and Drink Festival** when people come from far and wide to enjoy 'The Big Bubble!'

The town hosts a very full calendar of events throughout the year. The **Sector Piazza** plays, **May Day** of Dances, **July Fenchel Fest**, **Summer Family Fun Day** in the park, the **October Town Festival** and the **Christmas card procession** are just some of the many and varied events that are held. Visit www.visithorsham.co.uk for a full listing.

Eating Out

Visitors and residents alike are attracted to the continental *à la carte* style of the town centre with plenty of open air seating in the **Carfax**, **Bishopric**, **East Street** and Forum. With over 90 bars, pubs and restaurants, cafes and coffee shops there are eating establishments to suit all tastes from Italian, European and Indian, to Japanese.

SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

THE CAPTOL Theatre and Cinema

The **Capitol**, North Street, Horsham, RH12 1HG. Tel: 01403 259220. www.theatrecapitol.com. The **Capitol** is the Horsham District's key arts venue offering stylish and comfortable facilities including a 423 seat theatre, 2 cinemas, studio (seating up to 200), gallery space, meeting room and stylish cafe and lounge bar. The venue is also available for public hire.

HORSHAM MUSEUM & ART GALLERY

9 The Causeway RH12 1JH. Tel: 01403 254899 www.horshammuseum.org.uk. Located in an award winning building in one of the most picturesque streets in Sussex, Horsham Museum offers a treasure trove of local history objects from across the district & beyond as well as two walled gardens, regularly changing exhibitions, crafts and photography galleries and an exciting new art gallery. Open all year. Monday to Saturday 10am to 5pm (excluding Bank Holidays).

THE FAWLONS IN THE PARK

Hurst Road, Horsham, RH12 2DF. Tel: 01403 212000. www.thefavlonshorsham.co.uk. Horsham District's premier swimming and leisure complex, offering a 25m x 10m all-year-round heated swimming pool with flame ridge, bubble beds and moving water channels, leisurely health and fitness suite and workout classes. Children's indoor adventure play and rock climbing. Dedicated Gymnastics Training Hall. Cafe and refreshment area.

RODWOOD GOLF COURSE

Robin Hood Lane, Warnham, Horsham RH12 1BR. Tel: 01403 252125. www.rodwoodgolfcourse.co.uk. Public 9-hole & 18-hole courses plus 9-hole Frich & Putt in a picturesque setting adjacent to Warnham Nature Reserve. Shop, golf centre with bar/refreshments. Large free car park. Restored Steam train available for function hire. OPEN: Every day except Christmas Day, subject to weather conditions.



HORSHAM DISTRICT INDOOR BOWLS CLUB

Wickham Lane, Ambridgebury, Horsham RH13 3YS. Tel: 01403 263846. www.hdbcc.co.uk. Includes an 8-rink green, Members bar, 90-seater restaurant, free parking. Open for disabled persons.

HORSHAM SUPERBOWL

Albion Way, Horsham RH12 1AH. Tel: 01403 274614. www.horshamsuperbowl.co.uk. Ten Pin Bowling & Laser Quest.

WALKS

A 'Tweedside Walk' encircles the town by following the River Arun and some of its many tributary streams. The Walk is 15 miles long and passes through some of the town's most historic and attractive sites. Further details can be found in the special **Riverside Walk** leaflet, available free of charge from the Visitor Information Centre. There are over 200 free guided walks every year in Horsham and across the District. For a full programme visit www.horshamthelwalks.co.uk

PLACES TO VISIT IN AND AROUND HORSHAM

1 HORSHAM PARK
North Street, Horsham, RH12 1RL. Tel: 01403 212526. www.visithorsham.co.uk. Providing a haven of green space in the heart of the town, Horsham Park offers 60 acres of parkland space to relax, have a gentle walk or enjoy a game of tennis or bowls. A skate park, trim trail and orienteering course provide facilities for the more active whilst children enjoy an adventure play area or attempt to discover the dragon in the centre of the maze. Adjacent to the historic Park House is a delightful screened garden and the Conservatory Cafe. Bandstand concerts are held weekly throughout the summer with free children's activities on offer during the summer holidays. OPEN: All year.



2 HOLMESHAM FARM WORLD
Faygate, Horsham, RH12 4SE. Tel: 01293 851110. www.holmeshamfarm.co.uk. Meet our miniature donkeys and woolly pigs, pig, stroke and handle a host of wild animals, and take a tractor ride. Enjoy indoor and outdoor play areas, the Wild West Corral or our new **Jumping Pillows**. Regular children's special events. Birthdays parties. OPEN: Daily, February to October 10am to 5.30pm.

HORSHAM GENERAL INFORMATION

LIBRARY
Horsham, Lower Tarnbridge Way RH12 3PL Tel: 01403 224350. www.westsussex.gov.uk/libraries. Email: Horsham.library@westsussex.gov.uk. Help Point: General and tourist information available. Tel: 01403 219757

MAIN POST OFFICE
Horsham, 15 The Carfax RH12 1ER. Tel: 0845 722 3344

POLICE
Horsham, Hurst Road RH12 2DU Tel: 0845 260 70 999

HOSPITALS
Horsham, Hurst Road RH12 2DR. Tel: 01401 227000
Minor injuries Unit: Mott to Fit (ext. phone 60030) 9am to 5pm only
Dental: West Green Drive. Tel: 01293 603000
24hr Minor injuries Unit.

RAILWAY STATION
Horsham, North Street.
National Enquiry Tel: 0845 484950

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES
Forum, Horsham Park
Princes Place Car Park (Bader Key)
Swan Walk Shopping Precinct (Bader Key) (shopping hours)

ACROSS THE DISTRICT

The Horsham District is centrally located within the spectacular Sussex Downsland in the South (now designated the South Downs National Park) and the beautiful Weald landscape in the North. Offering glorious countryside and a distinctive Sussex culture there is a wealth of attractions to discover from picturesque villages to thriving market towns, medieval churches and historic houses and parks, award-winning local foods, wines and beers, and a host of special experiences throughout the year. The District also offers a fine range of leisure and sporting facilities, museums and visitor attractions. This, along with its accessibility, makes the Horsham District a perfect destination to explore and enjoy.



3 ANHAM HOUSE & GARDENS
Storrington, nr Pulborough RH12 4HL. Tel: 01392 744588. www.parhamhouse.co.uk. A beautiful Elizabethan Manor House set in 13 acres of award winning gardens, including a deer park, and containing important collections of portraits and furniture. Listed in the top 20 in Simon Jenkins' book 'England's Thousand Best Houses', alongside Windsor Castle, Chatsworth and Kennington Palace. Visit a regular events programme throughout the summer. OPEN: Early April - end of Sept and Wed, Thurs, Sun & Bank Holiday Mon (plus Tues & Fri in August) 2pm - 5pm. Gardens: Wed - Thurs, Sun & Bank Holiday Mon plus Tues & Fri between May and August, 12noon - 5pm

4 ST MARY'S HOUSE & GARDENS, BRAMBER
Bramber, nr Steyning, BN44 3YB. www.stmarysbramber.co.uk. Tel: 01393 616205. Magnificent medieval house, considered as the best example of late 15th century timber framing. Fine panelled rooms including the unique Elizabethan Painted Corral, Charming gardens with amazing animal topiary and Rural Burial Museum. Gardens and grounds. Free. OPEN: May to end of September: Sun, Thurs & Bank Holiday Mon, 2pm to 6pm. Group bookings by appointment.

5 AMBERLEY MUSEUM & HERITAGE CENTRE
Amberley, BN18 9LT Tel: 01798 831170 www.amberleymuseum.co.uk. Amberley's 18-acre site has traditional craftspeople on site, narrow-gauge railway & vintage buses, Connected Earth telecommunication display, electricity hall, print workshop, nature trails, wildlife exhibition hall and much more! OPEN: Mid Feb - October, Tues - Sun, 10am to 5.30pm. School holidays 10am - 5.30pm (last entry 4.30pm)

6 RSPB PULBOROUGH BROOKS NATURE RESERVE
Wigmoreton, Pulborough RH20 2JE. Tel: 01798 875851 www.rspb.org.uk/pulboroughbrooks. Visit Wild Sussex at its best. RSPB Pulborough Brooks is set in the sheltered Arun Valley within the South Downs National Park. Explore the superb natural trail with wildlife watching, birds and viewpoints. The visitor centre includes a cafe with covered terrace and a gift shop. OPEN DAILY (except 25/12) 9.30am - 5.30pm (closes 4.30pm). Parking and entry to visitor centre is free, charges apply to nature trail (free for RSPB members), sorry no dogs.

7 NORTURONE VINEYARDS
Gay Street, Nouthurone, Pulborough RH20 2HA. Tel: 01798 831596. www.northuronevines.co.uk. Northurone Vineyard is set overlooking the South Downs and from the tasting room in the windmill you can overlook 24 acres of vines. Visitors are welcome to walk through the vines and taste our award winning wines. Groups with prior arrangement. Free admission and tasting. OPEN: May to Oct: Weekdays 2pm to 5pm, Weekends & Bank Holidays 11am to 5pm.

8 WANNHAM NATURE RESERVE
Warnham Road, Nr Horsham, RH12 29A. Tel: 01403 226890. www.horsham.gov.uk/leisure/348.aspx. This 92 acre Local Nature Reserve on the outskirts of Horsham offers a peaceful haven for over 200 species of wild plants and trees and over 150 species of bird including wildfowl, woodpeckers, kingfishers and a thriving heronry. Take time to explore the 17 acre millpond, marshes, grassland, reedbeds, and woodlands and enjoy a great selection of homemade light refreshments at the Visitor Centre and cafe. 'Banhouse Warnham'. The reserve and birdhides are easily accessible with boardwalks around wet areas of the site. No dogs or priciks out in the Reserve. OPEN: Reserve, Visitor Centre & Cafe - all year, every day 10am to 5pm or dusk, whichever is earlier.

9 ST LEONARDS FOREST
Hammerpound, Horsham
A vast acreage of mixed natural woodlands and Forestry Commission plantations. Access via public footpath network. OPEN: All year.

10 RUSSELL'S BIRDS OF PREY CENTRE
Adjoining Hillier's Garden Centre, Brighton Road, Horsham RH13 6AQ. Tel: 01403 274545. www.ringfingers.co.uk. A sanctuary for almost 70 birds of prey including hawks, eagles, and vultures. Daily bird handling sessions between 12pm and 2pm and flying displays at 2.30pm (weather permitting). After the display relax in the beautiful garden with its tropical plants and ferns. OPEN: March to October Wed - Sunday 11am to 5pm (8.30pm on Sundays). Open on Bank Holidays. Winter: Sundays only, 11am - 4.00pm

11 CHRIST'S HOSPITAL SCHOOL
Christ's Hospital, Nr Horsham RH13 6LJ. Tel: 01403 247484. www.christs-hospital.org.uk. Guided Tours during term time, which include visiting the School's museum, Chapel, watching the Famous Band Parade, followed by lunch in Dining Hall, can be booked by telephoning 01403 247483. The School has a tennis and programme and a Sports Centre, both open to the public.



12 SOUTHWATER MERRY HORSE
Southwater RH13 7UN. Tel: 01403 731213 www.horshamcountryside.org. This attractive 90 acre (36 half county park) has level surfaced paths which provide an easy-going landscape walk. Includes a children's play area, an adventure-style play area, orienteering course and tuition in canoeing, sailing and windsurfing. The adjacent Downs link bridleway passes through the Park. The Visitor Centre and Cafe is open most days during the school holidays, with limited opening times during the winter months.

13 SHAMBER VILLAGE
On the west side of Bramber village, off A283. The remains of an important Norman castle, the earthworks are dominated by a towering wall of the keep greenhouse. OPEN: All year, dawn to dusk.

14 SUSSEX WILDLIFE TRUST
Woods Mill, Heneffield BS9 9DQ. Tel: 01723 829610 www.sussexwt.org.uk. A mix of wetland and woodland habitats, wonderful views of the South Downs and an all-weather path and boardwalk across lake and reedbed. Sorry, No Dogs. Free entry and car parking. Events and course programme. OPEN: Throughout the year. Closing: Christmas/New Year.

15 THE WEY AND ARUN CANAL
Wey & Arun Canal Trust, The Gratory, Hitchfold Farm, Loundwood, Billingshurst, West Sussex RH14 0RH. Tel: 01403 721423. www.wafrs.co.uk. Originally opened in 1816, the canal declined with the advent of railways and closed in 1871. It is now under active restoration by the Wey and Arun Canal Trust. Parts of the route can be seen through the Horsham District from Loundwood to Pulborough and are open for narrow boat cruises as well as attractive tow path walks.

16 SOUTH DOWNS LIGHT RAILWAY
Stopham Road Station, Pulborough Garden Centre, Stopham Road, Pulborough, West Sussex, RH20 1DS. www.wdfrs.co.uk. Tel: 07519 93794. Has one of the largest fleets of standard 18 narrow 10.25" gauge locomotives in the UK ready for you to visit. Events throughout the year. OPEN: March - September. Weekends and holidays, plus Wednesdays in the school holidays.

17 CHANTONRY HILL & THE SOUTH DOWNS WAY
Off A23 near Ringing. The Ring is one of the highest points in the district, with superb views to the coast and inland to the North Downs. The South Downs Way covers about 80 miles of ancient trackways along the summit of the Downs and has now been incorporated into the newly designated South Downs National Park. Car parks located on or close to the South Downs Way can be found at Washington, Storrington and Wiston. www.southdownsline.org.

18 THE DOWNS LINK
A long distance footpath and bridleway linking North and South Downs running between Rudgwick in the North and Bramber in the South. Car parks near to the access points can be found at Rudgwick, Sinfold, Southwater, Partridge Green, Hovefield and Bramber.

19 PLACES TO STAY
There is a superb range of visitor accommodation in the Horsham District, from modern and heritage country house hotels to excellent bed and breakfast self-catering cottages, campsites and caravan parks. For further information about accommodation in the District contact Horsham Visitor Information Centre for a dedicated holiday accommodation booking service or ask for your 'Enjoy Sussex Visitor and Accommodation Guide' Tel: 01403 214661. Email: visitorinformation@horsham.gov.uk. Alternatively it can be downloaded from www.enjoysussex.info

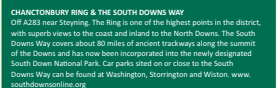
TRAVEL COMPANIES
National Rail Enquiries 08457 484 950 www.nationalrail.co.uk
Southern Railway 0800 200 200 www.southernrailway.com
Arun Valley Rail Partnership 01792 200 233 www.arunvalleyrail.org
National Express 0870 200 2000 www.nationalexpress.com
Stagecoach Local Buses 0845 122 0188 www.stagecoachbuses.com
Compass Local Buses 01903 690025 www.compass-travel.co.uk
Metrolink Local Buses 01292 449291 www.metrolink.co.uk
Brighton & Hove Bus and Coach Company 01273 882000 www.buses.co.uk

By Train - Direct services run from London Victoria and from Bognor Regis and Chichester. Only 20 miles from Gatwick Airport and Horsham, trains run four times an hour. Travel through the beautiful Arun Valley calling at Amberley, Pulborough, Billingshurst, Christ's Hospital and Bramber. **By Bus** - Services cover the entire district. Use the travel contacts above to plan your journey.

By Air - Follow the A24 from London (SW) via Brighton, the M23 to 24/56 from London (SE) via Crawley, the A23/A281 from Dorking, the M27 to 24/56 from Worthing, the A25 from Chichester or the A231 from Guildford. The A272 crosses the district East to West.

EXPLORING THE SOUTH DOWNS

The South Downs National Park is the most recent area in Britain to be designated a National Park. Covering over 1000 square kilometres of glorious landscapes and a superb coastline, visitors come from far and wide to enjoy the dramatic landscapes of the South Downs. Whether you are looking for sprawling hills and mountains biking trails or just want to savour the sense of space and freedom that the beautiful South Downs offer, a visit to this new National Park is a must. www.visitthedsouthdowns.co.uk



20 HORSHAM DISTRICT
A map showing the location of Horsham District within the South Downs National Park, with numbered markers 1 through 19 indicating specific points of interest.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Your first point of information when arriving in the Horsham District should be Horsham Visitor Information Centre. Located in Horsham Museum, the centre offers local, visitor and travel information, a visitor accommodation booking service, local events and attractions, maps and guides, books, gifts and souvenirs.

OPEN:
All year. Mon to Sat (excluding Bank Holidays), 10am to 5pm.

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