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1066 COUNTRY

*The date is easy to remember.  
The place is hard to forget.*

Where the wooded hills of the Sussex Weald stretch down and touch the sea of England's south coast, you'll find 1066 Country. Set deep in history, its ancient settlements nestle in a rich landscape of woods, marshes, shorelines and horizons.

Yesterday's traditions meet today's thriving art and music scene, while castles and forts tell timeless stories of invasion and conquest.

Despite its feeling of seclusion, 1066 Country is living proof that a breath of fresh air doesn't need to mean a long journey. On a direct rail route from London, it's just 1 hour and 23 minutes from the big smoke, making it the perfect escape – and an easy one too.



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BATTLE – UNFOLDING  
ENGLAND'S STORY

Named after the most famous conflict on English soil, this compact market town grew up alongside the battleground. It's tranquil medieval abbey and the surrounding ancient woodlands are largely unchange to this day.

Celebratory bonfires and battle re-enactments, a year-round programme of lively, friendly events, plus an annual festival of contemporary arts, theatre and music, are

all features of its enduring heritage.

At Battle's beating heart is a bustling mix of independent businesses, including a revival of several traditional stores lost to modern high streets. Here wool shops, book stores, cosy pubs and tea rooms jostle alongside ultra-modern designer boutiques and gentlemen's outfitters. You can even get a one-stop suiting, booting and barbering service, all while sipping champagne.

[visit1066country.com/battle](http://visit1066country.com/battle)

BEXHILL –  
RETRO ON SEA

Behind its modern vintage façade, quirky Bexhill conceals an eventful past. Not only was it the trailblazing birthplace of British motor racing, it was also infamously the first resort to allow men and women to swim together on the same beach. What scandal!

Home to the innovative De La Warr Pavilion, the UK's first public building built in the Modernist style, the town is a pioneering centre for the arts hosting contemporary exhibitions, events and entertainment.

Local boy and international star Eddie Izzard is a regular visitor to his hometown, and platinum-selling super group Keane drew

inspiration from their childhood in Bexhill for their song, 'Sovereign Light Cafe'.

Bexhill's blend of unique character and quirkiness are what people come here for. The Victorian promenade mixes attractive listed shelters with sailing boats and a rowing club (founded 1893) giving way further west to award-winning modern shelters, play fountains and eye-catching classic seaside planting.

The same quirkiness is reflected in the town's eclectic mix of shops; think modern vintage, retro and pre-loved, art and music instead of chain stores or neon attractions. There are plenty of independent cafes and restaurants to enjoy too.

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## HASTINGS – SALTY SEA DOG

To soak up Hastings' history, wander the preserved Old Town's winding streets and tiny twittens crammed with Tudor houses and flower-bedecked cottages, and inhale the hard-working fishing quarter with its towering net huts and ramshackle huts on the beach. Hastings Old Town lies in a valley between the East and West Hills, each with their own funicular railway. Take the East Hill Lift from the fishing beach up to Hastings

Country Park, where on clear days you can see from Beachy Head to Dungeness and as far as Folkestone and the coast of France. The nature reserve covers 345 hectares of coastal gill woodlands, open pasture and cliff top grassland, together with five kilometres of dramatic soft rock cliffs and coastline. It's one of three Green Flag Award winning parks in the town, the others being the spectacular Alexandra Park, and the Regency-style St Leonards Gardens.



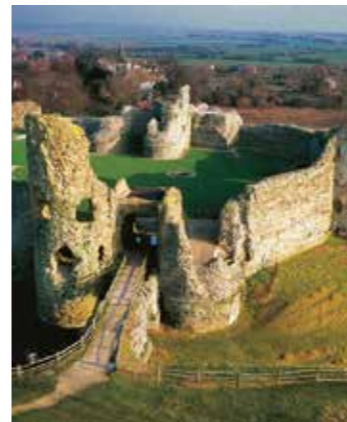
Take the West Hill Lift from George Street, up through a tunnel of rock to emerge into the tranquil light of another world. Explore the ruins of Hastings Castle and the labyrinth of caverns hidden deep within the West Hill, packed with the thrilling history of smugglers, bootleggers and warring bloodthirsty gangs.

Then, for a cool, modern twist head for the America Ground. This vibrant triangle in the centre of Hastings was formed when the great storm of 1287 threw up a silt and shingle spit beyond the boundaries of Hastings Borough. Above the independent shops, restaurants and cafes you'll see the grand architecture of Hastings Library, The Printworks and Holy Trinity Church. These lead you through to the RIBA Stirling Award-winning Hastings Pier and The Source, transformed from a Turkish baths into the biggest underground BMX and skate park in the world.

Heading west, the alternative vibe continues into St Leonards. Built in the 1800s by James and Decimus Burton as a resort for the aristocracy, it provides a striking backdrop for galleries, antique shops, boutiques and a thriving café culture.

A visit to the town's quirky museums is a must. The Shipwreck Museum is a fascinating reminder of the dangers of the sea, while the nearby Fishermen's Museum gives an insight into the fishing culture. Just up the road is the ultra-modern Hastings Contemporary, showcasing the best of British art. The Flower Makers' Museum invites you into a world of fabrics, cutters and presses, while the True Crime Museum is full of acid baths, execution beds and knuckledusters. The more formal Hastings Museum and Art Gallery on Bohemia Road has excellent regularly changing exhibitions of local and international history and art.

[visit1066country.com/hastings](http://visit1066country.com/hastings)



## PEVENSEY AND HERSTMONCEUX – CASTLES AND STARS

A Roman coastal fort stands proud above Pevensey beach, the spot where Norman forces landed in 1066. Today the village is an eclectic seaside stronghold, one face hugging the shoreline, the other overlooking a hinterland of levels. Open spaces, broad skies and closeness to nature — this piece of Saxon frontier land has its own original story to tell and a wild side for every season.

Tucked inland from Pevensey, Herstmonceux is a village with many claims to fame — moated castle, former Royal Observatory, science centre and home of the Sussex trug. With its telescope domes, windmill and castle turrets, it sits modestly between Wealden hills and marshy levels, its eyes on the skies and its feet on the ground.

[visit1066country.com/pevensey-herstmonceux](http://visit1066country.com/pevensey-herstmonceux)



## RYE – STYLISH COBBLED CITADEL

A medieval citadel huddled against invaders and the sea, Rye reveals its history gently. Today it's home to a myriad of art, curiosities and cosy pubs, as well as modern boutique hotels and contemporary restaurants serving the best Sussex has to offer, from land and sea. Built on smuggled secrets and timeless tales, Rye has nooks and crannies to explore and distant views across Romney Marsh to ponder.

Reach to the tip of the estuary and you find Rye Harbour, its saltmarsh and shingle shore a haven for wildlife, wide open to the wind and sea.

The High Street hosts an array of delicatessens, bookshops and other quirky independent emporia. Luxury products, antiques, books, records and artisan goods are Rye's specialties. The flourishing

creative community offers a warm welcome in the many art and photography galleries.

A walk around the charming cobbled streets is essential, especially to the famous Mermaid Street, where a mix of timber-framed inns and elegant houses rejoice in eccentric names. Many of the beautifully preserved medieval, Tudor and Georgian buildings are open to the public as fine restaurants, tearooms or pubs.

[visit1066country.com/rye](http://visit1066country.com/rye)



## HIDDEN GEMS OF 1066 COUNTRY

### Bodiam

Bodiam's fame rests on its storybook moated castle. Reach it by steam train or river cruise, by kayak or on foot, a gentle meander through the breathtaking Sussex Weald. Combine visits to nearby gardens and organic vineyards with award-winning glamping or camping experiences to make yours an idyllic off-grid escape.



### Camber

Nowhere on the south coast is quite like Camber. Backed by dunes and beach houses, it spreads its broad sands far out to sea, inviting in the height of summer, invigorating in the depth of winter.



Brave the waves with the kite and wind surfers, build sand castles, jump the dunes, or hire an ebike to explore the coast. Breathe it all in.

### Winchelsea

Get lost in Winchelsea, England's smallest town, where the streets have no names. This 'Ancient Town' of the Cinque Ports set high on its Sussex hill, is built on a grid system with hidden medieval wine cellars beneath. You'll be surprised who you come across.



## Itinerary Planner

### Explore our rich culture

Find a cosy country pub with an open fire in winter. Taste a pint or two of the local brew. Enjoy a plate of the plumpest Rye Bay scallops or some salty Romney Marsh lamb.

Relax on the De La Warr's 1930s terrace overlooking the seafront, gulls crying overhead, the light dazzling the water.

Seek out the quirky and the off-beat shops in the winding cobbled streets of Rye, the twittens of Hastings Old Town or the modern vintage boutiques of Bexhill.

Walk along the beach cradling your vinegar-steaming fish and chips, the fresh air on your face and the salt in your hair.

Take in a vineyard tour, savouring the flinty sparkles and creamy whites of the very land you're standing on. Check out the local produce in our craft breweries and farm shops.



Gorge on culture in our galleries and museums – from the Hastings Contemporary's cutting edge British artists to Hastings Museum & Art Gallery's local history exhibitions, taking in the Shipwreck Museum and Fishermen's Museum. For a literary treat don't miss Rudyard Kipling's former home Bateman's in Burwash and Henry James's beloved Lamb House in Rye.

Soak up the history of 1066 Country, taking in the famous battlefield and abbey, soaking up the storybook romance of Bodiam's riverside castle and steam railway, and exploring the crumbling

remains of the Normans' first stronghold, Pevensey Castle.

Wander the gardens at Great Dixter, the home and passion of the late gardening writer Christopher Lloyd, embrace the Tulip Festival at Pashley Manor or walk the world's largest collection of conifers at Bedgebury.

We eat and drink well here. It's our chefs and shopkeepers, our farmers and fishermen, our winemakers and bakers who make the difference. Their craft makes the products of our land and sea legendary.

Take your time. Here we value the original.

### Fun-filled family getaway

There's buckets and spades full of fun for the all the family in 1066 country, from building castles in the white sands of Camber to kitesurfing and stand-up paddleboarding.

The Observatory Science Centre in Herstmonceux is a

fascinating day out, offering hands-on experiments, giant telescopes and an outdoor Discovery Park that will keep children entertained for hours.

The nearby Knockhatch Adventure Park has a petting zoo, owl sanctuary, go-karts, high ropes as well as indoor and outdoor playgrounds for your little adventurers big and small.

Only the brave dare enter the Smugglers Adventure deep inside the caves of Hastings' West Hill (take the West Hill Lift up through a tunnel of sandstone). Buying a Super Saver ticket on the door will give you discounted entry to the Blue Reef Aquarium and Hastings Castle too.

For soft play and rainy days, Clambers Play Centre has a varied play area with ball pools, slides and obstacle courses.

Combine a trip on the beautiful Kent & East Sussex Railway with a stop at Northiam for Bodiam Boating Station which offers kayaking, rowing, canoeing, stand-up paddleboarding, river cruises and riverside camping. For an action-packed day out, visit Drusillas Park – part zoo, part theme park. With hundreds of animals to see, soft play, water play, mazes and rides, you'll need a whole day to truly make the most of everything on offer.

Children will love exploring the cellars and battlements of our



historic buildings, and there is a year-round programme of events at Battle Abbey and Bodiam Castle to ignite their imaginations.

The Source Park on Hastings seafront is the world's largest underground skate park and a super-cool venue for your hard-to-impress teenagers. Riders and non-riders can enjoy the café with its views of the action below, and there are lessons available as well as specific girls-only, under-11s and over-30s sessions.

For a family cinema trip with a stylish twist, the Kino cinemas in St Leonards and Rye offer a unique experience far above the average cinema. Kino Teatr in St Leonards is housed in a restored Curzon cinema combined with a Russian art gallery and Lebanese café. Kino Rye is a two-screen cedar-clad cinema and café-bar in renovated Victorian buildings.

## Things to do

1066 Country offers a wealth of places to explore in a small but impressive area and this guide gives a brief flavour of the charms that lie at the heart of this truly famous place. Dig your toes into the sand, gulls crying overhead, the light dazzling the water. Walk the winding cobbled streets seeking out quirky shops. Feel the echoes of battle through centuries of stone.

Most attractions are open all year round, and many are accessible by public transport too, so why not consider leaving the car at home and travelling sustainably.

**visit1066country.com/things-to-do**

### 1066 BATTLE OF HASTINGS, ABBEY & BATTLEFIELD



See website for prices

High Street, Battle, TN33 0AD

T 01424 775705

E battle.abbey@english-heritage.org.uk

W english-heritage.org.uk/battle

Stand where England's future was fought. Walk the battlefield sculpture trail, soak up the gatehouse rooftop views, discover the exhibition and explore the abbey ruins.

**Open:** Go to website for opening times.



Partially accessible

THROUGHOUT OCTOBER THROUGHOUT BATTLE

# BATTLE FESTIVAL

FIND OUT MORE AT  
WWW.BATTLEFESTIVAL.CO.UK  
@BATTLEFESTIVAL

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### DE LA WARR PAVILION, BEXHILL



Free entry to building and exhibitions

Marina, Bexhill, TN40 1DP

T 01424 229111

W dlwp.com

@dlwp  
delawarr

Enjoy our modernist Grade One Listed building by the sea, with free exhibitions and outdoor events, music and comedy gigs, family workshops and a stylish café and shop.

**Open:** Every day except Christmas Day.

### BATTLE MUSEUM OF LOCAL HISTORY



The Almonry, Battle, TN33 0EA

T 01424 775955

E enquiries@battlemuseum.com

W battlemuseum.com

The Museum, set in award-winning gardens, covers 125 million years of local history. Find out about the Romans, the Normans and much more!

**Open:** 1 April to 31 October 2020  
Mon to Sat 10am to 4.30pm

Free

### SEDLSCOMBE ORGANIC VINEYARD



Hawkhurst Rd, TN32 5SA

T 01580 830122

E info@englishorganicwine.co.uk

W englishorganicwine.co.uk

Kitchen, shop and bar open daily.  
See website for tours & tastings info.



### BEXHILL MUSEUM



Adults £3, Concs £2.50

Egerton Road, Bexhill, TN39 3HL

T 01424 222058

E info@bexhillmuseum.org.uk

W bexhillmuseum.org.uk

Bexhill Museum offers something for everyone from local history and archaeology to fashion and Bexhill's motor heritage. Operate Eddie Izzard's childhood working train set and see his 'Bexhill in 1940' model railway layout.

### EGERTON PARK



Free entry

Located behind Bexhill Museum.  
Egerton Road, Bexhill, TN39 3HL

W rother.gov.uk/egerton

Egerton Park offers a wide range of facilities including a children's play-zone, fitness area and tennis courts. The park is also home to both an indoor and outdoor bowling club.

**Open:** Every day during daylight hours.

**ALEXANDRA PARK**

Partially accessible



Free

St Helens Road/Lower Park Road,  
Hastings, TN34 2LG

T 01424 451066

10 minute walk from Hastings Town Centre the grade 2 listed heritage park is one of the finest examples of a Victorian park to be found anywhere in the country. It has all the attractions for a great day out, from open spaces to run about, a wonderful café, play areas and great walks, ponds and streams.

**HASTINGS ADVENTURE & CRAZY GOLF**

Partially accessible



Early Birdie & Evening Eagle –  
2 courses for the price of 1

Hastings Seafront, TN34 3AJ

T 01424 437227

E hello@hastingsadventuregolf.com

W hastingsadventuregolf.com

With three 18 hole courses, this is the UK centre for miniature golf and the home of the World Crazy Golf Championships.

**Open:** Summer 9am - 10pm,  
Winter 10am - 4pm

**HASTINGS CASTLE & 1066 STORY**

Family fun events throughout  
the year

Castle Hill Road, West Hill, Hastings

T 01424 422964

W discoverhastings.co.uk

Discover Britain's first ever Norman castle. Enjoy a 20 minute video show about the Battle of Hastings and explore the ruins, dungeons and chapel remains.

**Open:** Open February half term then daily from 1 April

**HASTINGS COUNTRY PARK**

New straw bale visitor centre  
to open in 2020.

Various access points to east of Hastings

T 01424 451066

W visit1066country.com

A fabulous nature reserve with stunning coastal scenery situated within the High Weald Area Of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Explore ancient woodland glens and rugged coastal paths. Conservation grazing and sustainable management makes this one of the most important nature reserves in the country.

**BLUE REEF AQUARIUM**

Book online and save money

Rock-a-Nore Road, TN34 3DW

T 01424 718776

W discoverhastings.co.uk

Giant octopus, sharks, native and tropical species, rays, underwater tunnel, café - PLUS a reptile room and hourly talks and feeds. Book online and save.

**Open:** Daily from 10am.  
Closed 25 Dec.



**SEASIDE  
CYCLE HIRE**

**OPEN 10AM - 5PM  
5 DAYS A WEEK  
FRIDAY - TUESDAY  
(DURING SCHOOL HOLS)**

*Open during the summer holidays  
and selected days during the year*

**ON THE BEACH BEHIND PELHAM CAR PARK TN34 3AD**

**WWW.HASTINGS.GOV.UK/CYCLE**

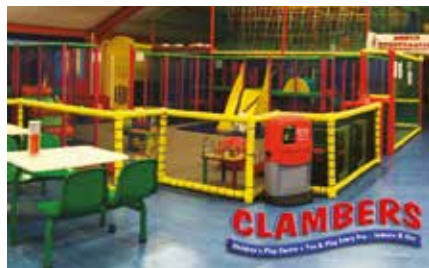
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## CLAMBERS PLAY CENTRE



White Rock Gardens, Hastings, TN34 1LD

T 01424 423778

E info@clambers.co.uk

W clambers.co.uk



One of the largest children's play centres in the UK with extensive indoor and outdoor play areas for children up to 12 years. We also have a separate under 5 area. Our play frame is over 2 levels and our outdoor area has a paddling pool, play frames, giant Nerf arena and sea views for a family picnic. We also have a 5 star rated cafe supplying food and drink daily.

**Open:** Every day from 9.30am.

Children 12mths to 17mths: £4.50  
Children 18mths to 12yrs: from £7.50

## BATTLE ZONE LIVE OUTDOOR



White Rock Gardens, Hastings, TN34 1LD

T 01424 423778

E info@battlezonelive.co.uk

W battlezonelive.co.uk



This outdoor activity will have you charging through our custom built outdoor terrain, picking off foes with your deadly accurate laser weapons!

The action will be exhilarating as you stalk your opponents through Battle Zone using MP5 and Uzi machine guns!

Suitable from 6 years and over.

**Open:** 10am to late, every day.

Sessions start from only £10.  
Sessions do need to be prebooked

## ABDUCTED LIVE



White Rock Gardens, Hastings, TN34 1LD

T 01424 423778

E info@abductedlive.co.uk

W abductedlive.co.uk



With only 60 minutes to survive you and your team of up to 7 players must solve puzzles, and find keys to escape this high octane game. Have you and your team got what it takes to outwit the abductors and escape! We offer 2 versions of this escape room, a normal non scary and our extreme 90 minute very scary version for over 18s only. Sessions do need to be pre booked.

**Open:** Every day from 10am.

Normal 60 minute escape: £20 per person  
Extreme 90 minute version: £25 per person

## EAST & WEST HILL LIFTS



**East Hill:** Rock-a-Nore Road

**West Hill:** George Street

T 01424 451111

W visit1066country.com



Giving panoramic views over the Old Town, across the coastline and for access to the Country Park (East) and Hastings Castle and Smugglers Adventure (West).

**Open:** Summer 10am-5.30pm.  
Winter 11am-4pm; East Hill weekends.

Please contact us for the latest prices

## SHIRLEY LEAF & PETAL COMPANY



58a High Street, TN34 3EN

T 01424 427793



Unique **museum, shop and manufacturer** for TV and film sets

**Open:** 10am to 4pm  
£1 entry to museum

## FISHERMEN'S MUSEUM



Rock-a-Nore Rd, TN34 3DW

T 01424 461446

W ohps.org.uk

Climb aboard the oldest Hastings fishing boat.

**Open:** Every day except 25 Dec

Partially accessible

## HASTINGS CONTEMPORARY



Rock-a-Nore Road, TN34 3DW

T 01424 728377

E info@hastingscontemporary.org

W hastingscontemporary.org

**Open:** Tues-Sun, 11am-5pm.

Situated on the dramatic seafront of Europe's oldest fishing beach, Hastings Contemporary celebrates modern and contemporary art, hosting several exhibitions a year, plus an exciting array of talks, workshops, and live music.

\*includes Gift Aid

Price\* Adult £9; Senior £8; Low Income & Disabled £6; Art Fund £4.50.  
Free 4-8pm on the first Tuesday of the month. Under-16s free with Adult entry.

**Gallery Shop** - Free to enter. Unique gifts, cards, art books & supplies, local designers & makers.

**Boatyard Café** - Modern restaurant and café with sea views. Fresh seafood and plant-based local produce, craft beers, natural wines, coffee and juices.



## HASTINGS LIFEBOAT



Free but donations welcome.  
See website for more details.

The Stade, Hastings, TN34 3AL

T 01424 425502

E [hastings\\_visitorcentre@rnl.org.uk](mailto:hastings_visitorcentre@rnl.org.uk)

W [hastingslifeboat.org.uk](http://hastingslifeboat.org.uk)

Located next to the fishing fleet berths on the working beach. It's an ideal location for launching & recovering, away from the crowds on the beach. For group bookings please email or phone, 24hr. Answer phone for booking form.

**Open:** Every day except 25 Dec

## HASTINGS MUSEUM & ART GALLERY



Free admission

Bohemia Road, Hastings, TN34 1ET

T 01424 451052

E [museum@hastings.gov.uk](mailto:museum@hastings.gov.uk)

W [hmag.org.uk](http://hmag.org.uk)

A family-friendly museum with amazingly diverse collections. The museum was established more than 125 years ago and offers the opportunity to explore art, culture and history from Hastings and around the world.

**Open:** Tuesday – Sunday.

## HASTINGS HISTORY HOUSE



21 Courthouse Street, TN34 3AU

T 01424 424744

W [ohps.org.uk](http://ohps.org.uk)

Exhibitions and Resources for Local History.

**Open:** Thurs - Sat, 11am - 4pm

Partially accessible

## SHIPWRECK MUSEUM HASTINGS



Rock-a-Nore Rd, TN34 3DW

T 01424 437452

W [shipwreckmuseum.co.uk](http://shipwreckmuseum.co.uk)

**Open:** Apr-Sept: Daily  
Nov - Mar: Weekends  
Free admission

Partially accessible

## SMUGGLERS ADVENTURE



Book online and save money

St Clements Caves, TN34 3HY

T 01424 422964

W [discoverhastings.co.uk](http://discoverhastings.co.uk)



Under the West Hill, Hastings, lie acres of breath-taking underground caves. Life-sized characters, dramatic recreations, interactive displays and games bring Sussex smuggling to life.

**Open:** open daily from 10am  
February 15th – November 7th

## STABLES THEATRE AND ARTS CENTRE



Most shows: Members £8.50,  
Adults £13.50, Under - 18s &  
groups £10.50

The Bourne, Hastings, TN34 3BD

T 01424 423221

E [info@stablestheatre.co.uk](mailto:info@stablestheatre.co.uk)

W [stablestheatre.co.uk](http://stablestheatre.co.uk)

The Stables presents its own plays, professional shows, music and dance together with six art exhibitions each year. Membership from £10.

**Box office open:** Mon-Fri 10.30am-1pm and 6-8pm. Sat 10.30am-1pm. Also prior to performances.

## THE TRUE CRIME MUSEUM



For PRICES, EVENTS &  
OFFERS, see our website!

Hastings Seafront, TN34 1JP

T 01424 420115

E [info@truecrimemuseum.co.uk](mailto:info@truecrimemuseum.co.uk)

W [truecrimemuseum.co.uk](http://truecrimemuseum.co.uk)

A SHOCKING attraction for everyone fascinated by the dark world of CRIME! Serial Killers, Forensics, Gangsters, Prisoners, Poisoners... DARE YOU ENTER THE CAVES?

**Open:** Daily 10am – 5pm  
Wheelchair accessible, dog friendly.



Fully accessible



## LAMB HOUSE



West Street, Rye, East Sussex TN31 7ES

T 01797 222909 W [nationaltrust.org.uk/lamb-house](http://nationaltrust.org.uk/lamb-house)  
E [lambhouse@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:lambhouse@nationaltrust.org.uk)

From kings to writers, Lamb House has played its part in entertaining and inspiring both visitors and owners. Discover more about the history of this wonderful Rye gem.

**Courtyard Tea Room**  
The new tea room at Lamb House is the perfect place to sit awhile with one of our books and a cup of tea or slice of cake.

**Open:** Fri, Sat, Sun, Mon,  
Tue – 11am – 5pm

Price\* Adult £8.70, child £4.35, family £21.70,  
\*includes Gift Aid



## RYE CASTLE MUSEUM & YPRES TOWER



Gungarden, Rye, TN31 7HH  
T 01797 226728  
E [info@ryemuseum.co.uk](mailto:info@ryemuseum.co.uk)  
W [ryemuseum.co.uk](http://ryemuseum.co.uk)

**Open:** Daily except  
25/26 December.

Partially accessible



## RYE HARBOUR NATURE RESERVE



Nature Reserve - free entry,  
but donations appreciated.

Rye Harbour Nature Reserve,  
TN31 7TX

W [sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk/ryeharbour](http://sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk/ryeharbour)

Discover coastal wildlife along miles of footpaths with five birdwatching hides suitable for wheelchairs. Rye Harbour village has a car park, toilets and refreshment venues.

**Open:** All day every day.

Partially accessible

## RYE HERITAGE CENTRE & TOWN MODEL SHOW



The Old Sail Loft, Strand Quay, Rye, TN31 7AY

T 01797 226696  
E [heritagecentrerye@gmail.com](mailto:heritagecentrerye@gmail.com)

W [ryeheritage.co.uk](http://ryeheritage.co.uk)  
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Housed in a converted Victorian sail loft on the quayside, Rye Heritage Centre is the home of the unique 'Story of Rye' Town Model Sound & Light Show and Old Pier Penny Arcade. The Heritage Centre is a great place to start exploring and learn about this ancient town and its

rich and varied history.

Exhibitions and events will be added throughout the year, see website for details or follow Rye Heritage Centre on social media.

Group bookings are welcome, discount rates available.

See website for 2020 opening times and admission prices from April to December. Please contact us for further details.

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## BATEMAN'S



Burwash, TN19 7DS

T 01435 882302  
W [nationaltrust.org.uk/batemans](http://nationaltrust.org.uk/batemans)

Beautiful family home and garden of Rudyard Kipling, author of the Jungle Book. With a Grade I listed watermill, a natural play area for den building, picnic areas and the Mulberry tea-room for homemade meals and cakes.

**Open:** Daily except 24/25 Dec.  
Free entry for National Trust members

For opening times and prices  
please see the website

## BEDGEBURY NATIONAL PINETUM & FOREST



Bedgebury Road, Goudhurst, TN17 2SJ

T 01580 879820  
E [bedgebury@forestryengland.uk](mailto:bedgebury@forestryengland.uk)  
W [forestryengland.uk/bedgebury](http://forestryengland.uk/bedgebury)

The National Pinetum is the perfect place to walk, picnic and enjoy nature. It's home to one of the finest collections of conifers in the world. Run, cycle, explore the children's play trail or discover the canopy with GoApe in the forest. Open from 8am daily.

Please see website for prices  
Partially accessible

**BEWL WATER**

See website for individual activity prices

Bewlbridge Lane, Kent, TN3 8JH

T 01892 890000

E [info@bowlwater.co.uk](mailto:info@bowlwater.co.uk)

W [bowlwater.co.uk](http://bowlwater.co.uk)

Beauty, in the heart of the High Weald. Bewl Water is open all year and offers a range of activities, including an aqua park, fishing, sailing, cycling and an adventure playground. With two restaurants on the shoreline, a visit to this stunning reservoir is a must.



Partially accessible

**BODIAM CASTLE**

For opening times and prices please see the website

Bodiam, TN32 5UA

T 01580 830196

W [nationaltrust.org.uk/bodiam-castle](http://nationaltrust.org.uk/bodiam-castle)

One of Britain's most perfectly picturesque castles. With towers, spiral staircases, battlements, portcullis and ruins to explore. Visit the café or tea-room for homemade meals and cakes, or bring a picnic.

**Open:** Open daily except 24/25 Dec. Free entry for National Trust members

**DRUSILLAS PARK**

Alfriston, East Sussex, BN26 5QS

T 01323 874100

E [info@drusillas.co.uk](mailto:info@drusillas.co.uk)

W [drusillas.co.uk](http://drusillas.co.uk)

Enjoy a fun-tastic day out that includes animals, adventure play and rides!

You'll come face to face with hundreds of exotic animals, from monkeys and meerkats to penguins and pandas. Your little monkeys will adore the themed adventure play areas and seven thrilling kids rides! Don't miss the Hello Kitty Secret Garden or the roar-some attraction Go Safari! Soar into the skies

with the Hippopotobus and Flying Cheetah rides, or climb aboard the Safari Express train. New for 2020 Jurassic Jungle; take a walk back in time and discover some Jurassic giants! There's so much to see and do at Drusillas; it's definitely no ordinary zoo!

**Open:** Daily from 10am

Book tickets in advance online and save money.



Partially accessible

**THE GIANTS OF BREDE**

Free entry & parking. Donations welcome

Waterworks Lane, TN31 6HG

T 01323 897310

E [bsesgiantsofbrede@btinternet.com](mailto:bsesgiantsofbrede@btinternet.com)

W [bredesteamgiants.co.uk](http://bredesteamgiants.co.uk)

Historic steam water pumps now air driven, some triple expansion, housed in heritage grade II buildings. Other attractions include cold war bunker. Guided tours.

**Open:** First Sat of every month and BH Mon – 10am to 4pm

**GREAT DIXTER HOUSE & GARDENS**

Open April - October. Tues to Sunday & Bank Hol Mondays.

Northiam, Rye, TN31 6PH

T 01797 252878

E [groupbookings@greatdixter.co.uk](mailto:groupbookings@greatdixter.co.uk)

W [greatdixter.co.uk](http://greatdixter.co.uk)

Great Dixter is an historic house and garden and a place of pilgrimage for horticulturists from across the world. It was the home of gardener and gardening writer Christopher Lloyd.



Partially accessible

**HERSTMONCEUX CASTLE GARDENS & GROUNDS**

Adults £7.00, Concs (65+) £6.00 & Children (4-17) £3.50

Herstmonceux, Hailsham, BN27 1RN

T 01323 833816

W [herstmonceux-castle.com](http://herstmonceux-castle.com)

Discover a 15th century enchanting moated castle, set in a 300 acre estate, which includes woodland and formal themed gardens in the countryside of East Sussex.

**Open:** 15 Feb - 1 Nov (closed 28 Aug) 10am - 5pm (Feb, Mar, Oct & Nov) & 10am - 6pm (Apr - Sept).

**KENT & EAST SUSSEX STEAM RAILWAY**

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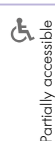
Tenterden, Station Rd TN30 6HE

T 01580 765155

E [enquiries@kesr.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@kesr.org.uk)

W [kesr.org.uk](http://kesr.org.uk)

Enjoy a day in the age of steam travel. Our line runs from Tenterden for 10.5 miles to Bodiam. Travelcards allow all-day travel. Refreshments at Tenterden station and some trains. Family ticket for 2 adults & 2 children just £45!



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**KNOCKHATCH ADVENTURE PARK**

Open daily 10am - 5.30pm

Hempstead Lane, Hailsham, BN27 3PR

T 01323 442051

E info@knockhatch.com

W knockhatch.com



Face the Dinosaurs in the Lost World Play Barn, conquer the Dragon Castle Adventure Playground or zoom down the Wave Runner! Huge indoor & outdoor play areas, meerkats, owls, wallabies and much more! Save 20% by booking online.

**MICHELHAM PRIORY HOUSE & GARDENS**

Upper Dicker, BN27 3QS

T 01323 844244

E adminmich@sussexpast.co.uk

W sussexpast.co.uk

**Open:** Opens mid Feb to mid Dec. Please see website for times

**PEVENSEY COURT HOUSE & GAOL**

Pevensey, BN24 5LG

T 01323 733419 or 483470

W pevencsecourthouse.co.uk

**Open:** See website for times.

Free entry

**PEVENSEY CASTLE**

Adult £7.50, Concessions £6.80,  
Child £4.60, Family £19.60

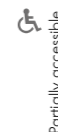
Pevensey, BN24 5LE

T 01323 762604

W english-heritage.org.uk/pevensey

Explore this dramatic fortress where William the Conqueror landed his army in 1066. Delve deep into the dark dungeon of the moated medieval castle and explore a brand new museum and exhibition. See website for opening times and prices.

**Open:** See website for times.

**STONE CROSS WINDMILL** GRADE 11 LISTED

Stone Cross, BN24 5EA

T 01323 483470/07909987843

E scmt2012@yahoo.co.uk

W stonecrosswindmill.co.uk

**Open:** Sun 2-5pm April - end Sept. Free entry. Donations welcome.

**THE OBSERVATORY SCIENCE CENTRE**

**Open:** Daily, 1 Feb to 6 Dec  
Visit website for admission prices

Wartling Road, Herstmonceux  
BN27 1RN

T 01323 832731

E info@the-observatory.org

W the-observatory.org

Celebrating 25 years of science and discovery amongst the iconic domes of a former world famous observatory. Over 100 interactive exhibits plus telescope tours, science shows, café, and gift shop.

**PASHLEY MANOR GARDENS**

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Ticehurst, Near Wadhurst, TN5 7HE

T 01580 200888

E info@pashleymanorgardens.com

W pashleymanorgardens.com

Stunning award winning 11 acre gardens, complemented by a fantastic café with terrace, sculpture exhibition and a lovely gift shop.

**Open:** 1 April to 30 Sept, Tues to Sat, Bank Hol Mons & Special Event Days, 10am to 5pm.

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Highlands Farm, Ashford, TN26 3RJ

T 01233 861493

W Rarebreeds.org.uk

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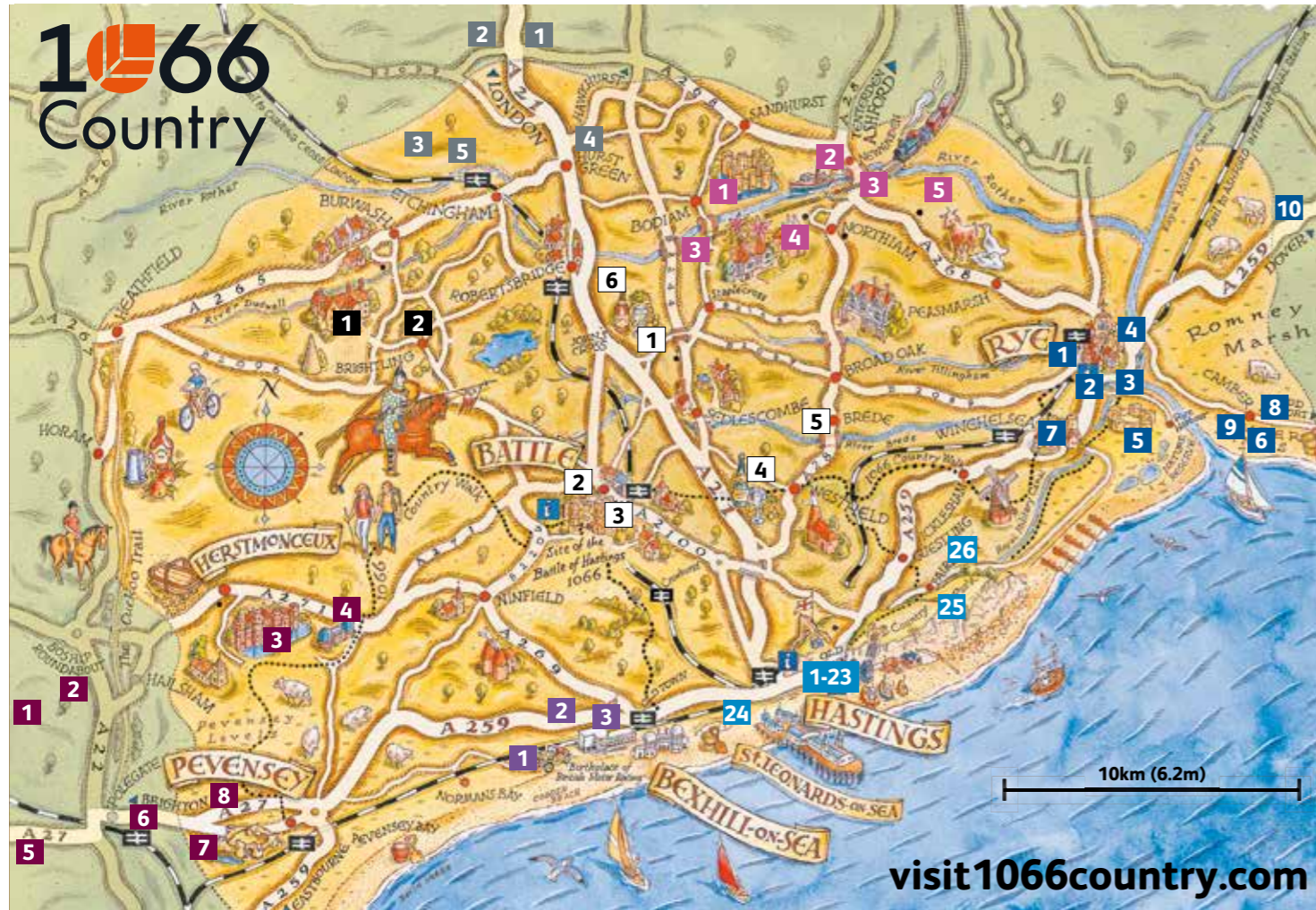
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### Pevensey & Herstmonceux

- 1 Michelham Priory
- 2 Knockhatch Adventure Park
- 3 Herstmonceux Castle – Gardens & Grounds
- 4 The Observatory Science Centre
- 5 Drusillas Park (follow A27)
- 6 Stone Cross Windmill
- 7 Pevensey Castle
- 8 Pevensey Court House & Gaol

### Brightling & Burwash

- 1 Bateman's
- 2 Fuller's Follies

### Ticehurst & Hurst Green

- 1 Bedgebury National Pinetum & Forest
- 2 Bewl Water
- 3 King John's Nursery & Garden
- 4 Merriments Gardens
- 5 Pashley Manor Gardens

### Battle & Sedlescombe

- 1 Sedlescombe Organic Vineyard
- 2 Battle Museum of Local History
- 3 1066 Battle of Hastings, Abbey & Battlefield
- 4 Carr Taylor Vineyards
- 5 Giants of Brede (stationary steam powered engines)
- 6 blackShed gallery
- Geotourist Battle Audio Tour

### Bodiam & Northiam

- 1 Bodiam Castle
- 2 Bodiam Boating Station
- 3 Kent & East Sussex Steam Railway
- 4 Great Dixter House & Gardens
- 5 Oxney Organic Vineyards

### Bexhill

- 1 Bexhill Museum
- 2 Egerton Park
- 3 De La Warr Pavilion, Bexhill
- Geotourist Bexhill Audio Tours

### Hastings & St Leonards

- 1 Alexandra Park
- 2 Hastings History House
- 3 Source BMX
- 4 Hastings Museum & Art Gallery
- 5 Hastings Castle and 1066 Story
- 6 Smugglers Adventure
- 7 Flower Makers Museum
- 8 East & West Hill Lifts
- 9 Clambers Play Centre, Battle Zone Live & Abducted Live
- 10 White Rock Theatre
- 11 Bowling Greens & Putting Courses
- 12 True Crime Museum
- 13 Hastings Adventure & Crazy Golf Complex
- 14 Hastings Contemporary

- 15 Shipwreck Museum
- 16 Blue Reef Aquarium
- 17 Hastings Lifeboat
- 18 Fishermen's Museum
- 19 The Stables Theatre & Arts Centre
- 20 St Mary in the Castle
- 21 Seaside Cycle Hire
- 22 Flamingo at the Stade
- 23 Old Town Amusements & Playland
- 24 Kino-Teatr
- 25 Hastings Country Park & Nature Reserve
- 26 Mallydams Wood RSPCA
- Geotourist Stade Audio Tour

### Rye & Winchelsea

- 1 Lamb House
- 2 Kino Cinema
- 3 Rye Heritage Centre & Town Model Show
- 4 Rye Castle Museum Ypres Tower
- 5 Rye Harbour Nature Reserve & Camber Castle
- 6 Camber Sands
- 7 Winchelsea Court Hall Museum
- 8 Camber Kite Surf
- 9 E-Bike Hire, Camber
- 10 Rare Breeds Centre (follow the A259)
- Geotourist Rye Audio Tours



## Events

From Rye's International Jazz & Blues Festival to Battle's famous 1066 re-enactment, taking in the Hastings Seafood & Wine Festival, Bexhill's Motofest and Herstmonceux's Medieval Festival, 1066 Country knows how to live the good life. Here you'll find a year-round programme packed with music, food, exhibitions and outdoor events.

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### MARCH

#### Until 4 May

**Zadie Xa:** Child of Magohalmi and the Echoes of Creation, De La Warr

#### Throughout March

**Wunderkammer:** Hastings Curiosities, Hastings Museum & Art Gallery

#### Throughout March

Art of Trees Outdoor Exhibition, Bedgebury Pinetum

#### Until Sun 8

Hastings International Piano Festival, various artists

#### Until Sun 22

Quentin Blake: Airborne, Hastings Contemporary

#### Until Sun 29

The Age of Turmoil: Burra, Spencer, Sutherland, Hastings Contemporary

#### Until Sun 29

**Anne Ryan:** Earthly Delites, Hastings Contemporary

#### Sun 1

Architecture Tours, De La Warr

#### Mon 9

Scallop School, Webbe's at the Fish Café, Rye

#### Sun 15

50th Anniversary Walk, Rye Harbour Nature Reserve



#### Weds 18

Kathryn Roberts & Sean Lakeman 'On Reflection' Tour, St Mary in the Castle

#### Weds 18

**Stewart Lee:** Snowflake/Tornado, De La Warr

#### Thurs 19

The Bootleg Beatles, De La Warr

#### Sun 22

Mothers Who Kill, True Crime Museum

#### Sat 28

Bewl's Big Dog Day Out, Bewl Water

#### Sun 29

36th Hastings Half Marathon, Hastings

### APRIL

#### Sat 4 – Sun 5, Tues 7 – Mon 13

Day Out With Thomas, Kent & East Sussex Railway

#### Until Sun 19

**Wunderkammer:** Hastings Curiosities, Hastings Museum & Art Gallery

#### Sat 4 – 26 April

Quentin Blake exhibition, Hastings Contemporary

#### Sat 4 – 31 May

Stephen Chambers exhibition, Hastings Contemporary

#### Sat 4 – Sun 28 June

Victor Pasmore exhibition, Hastings Contemporary

#### Sat 4 – Sun 5

Great Dixter Plant Fair, Great Dixter House and Gardens

#### Sat 4 – Sun 19

Trail of the Golden Goose, True Crime Museum

#### Sat 4 – Sun 19

Easter Adventure Quest, Battle Abbey

#### Sun 5

Beatles Day, White Rock Theatre

#### Thurs 9

Easter Treasure Trail - Family Event, Rye Harbour Nature Reserve

#### Fri 10

Annual Battle Marbles Match & Easter Bonnet Parade

#### Sun 12

Lloyd Cole & Special Guests, De La Warr



#### Mon 13

Birds of Prey, Drusillas

#### Weds 22 – Weds 6 May

Tulip Festival, Pashley Manor Gardens

### MAY

#### Fri 1 to Sun 3

Jack in the Green Festival, Hastings

#### Sat 2 – Sun 31

Alumini Show exhibition, Hastings Contemporary

#### Sat 2 – Sun 5 July

Hastings Open 2020 international art exhibition, Hastings Museum & Art Gallery

#### Fri 8

Bike1066, Hastings

#### Fri 8

VE Day anniversary celebrations, Bexhill

#### Fri 8

VE Day 75 celebrations, Kent & East Sussex Railway

#### Sun 10

Park Mill celebration, Bateman's

#### Sat 16 – Sun 17

1940s weekend, Kent & East Sussex Railway

#### Sat 23

PP Arnold – 'London's First Lady of Soul', St Mary's Church, Rye

#### Sat 23 – Sun 31

Paperback Payback, True Crime Museum

#### Sun 24 - 25

Battle Medieval Fayre, Battle

#### Thurs 28

Paint and Plant - Family Drop-In Event, Rye Harbour Nature Reserve

#### Mon 25 – Sat 30

Sculpture in Particular, Pashley Manor Gardens

### JUNE

#### Mon 1

Sustainable Fish, Webbe's at the Fish Café, Rye

#### Thurs 4

Royal Philharmonic Orchestra: Beethoven's Sixth Symphony, De La Warr

#### Mon 8

World Oceans Day - Global Travellers, Rye Harbour Nature Reserve

#### Tues 9 – Weds 17

Special Rose Week, Pashley Manor Gardens

#### Fri 12

**Forest Live:** James Morrison and Will Young, Bedgebury Pinetum

#### Sat 13

**Libera Nos** – Multi Faith Oratorio by Polo Piatti, Opus Theatre

#### Sat 20

CAMRA Real Ale & Cider Festival, Kent & East Sussex Railway

#### Sat 20 – Sun 21

Hastings Midsummer Fish Fest, The Stade

#### Sat 20 – Sun 21

1066 Cycling Festival, Hastings and Bexhill

#### Sun 21

Classic Car Show at Rare Breeds Centre, Woodchurch

#### Sat 20 – Sun 21

1066 Cycling Festival, Hastings, Bexhill

#### Fri 26 – Sat 27

Battle's Big Weekend, Battle

#### Sat 27 – Sun 28

Knights Tournament, Battle Abbey

### REGULAR EVENTS

#### Throughout the year, every first Tuesday of the month

Free First Tuesday, free entry 4 - 8pm, Hastings Contemporary

#### ELF (Every Last Friday) -

live music and entertainment in venues around Battle

**Streets of Battle:** Saturdays 4 April, 2 May

**Streets of Bexhill:** Saturdays 25 April; 23 May

#### Rye International Jazz & Blues Festival:

Friday 22 May - Mon 25 and Thursday 27 - Monday 31

**1 April - 31 October:** Books of Battle, annual exhibition at Battle Museum of Local History

**Drusillas Park March-October – various dates:** Children's favourites include Peter Rabbit, Bing and Flop, Hey Duggee, Paw Patrol, Peppa Pig, Spider-Man, The Gruffalo.

**Rye Harbour Nature Reserve & Camber Castle** run many educational and fun events and guided walks throughout the year. [sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk/ryeharbour](http://sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk/ryeharbour)



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JULY

**Sat 11**  
St Leonards Festival 2020,  
Warrior Square Gardens

**Sun 12**  
Hastings Pirate Day

**Tues 14 – Sun 19**  
Kitchen Garden Week,  
Pashley Manor Gardens

**Sat 18 – Sun 1 Nov**  
Ingenious Contraptions exhibition,  
Hastings Museum & Art Gallery

**Mon 20 – Sun 2 Aug**  
Battle Scarecrow Festival, Battle

**Thurs 23 – Thu 3 Sept**  
Children's castle quest,  
Bodiam Castle

**Thurs 23 – Thu 3 Sept**  
Medieval Fair, Bodiam Castle

**Thurs 23 – Thu 3 Sept**  
Children's garden trail, Bateman's

**Thurs 23**  
Creepy Crawlies Day, Drusillas

**Sat 25 – Sun 30 Aug**  
Hands on History, Battle Abbey

**Fri 31 – Sun 9 Aug**  
Hastings Old Town Carnival Week,  
Various venues around the Old Town  
Hastings



AUGUST

**Every Wednesday**  
Wild Beach-ies Summer Holiday  
Club, Rye Harbour Nature Reserve

**Throughout Aug until Sun 30**  
Hands on History, Battle Abbey

**Sat 1**  
DUBS and Baby Rave at the  
De La Warr Pavilion, Bexhill

**Until Sun 2**  
Battle Scarecrow Festival, Battle

**Sat 22– Sun 23**  
Journeys Dance Festival 2020,  
Old Town Hastings

**Sun 23**  
Bus Rally, Kent & East Sussex Railway

**Weds 26**  
Shrek the Musical, De La Warr

**Sat 29 – Mon 31**  
England's Medieval Festival,  
Herstmonceux

**Sat 29 – Mon 31**  
Craft Show, Pashley Manor Gardens

**Sun 30**  
Hastings Pride, Hastings

SEPTEMBER

**Weds 2**  
Meet the Abominable Snowman,  
Drusillas

**Sat 5**  
Dragon Boat Race, Bewl Water

**Sat 5 – Sun 6 (tbc)**  
Bexhill Festival of the Sea,  
Bexhill Seafront

**Sat 5 – Sun 6**  
Steam Festival,  
Kent & East Sussex Railway

**Sun 6**  
Battel Bonfire Boyes 10k

**Sun 6**  
World Shorebirds Day,  
Rye Harbour Nature Reserve

**Sun 6**  
Rye Festival of the Sea, Rye

**Weds 9 – Sat 19**  
Dahlia Days, Pashley Manor Gardens

**Thurs 10 – Sun 13**  
Source BMX Battle of Hastings,  
Source BMX park

**Sat 12 – Sun 20**  
High Weald Walking Festival,  
High Weald AONB

**Sat 12 – Sat 26**  
Rye Arts Festival, Rye

**Sat 19**  
Hastings Steampunk Flight of  
The Jabberwocky 2020 Festival,  
Hastings Pier

**Sat 19 – Sun 20**  
Hastings Seafood and Wine Festival,  
The Stade

**Tues 29 – Sat 31 Oct**  
Battle Festival, Various venues Battle

**OCTOBER**

**Throughout Oct**  
Battle Festival, Battle

**Sat 3**  
Hastings Oktoberfest,  
St Mary in the Castle

**Tues 6**  
**Eddi Reader:** 40 Years Live Tour +  
Support Findlay Napier, De La Warr

**Thurs 8 - Sun 11**  
Pure Autumn Art & Well-being Fair,  
Powdermills Hotel, Battle

**Sat 10**  
Hastings Bonfire Celebrations, Hastings

**Sat 10**  
Spider Saturday, Drusillas

**Sat 10 – Sun 18**  
Hastings Week,  
Old Town Hastings

**Sat 10 – Sun 11**  
Battle of Hastings Re-enactment,  
Battle Abbey & Battlefield

**Fri 16**  
An Introduction to Waders,  
Rye Harbour Nature Reserve

**Sat 17**  
Hastings Storytelling Festival,  
The Stade

**Sat 24 – Sun 1 Nov**  
Halloween Shriek Week, Drusillas

**Sat 24 – Sun 1 Nov**  
Spooky Abbey, Battle Abbey

**Sat 24 – Sun 1 Nov**  
Hunt for the Halloween Hacker,  
True Crime Museum

**Tues 27 – Thurs 29**  
Halloween Fun,  
Kent & East Sussex Railway

**Fri 30**  
Fright Night,  
Kent & East Sussex Railway

**Sat 31**  
Level 42 From Eternity to Here,  
De La Warr



NOVEMBER

**Sat 7**  
Battle Bonfire Celebrations, Battle

**Sat 14**  
Rye Bonfire Celebrations, Rye

**Fri 20**  
**Milton Jones Milton:** Impossible,  
De La Warr

**Sat 21 – Weds 23 Dec**  
Christmas at Drusillas

**Sat 21 – Sun 22**  
Hastings Herring Fair, The Stade

**Sat 21 – Sun 22**  
Illuminated Abbey, Battle Abbey

**Sat 21**  
Robertsbridge Bonfire Celebrations,  
Robertsbridge

**Sat 28**  
Battle Christmas Lights Switch On,  
Battle

**Sat 28**  
**Beginning Birds:** Winter Waders,  
Rye Harbour Nature Reserve

**Sat 28 – Sun 29**  
Christmas Fair, Great Dixter

DECEMBER

**Throughout Dec**  
Christmas at Drusillas

**Throughout Dec**  
Santa Specials, Kent & East Sussex  
Railway

**Throughout Dec**  
Christmas Crime Tours,  
True Crime Museum

**Sat 5**  
Rye Harbour Wildlife Watch,  
Rye Harbour Nature Reserve

**Thurs 10**  
Late night opening, Battle Museum

**Thurs 10**  
Battle Gala Night,  
late night shopping

**Sat 12 (tbc)**  
Rye Christmas

**Weekends and 21 – 24**  
Santa Specials,  
Kent & East Sussex Railway

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### THE BRICKWALL HOTEL ★★★



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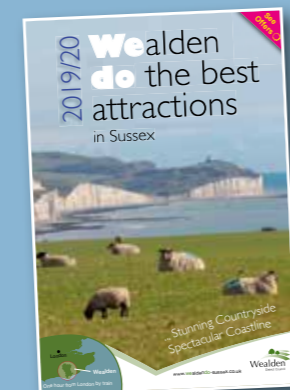
W thewhiterockhotel.com

Stylish independent hotel, opposite the Pier and next to theatre. Range of meeting rooms, café bar, seafront terraces and new weekend basement bar. Food served 7.00am until 10.00pm, CAMRA listed, dog-friendly.

## FANCY SOMETHING DIFFERENT?

For those who like their accommodation quirky, 1066 Country holds a wealth of options. Spend the night in a shepherd's hut, an oast house, a gypsy caravan, a smuggler's inn, a secret campsite, a farm stay, or go off-grid in a cosy wooden cabin with its own fire pit.

For all these and more, go to **visit1066country.com/your-stay**



One of the most rural areas in England. Over two-thirds is recognised as being of national landscape quality, boasting the High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and the South Downs National Park.

You can enjoy; sailing, rock climbing, golf, visiting historic houses and gardens, vineyards, walking, cycling, bird watching, or just enjoying a ploughman's lunch or cream tea, there is something for everyone.

And with over 100 annual events to enjoy, a day just might not be long enough!

www.wealdendo-sussex.co.uk

## FOYLE'S HASTINGS



This latest edition takes you through the locations made famous in the TV show. £3.75 from the Tourist Information Centre

## GEOTOURIST AUDIO TOURS



Audio tours for Battle, Bexhill, Hastings & Rye - download for free via geotourist.com



## Registered Guides



Blue Badge Guides are professional tourist guides and experts in 1066 Country tours. They have undertaken the South East England training course and successfully completed both written and practical examinations, and are members of the South East England Tourist Guides Association and/or the Institute of Tourist Guiding.

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## COACHES



Many attractions listed in this guide have coach parking facilities for their group visitors and guests. Please refer to individual entries for details. The following towns in 1066 Country also provide specific coach parking areas. Maps showing the coach parks can be found at **visit1066country.com**

### Battle

Upper Market, top of High Street, next to Jempsons supermarket. Spaces for 12 coaches – FREE.

### Bexhill

Official coach park at Wainwright Close (off Beeching Road) FREE. Coach pick-up points at the De La Warr Pavilion and Manor Gardens in Bexhill Old Town.

### Pevensey

None specifically allocated. Suggested drop off point at Pevensey Castle.

### Rye

Rye Railway Station. From £12 all day.

### Camber

Western Car Park, Old Lydd Road - £3.50 per hour.

### Hastings & St Leonards

Coach parking facilities are in Falaise Road (TN34 1EU) and West Marina Gardens (TN38 0AG).

Set down and pick up points are provided in the Old Town on both sides of the A259, near to the boating lake.


For further details call 01424 451111 or see our group pages on **visit1066country.com** for a map showing coach facilities.


Coach pick-up points at Warrior Square (St Leonards), East Beach Street and East Parade (Old Town) and Priory Road (West Hill).



# Directions


Only 75 minutes from London

 Travelling to 1066 Country by car is straightforward. The major road route is the A21 which is linked to the M25, providing a quick route around London. From the west, take the A27 and enter 1066 Country at Pevensey, continuing on the A259 to Bexhill, Hastings, and the rest of 1066 Country. The fastest route into 1066 Country from the Channel Tunnel and ferry ports is via the M20 towards Ashford, then the A2070 via Brenzett towards Rye.


 Trains depart from London Charing Cross, Waterloo East, London Bridge, St Pancras International, London Victoria and Gatwick Airport. Travel from Paris, Brussels or Lille by Eurostar via Ashford International Station (from


Paris and Brussels approx 2 hours to Ashford, 1 hour from Lille). Frequent direct trains run from Ashford, through Rye, to Hastings (45 mins).

Rail information: tel 08457 484950  
[nationalrail.co.uk](http://nationalrail.co.uk)

 National Express operate regular daily services from Victoria Coach Station.

 The international Gatwick Airport handles direct flights from all parts of the world, with internal flights operating from the rest of Britain. Gatwick is on the Victoria line, offering a direct link with Bexhill and Hastings (and approximately 50 miles by road). In addition, charter services operate from Lydd Airport (21 miles).

 1066 Country is ideally situated if you are travelling via the Cross Channel Ferries: Dover (45 miles), Newhaven (31 miles).

 The Channel Tunnel connects the South East of England and Northern Europe (Folkestone to Calais).

Figures in brackets refer to distances from Hastings.



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Place, Hastings TN34 3UY

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The Almonry  
or Battle Museum  
both in the High Street,  
Battle

**Visitor Information Point, Rye**  
01797 223902  
Rye Town Hall, Market Street,  
Rye, TN31 7LA  
[info@ryetowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:info@ryetowncouncil.gov.uk)

**Visitor Information Point,  
Bexhill**  
01424 222058  
Bexhill Museum, Egerton Road,  
Bexhill, TN39 3HL



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