

Visit Stow-on-the-Wold



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about stow-on-the-wold

This centuries old hilltop market town stands high on the Fosseway. The beautiful large market square is surrounded by houses, shops and inns all glowing in the warm natural stone. In the centre of the town stands the medieval Market Cross, scene of the surrender by the Royalists following their defeat by the Parliamentarians at the Battle of Stow in 1646.

walks around the town

The town trail starts in the Market Square and takes in the many historic interest points including The Toll House, Porch House, Old Stocks and Fleece Alley, before going on to visit St Edward's Church. A further walk can take in the charming parish of Mangersbury or why not ramble further to Broadwell. Many walking routes cross through the area. The Visitor Information Centre, located in St Edward's Hall, can provide more information with an extensive range of local maps and guide books.

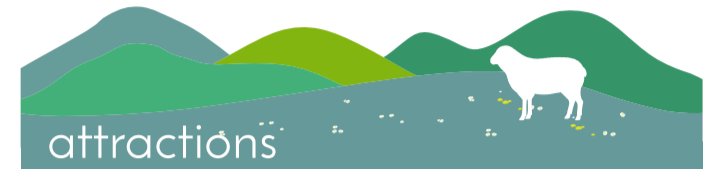
events & festivals

Stow celebrates its Cotswold Festival in July with the event being a celebration of Cotswold life, crafts and heritage. This now alternates on a biennial basis with the Stow Motor Show. Other annual events include a Bonfire Evening, Music Festival and the Christmas Tree Festival. Nearby there are many long established music events including Guiting Power Music Festival, Longborough Festival Opera and Bledington Music Festival. For food lovers the Big Feastival at nearby Kingham is one to try.



5 things to see & do in stow-on-the-wold

- 1 Visit St Edward's Church - see the 'Tolkienesque' North Door flanked by ancient yew trees and tombstone of Captain Hastings Keyte who died at the battle of Stow.
- 2 How many 'turs' can you find? The narrow passages were said to have been used to count the sheep into the market square. Be sure to visit the courts leading off the main streets for more interesting shops.
- 3 Explore and discover the many independent shops.
- 4 Visit the wells in Well Lane & view the ramparts of the Iron Age fort.
- 5 See the old stocks on the green, the Market Cross and complete the town walking tour to see all the points of interest.



attractions

Nearby attractions include Adam Henson's Cotswold Farm Park, Batsford Arboretum, Cotswold Falconry, Sezincote House, Bourton House Garden and with many attractions at Bourton-on-the-Water, there is plenty to see and do in the area.



incredible history



Much of Stow is built on a large Iron Age fort evidenced by finds such as Neolithic flint axe and arrow heads which suggest earlier settlements too but the town is mostly noted for the medieval wool trade and for the Civil War battle that put an end to Charles I's hopes of retaining the English crown. Located on major trade routes, a market square was created and in 1107 Henry I granted a market charter for a weekly market, and the commercial centre of Stow prospered. In March 1646, a battle at nearby Donnington, saw Royalist troops being intercepted and forced into the square where many were killed or imprisoned in St Edward's Church.



green spaces

Stow is surrounded by rural countryside and the high vantage point gives some fantastic views. Visit the local QEII playing field and cricket ground, or take one of the many footpaths or stroll down Well Lane.



shopping & eating

Food connoisseurs will delight at the numerous cafes, delis, inns and restaurants, in fact the area attracts local food tours designed to show you the very best in the town and surrounding area.

A treasure trove of antique shops mean collectors will have a wide choice and the town has a fantastic collection of fashion shops, homeware stores, art galleries, gift shops and Scotts of Stow is a unique brand so you will be sure to find what you're looking for.



other areas to explore



Stow-on-the-Wold is situated on the Roman Fosseway surrounded by pretty villages such as Kingham and The Slaughters. The wonderful countryside and scenery in the North Cotswolds ensures visitors that enjoy the outdoors will not be disappointed.

To the South you will find the well-known village of Bourton-on-the-Water with its many attractions such as Birdland, the Model Village and Cotswold Motor Museum.

Moreton-in-Marsh lies to the north, and if you visit on a Tuesday you will find the largest retail market in the area. Nearby Batsford Arboretum, Sezincote House and Garden, and Bourton House Garden mean garden lovers are spoilt for choice.

Chipping Norton is easy to reach and has a theatre, museum and a lido pool for those warmer days.

Visitor map of Stow-on-the-Wold



make sure you visit

St Edward's Church

The Norman Church had later additions with the tower completed in 1476. With beautiful architecture, the church has a significant historical connection with the Battle of Stow. Visitors must see the 'Tolkienesque' north church door flanked by yew trees.

The Porch House

The Porch House claims to be the oldest inn in England with a history reaching as far back as 947AD. The dining room still has the medieval fireplace showing the "witch's mark" which was meant to prevent evil spirits from entering via the chimney!

visitor information centre

The Visitor Information Centre is located in St Edward's Hall which was built in 1878 for the benefit of locals. Located on the main market square, friendly staff provide local maps, guide books, information and leaflets to help your visit. It offers an accommodation booking service and has up-to-date information on local events. Telephone 01451 870998

points of interest

- 1 St Edward's Church
- 2 Town stocks
- 3 QEII playing field & cricket Ground
- 4 The Wells
- 5 Market Cross

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