

## Getting here



## How can we tempt you?



## Explore the

# Market Towns of Horsham District

- ✿ *Five Beautiful and Unique Market Towns*
- ✿ *A Rich and Varied Experience for the Visitor*
- ✿ *Outstanding Downland and Wealden Scenery*
- ✿ *Long Distance Cycleways and Footpaths*
- ✿ *Outstanding and Varied Visitor Attractions*
- ✿ *Nature Reserves of National Importance*
- ✿ *Local Produce Markets*
- ✿ *A Superb Architectural Heritage*
- ✿ *Independent Shops and Eating Places*



### Travel Contacts

National Rail Enquiries .....08457 484 950 [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk)  
 Arun Valley Rail Partnership .....01243 777556 [www.arunrail.com](http://www.arunrail.com)  
 National Traveline .....0871 200 22 33 [www.traveline.org.uk](http://www.traveline.org.uk)  
 National Express .....08705 808 080 [www.nationalexpress.com](http://www.nationalexpress.com)  
 Stagecoach Local Buses .....0845 121 0180 [www.stagecoachbus.com](http://www.stagecoachbus.com)  
 Compass Local Buses .....01903 690025 [www.compass-travel.co.uk](http://www.compass-travel.co.uk)  
 Brighton & Hove Bus and Coach Company ...01273 886200 [www.buses.co.uk](http://www.buses.co.uk)



**By train** - Direct services run three times per hour from **London Victoria** and an hourly service from **Bognor Regis** and **Chichester**. Trains travel through the beautiful Arun Valley calling at **Amberley, Pulborough, Billingshurst, Christ's Hospital and Horsham**.



**By bus** - Services cover the entire district. Use the travel contacts above to plan your journey.



**By car** -Follow the **A24** from London (SW) via Dorking, the **M23/A264** from London (SE) via Crawley, the **A23/A281** from Brighton via Cowfold, the **A24** from Worthing, the **A29** from Chichester or the **A281** from Guildford. The **A272** crosses the district East to West.



### Places to Stay

Horsham tourist information office: **01403 211661**  
 Steyning tourist information office: **01903 812751**  
 or visit [www.visitsoutheastengland.com](http://www.visitsoutheastengland.com)



*The heart of beautiful  
West Sussex*

# Storrington

[www.storrington.org.uk](http://www.storrington.org.uk)

In 1086 the Domesday Book records **Storrington** as 'Estorchestone' a place well-known for storks. The history of Storrington has little to do with storks, and more to do with being a flourishing **market** place, with a fulling and tanning industry. Storrington was given permission to hold a regular market from 1399, as well as a twice-yearly fair. These continued until the end of the nineteenth century.

Today Storrington is a busy and lively village, nestling under the **South Downs**. It has a wide range of shops and caters for almost all leisure and sporting past-times. **Antique shops, violin and jewelry craftsmen** are also to be found. There is a good range of **accommodation** for visitors to this attractive part of the Sussex Downland, including a modernised **hotel** with 13 en-suite bedrooms and conference facilities. There are **bed and breakfast** establishments, and also **self-catering holiday cottages**. There are **3 public houses**, many good **restaurants** with a range of cuisine, and several cosy **tea-rooms**.



## Activities

Chanctonbury Leisure Centre .....01903 746070  
 Parham Gliding Field (info.weekday mornings) .....01903 742137  
 West Sussex Golf Club .....01798 872563 [www.westsussexgolf.co.uk](http://www.westsussexgolf.co.uk)

## Places to Visit

Kithurst Hill and Chantry Post on the South Downs via the South Downs Way  
 Parham House and Gardens (closed in winter) .....01903 744888  
 Storrington Museum .....01903 892210

# Pulborough

[www.pulborough.org](http://www.pulborough.org)

At the natural heart of rural West Sussex, **Pulborough** is rich in beautiful landscape and steeped in history while offering some of the finest food and wine shopping in the area.

Pulborough stands on the **River Arun** and has been an important settlement since ancient times. The Romans constructed many significant buildings, the Normans built a castle and other structures while, later, the railway ensured the village continued to be a centre for trade and industry. With over one hundred **listed buildings** and monuments, much of this history is still visible.

Today, the landscape provides outstanding views across 'The Brooks', towards the South Downs, along with a wonderful recreational environment for **walking, fishing, boating and wildlife** – the **RSPB bird and nature reserve** is a magnet for nature lovers from across the UK. Traditional **pubs, tea shops**, along with a range of places to eat, make Pulborough a natural destination for visitors.



## Activities

Walks ..... [www.pulborough.org](http://www.pulborough.org)  
 Tennis .....Recreation Ground 01798 873856  
 Boating .....Slipway on the Arun by the Cornstores 01798 875067  
 Fishing .....River Arun 01798 830007 [www.calpac.info](http://www.calpac.info)  
 Bowls .....Pulborough Bowls Club 01798 812206

## Places to Visit

RSPB Pulborough Brooks .....01798 875851 [www.rspb.org.uk](http://www.rspb.org.uk)  
 Nutbourne Vineyard .....01798 815196 [www.nutbournevineyards.com](http://www.nutbournevineyards.com)  
 Tullens Fruit Farm .....01798 873800 [www.tullens.co.uk](http://www.tullens.co.uk)

# The Sussex Weald

The weald is beautiful countryside spanning the area between the Surrey border in the north to the impressive **South Downs**, an area of outstanding natural beauty.

The district has many places to visit and to walk or simply enjoy the stunning landscape. There is a timeless quality to the landscape which is also apparent in the attractive towns and villages. This, along with its accessibility, tranquility, architectural heritage and a rich history, make the weald and the market towns of Horsham district a perfect destination to explore and enjoy.



## More Information

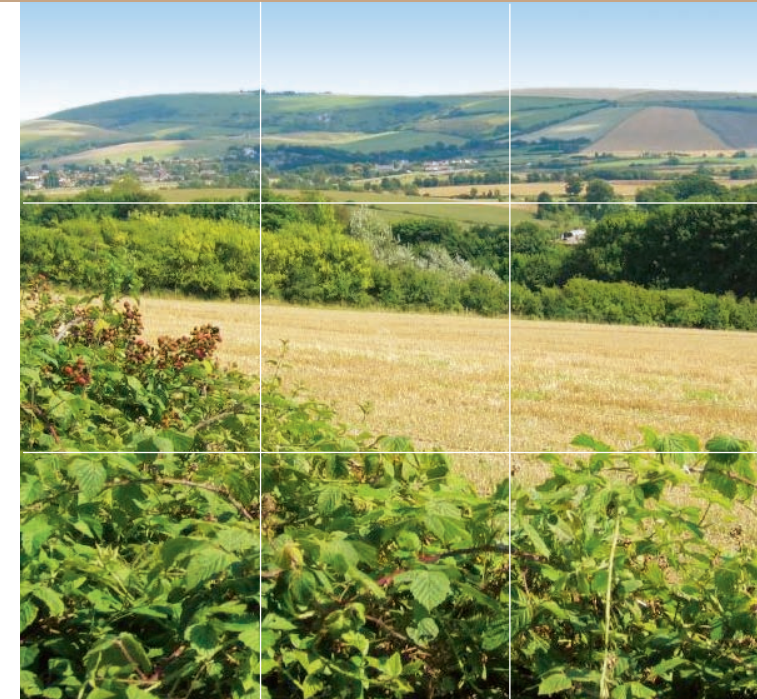
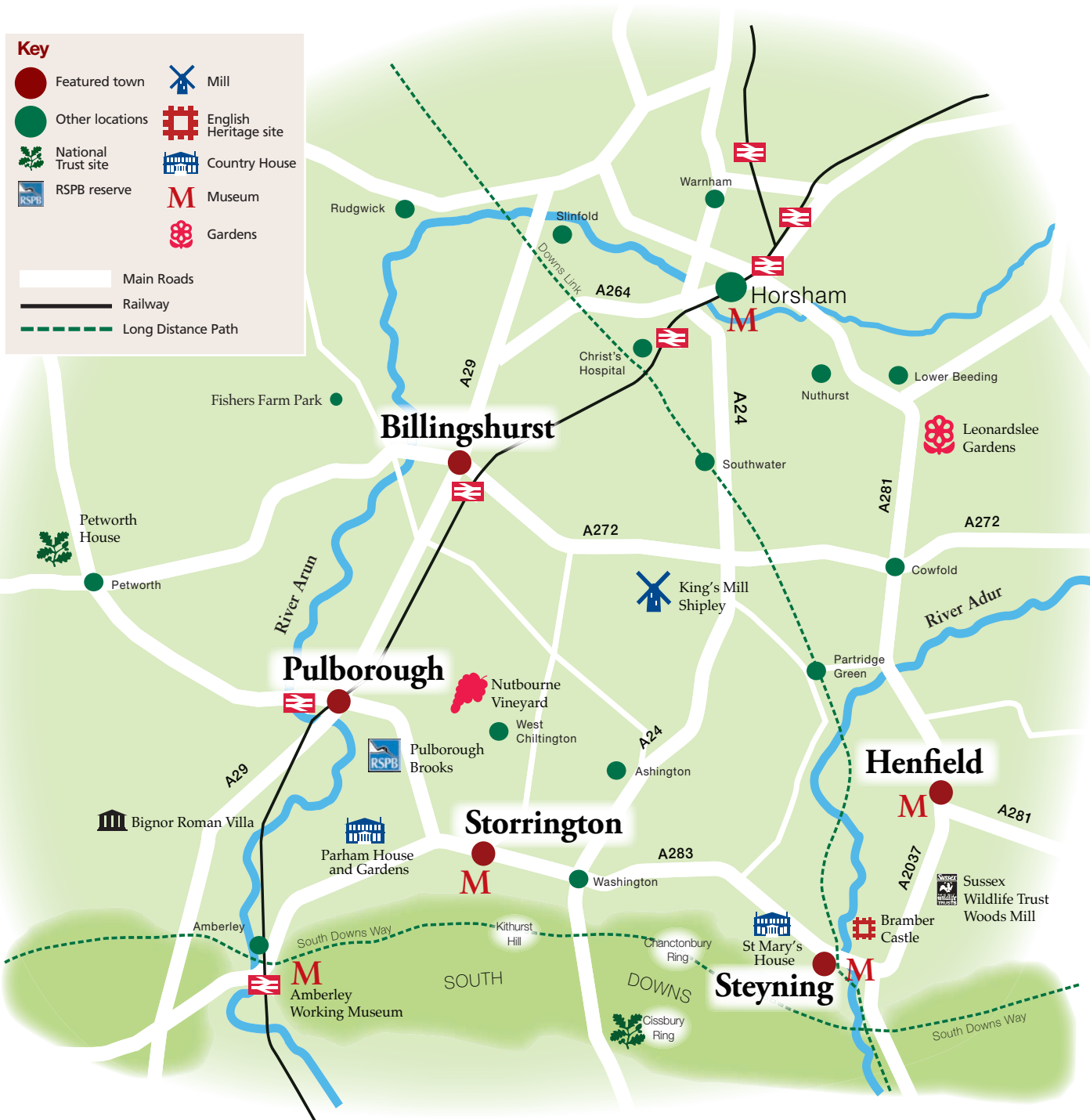
For information on events in the district visit [www.horsham.gov.uk](http://www.horsham.gov.uk)  
 Information on the Horsham District Community Partnership. [www.hdcp.uk.net](http://www.hdcp.uk.net)

[www.amberleymuseum.co.uk](http://www.amberleymuseum.co.uk) .....Amberley Working Museum  
[www.horshammuseum.org](http://www.horshammuseum.org) .....Horsham Museum  
[www.rspb.org.uk](http://www.rspb.org.uk) .....RSPB for info on Pulborough Brooks  
[www.westsussex.gov.uk](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk) .....All things West Sussex  
[www.leonardsleegardens.com](http://www.leonardsleegardens.com) .....Leonardslee Gardens  
[www.nationaltrust.org.uk](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk) .....National Trust for Petworth House  
[www.southdownsonline.org](http://www.southdownsonline.org) .....A guide to the South Downs  
[www.parhaminsussex.co.uk](http://www.parhaminsussex.co.uk) .....Parham House  
[www.stmarysbramber.co.uk](http://www.stmarysbramber.co.uk) .....St Mary's Bramber

# Horsham District (not to scale)

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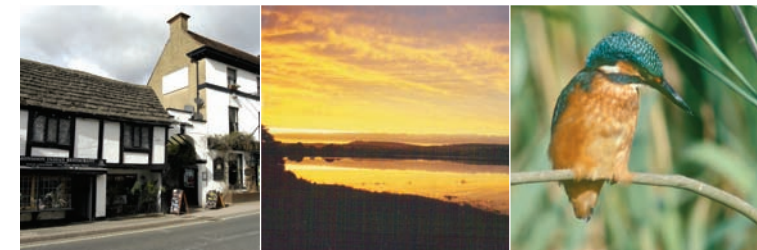
- Featured town
- Other locations
-  National Trust site
-  RSPB reserve
-  Main Roads
-  Railway
-  Long Distance Path
-  Mill
-  English Heritage site
-  Country House
- M Museum
-  Gardens



## Welcome to Horsham District

All of the five market towns featured in this leaflet are unique in character, and offer a wonderfully rich experience to the visitor. They each have in common a certain timeless charm, redolent of a more gentle era.

The five market towns are each surrounded by outstanding downland and wealden scenery criss-crossed by rivers, countless footpaths, bridleways and cycling routes. In addition they feature regular markets, superb nearby visitor attractions to suit all ages and tastes, an outstanding variety of places to eat, drink and relax, and if that wasn't enough each of the towns also has ample town centre parking.



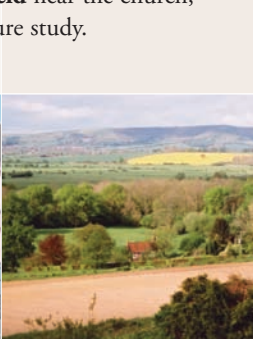
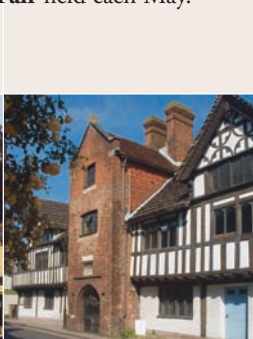
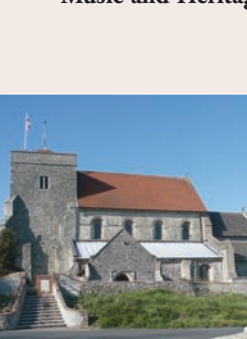
# Steyning

[www.steyningsouthdowns.com](http://www.steyningsouthdowns.com)

With the backdrop of the South Downs, history is everywhere in Steyning. The legacy of the Normans is still here in the fine 12th century **church of St Andrew's** and the ruins of **Bramber Castle**. Visit Steyning's **Museum** to learn the story of **St Cuthman**.

At Steyning's heart are the timber framed buildings of Tudor and Stuart tradesmen, 125 are listed. There is ample free parking with a wide choice of interesting shops, including the award winning **Cobblestone Walk**, tea rooms, pubs and restaurants and a monthly **Farmers Market**. Steyning is an important centre for walkers being on the route of the **South Downs Way** and **Downs Link** long distance paths.

Events include the Easter Monday **Festival of Sport**, the **Arts Music and Heritage Festival** and **Country Fair** held each May.



## Activities

Steyning Leisure Centre and Swimming Pool .....01903 879666  
 Cricket, Bowls, Tennis, Recreation ..... Memorial Playing Field  
 Childrens Play Areas ..... Memorial Playing Field and Cuthman Field  
 Fishing ..... Alderwood Ponds, Passies Pond, Coombes  
 Walking Cycling and Riding ..... Footpaths, Bridleways and Cyclepaths

## Places to Visit

Cobblestone Walk award winning shopping area ..... High Street  
 Church Street and High Street ..... Historic Buildings  
 Steyning Museum ..... Church Street 01903 813333  
 St Andrews 12thC Church ..... Church Street  
 Monthly Farmers Market ..... High Street Car Park  
 Bramber Castle, Ruins and Picnic Area ..... Free English Heritage Site  
 St Mary's House and Gardens ..... Bramber 01903 816205  
 Chanctonbury Ring ..... Former Iron Age Hill Fort, Wiston

# Henfield

[www.henfieldvillage.co.uk](http://www.henfieldvillage.co.uk)

Henfield is a delightful rural market town with a long history dating from 770 AD, situated on a fertile sandy ridge overlooking the **River Adur** and the **South Downs escarpment**.

Henfield's completely rural setting and compactness has created an intimate and friendly atmosphere in the village that has resulted in a strong community spirit. There is a vibrant centre with many points of interest, a wide selection of **shops, restaurants, pubs**, a variety of small businesses and many active clubs and societies.

The many **listed buildings**, its old streets and **twittens** make Henfield an important conservation area. As well as the beautiful countryside bordering the village, there is plenty of open space within it – from the **three commons** on its edge and the playing fields, to the ancient **Tanyard Field** near the church; these areas are perfect for recreation and nature study.

## Activities

Horse riding ..... Livery stables, West End Lane  
 Cycling, riding, walking ..... South Downs Way, many paths, open countryside  
 Fishing ..... Local angling club  
 Commons ..... Henfield, Broadmere, Oreham  
 Leisure Centre ..... The King's Field 01273 494984  
 Cricket club ..... Henfield Common

## Places to Visit

Museum ..... Henfield Hall 01273 492546  
 High St, Church St & Surrounds ..... Historic Buildings  
 St Peter's 13thC Church ..... Church Lane  
 Sussex Wildlife Trust ..... Woods Mill 01273 492630  
 Leonardslee Gardens ..... Lower Beeding 01403 891212

# Billingshurst

[www.billingshurst-community.org.uk](http://www.billingshurst-community.org.uk)

The village of **Billingshurst** is situated in the heart of the Sussex Weald, in wonderful countryside. With its history dating back to Roman times - the main north to south road (A29) being **Stane Street**, an old **Roman road** - the village has a conservation area at its centre and many beautiful period buildings.



With a recently refurbished **High Street** making shopping a pleasure, the village has a thriving community. The local countryside is ideal for **walking** having four long distance walks and many **bridleways** and **footpaths**.

Excellent **local produce** can be sampled in the **cafes, restaurants, and pubs** which attract many visitors from across the district. There is also a **Farmers Market** once a month.



## Activities

Weald Recreational Centre .....01403 786096  
 Slinfold Golf Course .....01403 791555

## Places to Visit

Fishers Farm Park (a family attraction) .....01403 700063  
 Petworth House and Park .....01798 342207  
 Leonardslee Gardens .....01403 891212

## Local Walks

Details available from the Library and Village Hall