

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 Enquiries08457 484 950 www.nationalrail.co.uk
 Arun Valley Rail Partnership01243 777556 www.arunrail.com
 National Traveline0871 200 22 33 www.traveline.org.uk
 National Express08705 808 080 www.nationalexpress.com
 Stagecoach Local Buses0845 121 0180 www.stagecoachbus.com
 Compass Local Buses01903 690025 www.compass-travel.co.uk
 Brighton & Hove Bus and Coach Company ...01273 886200 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



*The heart of beautiful
West Sussex*

Storrington

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 Centre01903 746070
 Parham Gliding Field (info.weekday mornings)01903 742137
 West Sussex Golf Club01798 872563 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 Museum01903 892210

Pulborough

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

Walkswww.pulborough.org
 TennisRecreation Ground 01798 873856
 BoatingSlipway on the Arun by the Cornstores 01798 875067
 FishingRiver Arun 01798 830007 www.calpac.info
 BowlsPulborough Bowls Club 01798 812206

Places to Visit

RSPB Pulborough Brooks01798 875851 www.rspb.org.uk
 Nutbourne Vineyard01798 815196 www.nutbournevineyards.com
 Tullens Fruit Farm01798 873800 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

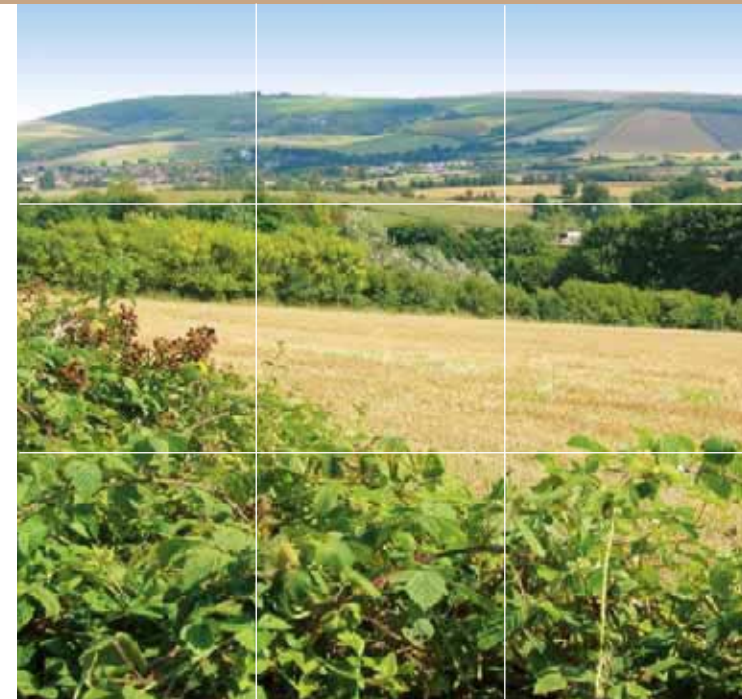
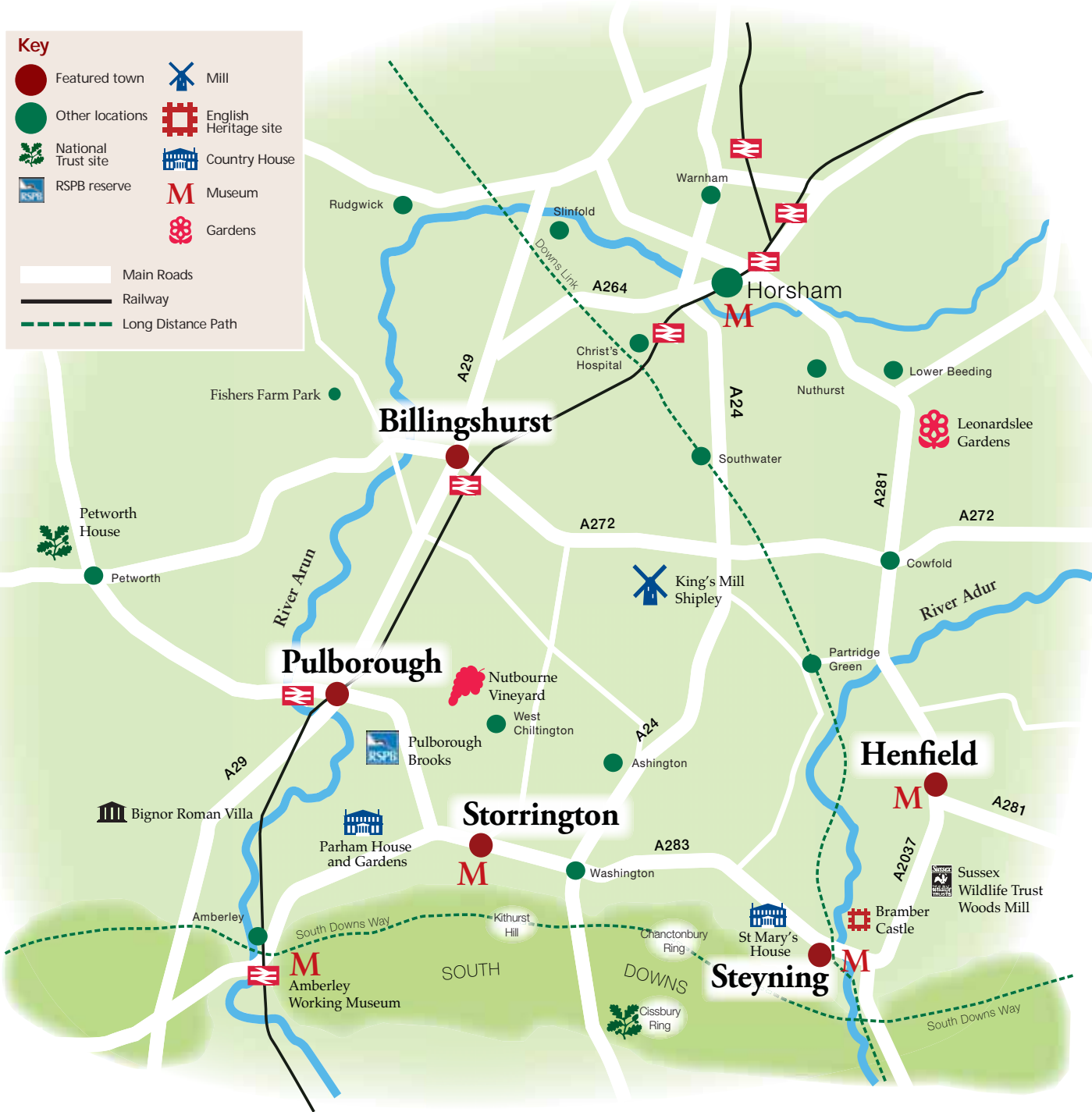
For information on events in the district visit www.horsham.gov.uk
 Information on the Horsham District Community Partnership. www.hdcp.uk.net

www.amberleymuseum.co.ukAmberley Working Museum
www.horshammuseum.orgHorsham Museum
www.rspb.org.ukRSPB for info on Pulborough Brooks
www.westsussex.gov.ukAll things West Sussex
www.leonardsleegardens.comLeonardslee Gardens
www.nationaltrust.org.ukNational Trust for Petworth House
www.southdownsonline.orgA guide to the South Downs
www.parhaminsussex.co.ukParham House
www.stmarysbramber.co.ukSt Mary's Bramber

Horsham District *(not to scale)*

Key

- 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

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 Pool01903 879666
 Cricket, Bowls, Tennis, RecreationMemorial Playing Field
 Childrens Play AreasMemorial Playing Field and Cuthman Field
 FishingAlderwood Ponds, Passies Pond, Coombes
 Walking Cycling and RidingFootpaths, Bridleways and Cyclepaths

Places to Visit

Cobblestone Walk award winning shopping areaHigh Street
 Church Street and High StreetHistoric Buildings
 Steyning MuseumChurch Street 01903 813333
 St Andrews 12thC ChurchChurch Street
 Monthly Farmers MarketHigh Street Car Park
 Bramber Castle, Ruins and Picnic AreaFree English Heritage Site
 St Mary's House and GardensBramber 01903 816205
 Chanctonbury RingFormer Iron Age Hill Fort, Wiston

Henfield

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 ridingLivery stables, West End Lane
 Cycling, riding, walkingSouth Downs Way, many paths, open countryside
 FishingLocal angling club
 CommonsHenfield, Broadmere, Oreham
 Leisure CentreThe King's Field 01273 494984
 Cricket clubHenfield Common

Places to Visit

MuseumHenfield Hall 01273 492546
 High St, Church St & SurroundsHistoric Buildings
 St Peter's 13thC ChurchChurch Lane
 Sussex Wildlife TrustWoods Mill 01273 492630
 Leonardslee GardensLower Beeding 01403 891212

Billingshurst

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 Centre01403 786096
 Slinfold Golf CourseLocal angling club
01403 791555

Places to Visit

Fishers Farm Park (a family attraction)01403 700063
 Petworth House and Park01798 342207
 Leonardslee Gardens01403 891212

Local Walks

Details available from the Library and Village Hall