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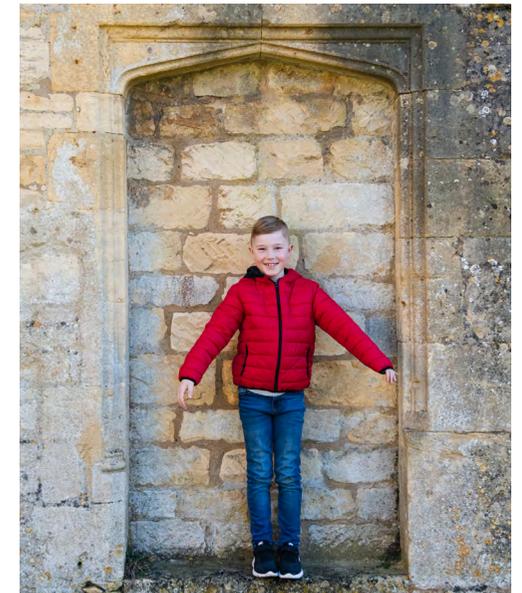
With more than 200 listed buildings, Chipping Campden is one of the best-preserved towns in the Cotswolds and has an elegant, timeless quality. The delightful broad, sweeping high street with its unbroken terraces represents many architectural styles, from mellow Cotswold stone buildings to thatched cottages. The Market Hall, built in 1627 for the sale of butter, cheese and poultry, still stands proudly in the centre of the town, whilst many of the town's buildings are associated with the Arts and Crafts movement. Visit the Court Barn Museum, to find out the story of craft and design in the Cotswolds.

The town is packed with independent, specialist shops selling art, clothes, shoes, jewellery and gifts, as well as a diverse range of places to eat in. For wonderful views of the surrounding countryside, climb up nearby Dover's Hill, where in the 17th century Captain Robert Dover founded the Cotswold Olimpicks, a bizarre mix of sports, games and village festivities, which is still held annually.

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C.R. Ashbee and the value of handwork

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 C. R. Ashbee believed that working with your hands could be more creative and satisfying than working with machines.

Charles Robert Ashbee (1863-1942)
 Architect, designer and social reformer
 Ashbee was a significant figure behind the Arts and Crafts movement of the turn of the 20th century. He founded the Guild of Handicraft in 1888, a craft workshop in east London, to give working men an alternative to machine-making. In 1902 in the budget parlour of his career he moved about 50 Guildsmen and their families to Chipping Campden so they could benefit from living and working in the countryside. A disused silk mill in Sheep Street became their workshop and of the Guild flourished. Ashbee introduced many leisure activities such as working men's clubs and classes from carpentry to cookery, as part of the Guild of Arts and Crafts that enriched the life of the town.
 But the country idyll could not survive economically and in 1905 the Guild went into liquidation. Ashbee and some of his craftsmen remained in the Silk Mill, owned by Jim Farnell a former Guildsmen.
 The craft tradition started by Ashbee in Chipping Campden continues to flourish today.



Court Barn Museum

Chipping Campden GL55 6JE
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www.courtbarnguild.org.uk
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Discover the stories and legacy of the craftspeople, designers and artists working in the north Cotswolds from 1900 to the present day, including C.R. Ashbee, Gordon Russell, Hart Silversmiths and Robert Welch.
 In the spring of 1902 C.R. Ashbee, a significant figure behind the Arts and Crafts movement, moved with his Guildsmen to Chipping Campden. In total 50 Guildsmen and their families arrived that summer from the East End of London, along with their workshop equipment. Ashbee was a leading figure in the movement but for him it was not just about creating beautiful things, it was about giving people satisfying work.
 This was the beginning of the story of craft and design in Chipping Campden.



Ernest Wilson Memorial Garden

Chipping Campden GL55 6JD
 Tel 01386 841206
www.chippingcampdenonline.org/things-to-do/ernest-wilson-memorial-garden/

The Garden was originally part of the Old Vicarage Garden and is named after Ernest Wilson who was born in Chipping Campden in 1876. While working at the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew he met famous nurserymen James Veitch and Sons who asked if he

would go plant hunting in China. This was the start of his many trips, not only to China but to Japan, Korea, Formosa and Taiwan. Over his many trips he discovered, and brought back, over 1,200 different plants including the ever popular Handkerchief Tree, many of the plants you see today in this garden include these species and are planted in his memory.



The Gallery at the Guild

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www.thegalleryattheguild.co.uk
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In June 2005, a group of seven artists and makers held a two-week exhibition in the exhibition room at The Old Silk Mill in Chipping Campden. More than 15 years later the Gallery at the Guild is now a co-operative of 28 artists comprising painters,

ceramicists, furniture makers, glass makers, jewellers, photographers, print makers, sculptors and textile artists. Items for sale in the gallery change regularly so there's always something new to discover.



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Hidcote Manor Garden

Hidcote Bartrim, Chipping Campden GL55 6LR
Tel 01386 439819

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/hidcote



Experience one of the country's great gardens.

Hidcote Garden is divided into a series of 'outdoor rooms', each with its own character. The formality of the 'rooms' melts away as you move through the garden away from the house. Lawrence Johnston created the garden at Hidcote and was passionate about plants. He placed enormous emphasis and expense on finding unusual varieties that would bring colour, scent, shape and texture to the garden.

He also travelled, visiting places like the Alps, South Africa and China and exchanged plants with gardeners in far-flung countries from Australia to Japan. He carefully selected only the finest varieties to bring back to Hidcote.

Over the years many plants have been named after Johnston or Hidcote - in recognition of his talent and plantsmanship.



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Kiftsgate Court Gardens

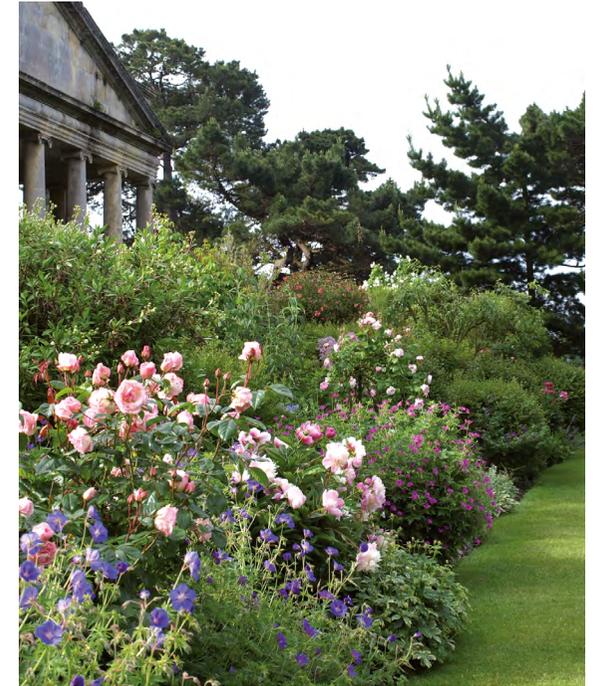
Chipping Campden GL55 6LN
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www.kiftsgate.co.uk



Perched on the edge of the Cotswolds with wonderful views to the west, the gardens at Kiftsgate reflect gardening through the 20th century.

The original gardens around the house are planted in colour themes separated by yew hedges. The sheltered lower gardens and pool were added to create a Mediterranean atmosphere and the contemporary water garden has recently been added.



Little Oak Vineyard

Chipping Campden GL55 6LA
Tel 01386 840079

www.littleoakvineyard.com



Little Oak Vineyard is a small, family-run business based in Chipping Campden producing high quality and award-winning wines and brandy. We offer vineyard tours and wine tastings all year and by prior arrangement we can also offer a lunch platter.



Find out more at

www.cotswolds.com

