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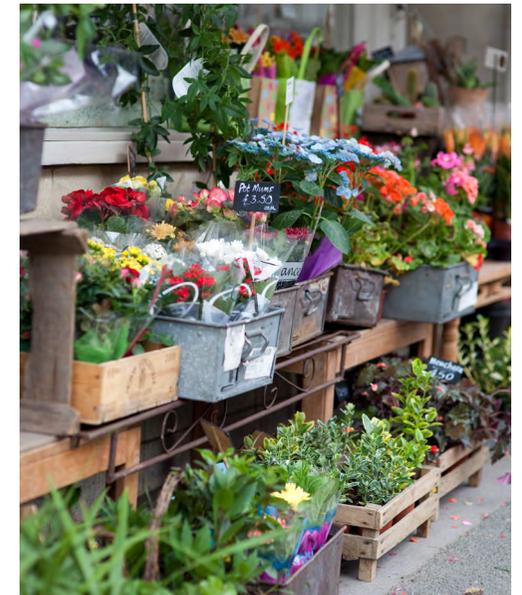
Historic Tewkesbury lies where the rivers Severn and Avon meet and offers one of the best medieval townscapes in England. Delightful timber-framed houses and narrow alleyways surround an outstanding 12th century Benedictine Abbey. The Norman Abbey tower provides spectacular views of Bredon Hill, the Malverns and the Cotswold hills. Take a journey through the town's history at the heritage centre and explore the eclectic treasures of the museum, housed in an unspoilt 17th century building. You should also visit the John Moore Museum with its extensive natural history collection.

Tewkesbury is renowned for its selection of great places to eat, excellent independent shops, and wonderful accommodation. Make sure to spend some time enjoying the rivers - whether it's a leisurely stroll along the banks, a fish and chip lunch watching the wildlife, or a relaxing cruise watching the beautiful scenery go by.

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## The Battle Trail

Tewkesbury  
[www.visittewkesbury.info](http://www.visittewkesbury.info)



The Battle of Tewkesbury was fought on Saturday 4 May 1471 over fields to the south of Tewkesbury and much of the battlefield remains open today. A waymarked 45 minute walking route takes you through the key areas. Information panels are dotted along the route and will help explain the significance of the various locations. A Battle Trail leaflet is available from the Tourist Information Centre or to download from the website.



## Croome

Near High Green, Worcester WR8 9DW  
Tel 01905 371006

[www.nationaltrust.org.uk/croome](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/croome)



Discover something new each time you visit the National Trust property Croome. A secret wartime airbase, it was once a hub of activity for thousands of people in the 1940s. Stroll through acres of parkland and discover Croome Court at its heart. Once home to the Earls of Coventry, the house tells the story of its eclectic past in new and inventive ways. Please book your visit through [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/croome/whats-on](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/croome/whats-on)



## Croft Farm Water Park

Bredons Hardwick GL20 7EE  
Tel 01684 772321  
[www.croftfarmwaterpark.com](http://www.croftfarmwaterpark.com)



Croft Farm Water Park is a resort destination situated just outside Tewkesbury. With its own lake, watersports activities and tuition, including SUP, sailing, windsurfing, canoeing or powerboating, it is perfect for an activity-based family holiday

or simply a great day out. Make a break of it and book into one of our luxury lodges or bring your own caravan or tent.



## Deerhurst Church and Odda's Chapel

Deerhurst, Gloucester GL19 4BX  
[www.english-heritage.org.uk](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk)



One of the most complete surviving Saxon churches in England, this chapel was built in 1056 by Earl Odda, a relation of Edward the Confessor. It was incorporated into a farmhouse in the 17th century, with a kitchen in the nave and a bedroom in the chancel, and rediscovered in 1865.

The chapel comprises a square-ended chancel divided from the nave by a solid chancel arch. The main Saxon features are the alternating long and short quoins, the windows, the chancel arch and the north door of the nave. Nearby is the equally famous Saxon parish church.



## The John Moore Museum

Tewkesbury GL20 5SN  
Tel 01684 297174  
[www.johnmooremuseum.org](http://www.johnmooremuseum.org)



Nestled in a row of historic timber-framed buildings close to the Abbey, the museum was established in 1980 in memory of the writer and naturalist John Moore. It is the home to an extensive natural history collection featuring specimens of mammals and birds native to our countryside. A few doors away is The Merchant's House, a two storey building which has been beautifully restored and furnished to show the construction of a 15th century shop and dwelling. Also includes the Old Baptist Chapel, a restored medieval building and a 17th/18th century Baptist meeting house.



## The Roses Theatre

Tewkesbury GL20 5NX  
Tel 01684 295074  
[www.roses theatre.org](http://www.roses theatre.org)



The Roses is a busy and popular arts centre in Tewkesbury with an eclectic programme of live events, participatory activities, exhibitions and festivals. In addition to the 370 seat auditorium, The Roses boasts a relaxing bar and coffee shop where you can enjoy pre-show and interval drinks, as well as live entertainment including jazz and folk music and stand up comedy. Complete with an exciting film programme of world, independent and UK film, The Roses is a diverse and exciting arts venue.

## Nature in Art

Twigworth, Gloucester GL2 9PA  
Tel 01452 731422  
[www.natureinart.org.uk](http://www.natureinart.org.uk)



Housed within a fine Georgian mansion you will find the widest range of nature inspired art in the world.

Our collection spans 1,500 years, 600 artists/makers, 60 countries and cultures and contains work in all mediums and styles. We also host a vibrant temporary exhibitions programme.

You can meet an artist at work in our studio and enjoy home-made treats in the coffee shop.



## Tewkesbury Abbey

Tewkesbury GL20 5RZ  
Tel 01684 850959  
[www.tewkesburyabbey.org.uk](http://www.tewkesburyabbey.org.uk)



Tewkesbury Abbey is a parish church of cathedral proportions tucked in the middle of the bustling market town of Tewkesbury. The present church was originally used as the church for the Benedictine

Monastery which was founded here in the 10th century. After the Dissolution of the Monasteries it became the parish church for the town. In addition to some very fine Norman architecture, don't miss the 15th century stained glass, unique roof bosses and the 17th century Milton Organ still used today.



## Tewkesbury Heritage Centre

Tewkesbury GL20 5AB  
Tel 01684 855040  
[www.tewkesburyheritage.co.uk](http://www.tewkesburyheritage.co.uk)  
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This superbly restored 17th century building is home to our innovative heritage centre. A self-guided tour around the Centre will take you through the history of Tewkesbury's earliest settlers, give an insight into the Wars of the Roses and the Battle of Tewkesbury in 1471, reveal the town's links to the Civil War and show how the industrial revolution affected the commercial prosperity of the community before bringing you back to the present day. The centre is a free attraction and perfect for families as well as architecture, history and restoration enthusiasts.



## Tewkesbury Nature Reserve

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Tewkesbury Nature Reserve has something for the whole family. A walk round the reserve is a great way to keep fit and observe the wildlife. Whether you like birds, butterflies or wildflowers, there is always something of interest to see. Bring a picnic and enjoy the peace and reconnect with nature.

Visitors have a car park situated off the Tewkesbury bypass and can use robust accessible pathways to viewing platforms overlooking key habitats within the reserve. New and improved signage has been recently added throughout the reserve offering a range of routes. Interpretative boards will inform and educate, to provide a high quality visitor attraction.

The reserve offers a year round attraction with wildlife changing with the seasons.

## Tewkesbury Museum

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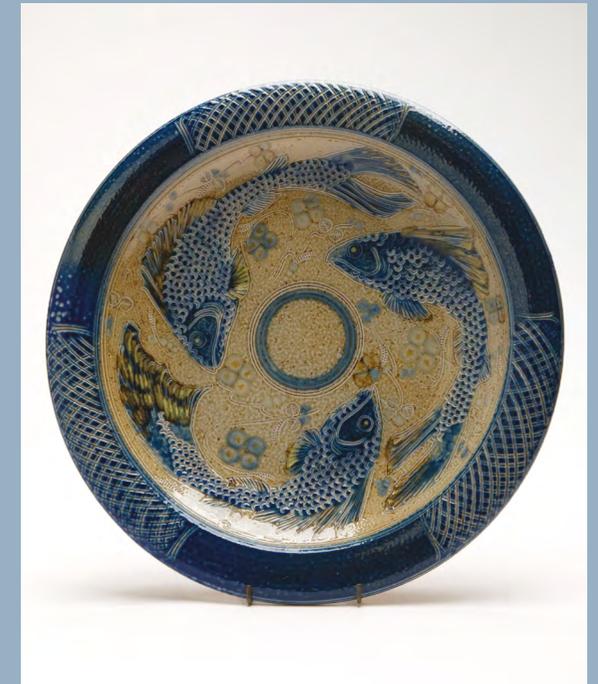
Discover Tewkesbury's rich and diverse heritage through a collection which ranges from Roman remains through to wartime austerity. Learn about notable Tewkesbury people like Antarctic explorer Raymond Priestley. Study the magnificent diorama of the Battle of Tewkesbury and the unique fairground model. The Museum is very child-friendly with activities to keep them absorbed. Allow at least an hour for a visit.



## Toff Milway – Conderton Pottery

Conderton, Nr. Tewkesbury GL20 7PP  
Tel 01386 725387  
[www.toffmilway.co.uk](http://www.toffmilway.co.uk)  
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Toff makes a diverse range of beautiful and functional pottery. Visitors will find a large selection of work for sale in the gallery which adjoins the studio. He loves to make pots for use, including pots for cooking and a range of unique tableware. A specialised range of sculptural ceramics are also available.





Find out more at

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[www.visittewkesbury.info](http://www.visittewkesbury.info)

