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The largest of the market towns in the Cotswolds, Witney has a charming, bustling atmosphere. The long High Street is lined with an eclectic mix of independent shops and high street names, along with two pedestrianised shopping centres, a cinema and a fantastic selection of places to eat and drink. There are regular markets outside the Victorian Corn Exchange and many wonderful annual festivals held.

Witney's architecture reflects its past prosperity from the wool trade, including the 17th century Buttercross, the church of St Mary the Virgin, with its 150 metre spire, and the fine tree-bordered green.

The Witney and District Museum offers a fascinating insight into Witney's history, with items from the local brewing, glove making and engineering industries. Make sure you visit Witney Blanket Hall which contains artefacts and pictures illustrating the town's blanket-making heritage and take the Blanket Trail to explore the town at your own pace.

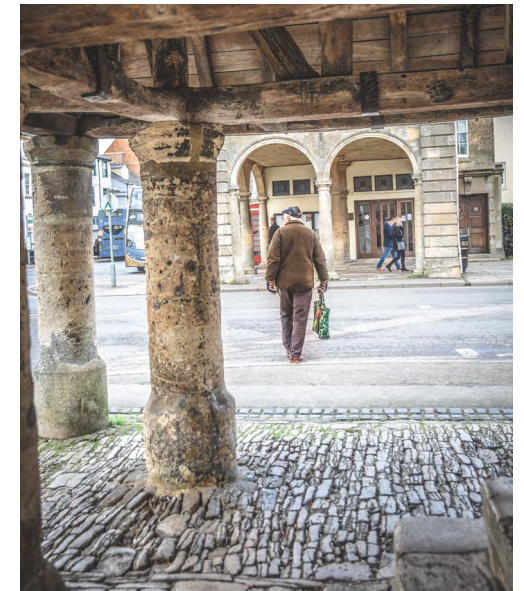
There are lots of green spaces to enjoy and just a short walk from the town centre, across the water meadow, lies Cogges, an historic farmstead with a fascinating story.

Witney is an ideal place to base your stay in the Cotswolds; the town offers plenty to do both during the day and evening and is perfectly located for exploring the Cotswolds and historic Oxford.

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## Cogges Manor Farm

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[www.cogges.org.uk](http://www.cogges.org.uk)  
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Cogges is a historic farmstead dating back to Saxon times. The Manor House lies at the centre of a magnificent Cotswold stone farmyard, with animals and a stunning walled garden.

The grounds house an orchard, walks by the river and an adventure play area next to the Norman moat. Dogs on leads are welcome too. Cogges Manor Farm has featured in a number of film and TV shows and was the location for Yew Tree Farm in *Downton Abbey*.

The farm shop sells gifts and souvenirs, as well as local beers and ciders. The Cogges Kitchen café serves exceptional coffee and cakes, breakfast, lunch and afternoon tea using the best seasonal produce.

Children can enjoy saying hello to the farm animals at a *Meet the Animals* session which are held at weekends.



## Aston Pottery & Gardens

Aston OX18 2BT  
 Tel 01993 852031  
[www.astonpottery.co.uk](http://www.astonpottery.co.uk)  
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Our hand-stencilled pottery is designed and made on-site using traditional methods of production.

Visit Aston Pottery's fabulous, award-winning showroom and browse the wide range of gifts including jewellery, bags, textiles and much more.

See our latest contemporary designs along with familiar classics.

Take a break in our spacious country café, which serves a wide variety of delicious and locally sourced fare.

Experience our spectacular gardens, full of colour from June to October. With a multitude of borders and plantings it is something not to be missed, so come and be inspired.

## The Fat Squirrel Outdoor Co.

Woodland on A4095,  
 North Leigh, Witney  
 Tel 07515 064399  
[www.fatsquirreloutdoor.co.uk](http://www.fatsquirreloutdoor.co.uk)  
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Come to Fat Squirrel Outdoor Co. for bushcraft, adventure and campfire experiences in a relaxed woodland setting. Our skilled instructors make it easy to get active and learn new bushcraft and adventure skills. Come to a campfire experience for a relaxed evening fire gazing, eating and drinking.





## Crocodiles of the World

Brize Norton OX18 3NX  
Tel 01993 846353  
[www.crocodilesoftheworld.co.uk](http://www.crocodilesoftheworld.co.uk)  
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Just two minutes off the A40 between Witney and Burford is one of the Cotswolds best kept secrets. Crocodiles of the World is the UK's only crocodile zoo and a unique all-weather attraction that brings visitors face-to-face with one of the world's most prehistoric predators.

Located in Brize Norton, Crocodiles of the World is dedicated to the conservation of crocodiles, and boasts one of the widest collections of crocodile species in the world.

Here you'll find American alligators, the much feared saltwater crocodile and critically endangered species such as Siamese crocodiles and even a Komodo dragon.

With talks, feeds and animal encounters throughout the day there is plenty to keep visitors captivated, as well as an unforgettable opportunity to be photographed holding a baby alligator.



## Marriotts Walk

Witney OX28 6GW  
Tel 01993 704262  
[www.marriottswalk.co.uk](http://www.marriottswalk.co.uk)  
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Marriotts Walk Shopping Centre Witney offers easy access and convenient stress free shopping, with FREE multi-storey parking.

Visit Marriotts Walk and enjoy a great place to meet, eat and shop.

Located in the heart of Witney, Marriotts Walk boasts leading fashion retailers, quirky independents and popular high street brands. Marriotts Walk regularly hosts live events, seasonal entertainment and has a premier cinema complex featuring the latest film releases.

Marriotts Walk has something for every age, taste and style.



## Minster Lovell Hall and Dovecote

Minster Lovell OX29 0RR  
[www.english-heritage.org.uk](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk)  
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After several changes of hands the hall was abandoned and eventually demolished in the 18th century, leaving the remains that stand today.

The picturesque ruins of Minster Lovell Hall, a 15th century manor house, lie in an attractive setting on the banks of the River Windrush. They include a fine hall, tower and nearby dovecote. The Hall was built in the 1430s by William, Baron of Lovell and Holand - one of the richest men in England.



## North Leigh Roman Villa

North Leigh, Witney OX29 6PZ  
[www.english-heritage.org.uk](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk)



The remains of North Leigh Roman Villa are set within a peaceful landscape on the banks of the River Evenlode. The 'courtyard villa' is considered to be one of the larger villas of Roman Britain. Today, two ranges of the former courtyard arrangement are visible. The most important feature of the site is a fine mosaic tile floor dating to the early 4th century.

## Undiscovered Cotswolds

Witney OX28 1DR  
Tel 01993 256098  
[www.undiscoveredcotswolds.com](http://www.undiscoveredcotswolds.com)



Explore traditional hot-spots and undiscovered hidden villages. Breathtaking scenery, meeting local animals, afternoon cream tea, punting or cycling. Group or private tailor-made tours run by us passionate and friendly locals - Graham and Ian.



## Teddy Bears of Witney

Witney OX28 6HY  
Tel 01993 706616  
[www.teddybears.co.uk](http://www.teddybears.co.uk)



Founded in 1985 as the first shop in Britain to specialise in selling new and old teddy bears, we offer a choice of bears, which will take your breath away. In addition to hundreds of limited editions by the world's leading makers, we also have fun bears (and their friends) at easily affordable prices.

When you visit you can also enjoy our museum collection, which includes Aloysius, the actual bear who starred in *Brideshead Revisited*.

There is free parking nearby.

We are open Monday to Saturday 9.30am-5pm by prior appointment.

Please ring in advance - a warm welcome awaits you.



## The Witney and District Museum

Witney OX26 6JA  
Tel 01993 775915  
[www.westoxfordshiremuseum.co.uk](http://www.westoxfordshiremuseum.co.uk)



The museum is set across two floors with the ground floor holding displays relating to the history of Witney and the surrounding area. A seasonal programme of temporary exhibitions are held on the upper floor. There is also a large collection of archives and photographs which are available for family history research.



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## Witney Lake and Meadows

Witney OX28 4YB (nearest postcode)  
[www.witney-tc.gov.uk](http://www.witney-tc.gov.uk)



Witney Lake and Meadows is a 37 hectare country park that offers a picturesque area for recreation, whether that be taking the dog for a walk round the Lake's footpath, rambling through the tranquil landscape or relaxing whilst enjoying a picnic.

Witney Lake offers a gateway to the Lower Windrush Valley which is home to an abundant variety of plants and wildlife.

A walk around the lake on flat, mostly gravel paths, takes about 20 minutes, so it's the perfect spot for a short, child friendly walk and some fresh air, all year round.



## Witney Blanket Hall

Witney OX28 6HL  
Tel 01993 706408  
[www.blankethall.co.uk](http://www.blankethall.co.uk)



Witney? Blankets, of course! For 500 years, from Nelson's sailors to the King of England, everyone slept soundly under a Witney blanket. Explore the gloriously restored 18th century Witney Blanket Hall at 100 High Street. Visit our excellent pie shop and choose a contemporary woollen throw or scarf to remember us by.



## Wychwood Brewery

Witney OX28 4DP  
Tel 01993 890800  
[www.wychwood.co.uk](http://www.wychwood.co.uk)



The Wychwood Brewery is tucked away behind a main street in the market town of Witney. Brewing in Witney dates back to 1811 and Wychwood Brewery is sited at the Old Eagle Maltings, built more than 150 years ago when barley was malted for the town's brewery.

Today, Wychwood brews more than 50,000 barrels of high-quality crafted beer each year using traditional methods and is home to the legendary Hobgoblin and Brakspear beers.

See where the magic happens and sample our renowned beers on a two-hour brewery tour experience.



Find out more at

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