

Welcome to Waverley

Rediscover how to play and have fun



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Picturesque towns and villages



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Leave the car at home and arrive by train so you can spend a few days exploring walking trails that start and finish at Haslemere, Godalming, Farncombe, Milford and Witley railway stations. www.hills2downs.org.uk



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Magic and surprise await you at The Sculpture Park. Stroll around ten acres of woodland and wildlife inhabited water gardens at this eclectic outdoor sculpture gallery. www.thesculpturepark.com



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Take in the seasons and changing landscape at Winkworth Arboretum – a treat to visit at any time of the year.

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/winkwortharboretum



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Take a tour of Waverley's beautiful film locations which have welcomed Hollywood A-listers for some of the biggest films and TV series of the last two decades. See the film map.



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Head to one of our bustling high streets and watch the world go by while enjoying a coffee at one of our many independent coffee shops.



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Meet the llamas at The Merry Harriers or for a special occasion, trek the Surrey Hills with your very own llama and follow up with a hearty lunch and a night in a luxury shepherd's hut. www.merryharriers.com



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Explore inside a unique collection of relocated historic buildings to get a real sense of a bygone era at the family-friendly Rural Life Living Museum. Top off your visit with a ride on the Old Kiln Light Railway.

www.rural-life.org.uk



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Set off on the antiques trail and see what wonderful treasures you can discover in some of the most fascinating and interesting antique centres in the area. See page 19.



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Celebrate our craft roots and channel your inner creativity with a visit to Farnham. There's no shortage of crafty things to do in England's first World Craft Town. Watch the Craft Town short film to see makers in action.

www.farnhamcrafttown.com



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Fancy a day on the water? Hire a day boat from Farncombe Boat House and take a slow meander along the River Wey.

www.farncombeboats.co.uk

Welcome to Waverley

Nestling in the south-west corner of Surrey and sharing its boundaries with West Sussex and Hampshire, Waverley has everything you need to rediscover how to play and have fun.

The area takes its name from Waverley Abbey, the very first monastery to be founded in Britain. Nearby, is the historic town of Farnham with its many fine listed buildings and impressive castle, and Godalming which straddles the River Wey and is surrounded by wooded hillsides. Travel south and discover Haslemere with its extensive

arts and crafts connections and finally, Cranleigh which is one of England's largest villages and boasts a café culture and range of independent shops.

Just one hour from London and 20 minutes from Guildford, Waverley's towns and picture-perfect villages, heather-clad countryside, dense woodlands,

rolling hills and meandering waterways offer opportunities to let off steam, be culturally fulfilled, refreshed and re-energised.

How long you stay is up to you, but we guarantee it won't be long enough and that you will soon be back for more!

Enjoy your stay.

Fast facts about Waverley

- Farnham is England's first World Craft Town.
- Cranleigh claims to be one of England's largest villages.
- Godalming had the world's first public electricity supply.
- Haslemere is perched where the three counties of Surrey, Sussex and Hampshire meet.
- Waverley has over 400 miles of footpaths and bridleways just waiting to be explored.
- The Greensand Way, North Downs Way and South Downs Way long-distance paths both pass through Waverley.
- During the second world war, Canadian troops constructed a replica section of the Atlantic Wall at Hankley Common. This can still be seen today.
- Waverley is named after the very first monastery founded in Britain by Cistercian monks.
- The Maltings monthly market is the longest running market in Surrey.
- Waverley has around 1,700 listed buildings, recognised nationally for their special architectural and historic interest.
- The villagers of Thursley bought their village pub's freehold when it was at risk of closure.
- The Tilford Oak is estimated to be 800 years old and stands majestically overlooking Tilford green.

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Towns and villages

Cranleigh

Proud to be known as one of England's largest villages, Cranleigh combines a bustling village atmosphere with small town convenience.

Set in the Surrey Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, Cranleigh's immediate area is ideal for walking, cycling and riding. The café culture makes a welcome pitstop for hungry travellers.

Culture and Cranleigh go hand in hand with a vibrant arts centre providing a varied programme of entertainment and Smithbrook Kilns, a former brickworks, offering workshops and retail space for many creative businesses.

Cranleigh hosts two major events which attract people from far and wide. These are the Surrey Hills Wood Fair and the annual bonfire night celebration.



Farnham

The largest of Waverley's towns, Farnham has some of the finest Georgian architecture in the south. A network of yards and alleys are waiting to be explored and often lead to some of Farnham's finest hidden gems.

The town is watched over by a 12th century castle and just a short distance from the town are the ruins of England's first Cistercian Abbey which offers visitors a peaceful place to pause and reflect.

Farnham is a World Craft Town and can trace its craft roots back to prehistoric times. Today, the town is home to world-acclaimed craft makers as well as craft organisations and creative businesses. Visitors come from far and wide to learn and develop new craft skills from the experts. They also visit organisations such as the internationally acclaimed Crafts Study Centre, pick up skills and ideas from the craft festivals at the Farnham Maltings and take part in October Craft Month.

Farnham is a festive town with no fewer than 17 annual festivals ranging from a Festival of Transport, Food and Drink Festival, Literary Festival, Beerex and a cycling festival.



Cranleigh has a fountain with a crane on top, depicting the bird after which the village is named, and an osier basket at its feet, a reminder of the once common willow and basket-making.



Godalming

Godalming's history stretches back to Saxon times and includes a period where it was a hugely popular stop for coaches travelling the Portsmouth Road.

Today, the enchanting former market town is proud of its many 16th century timber and tiled buildings which line the High Street.

A few steps from the High Street is a riverside walk where you can see cattle grazing and water meadows.

Godalming Museum is a must for gardening enthusiasts. Located in a historic 15th century building, the museum has displays dedicated to the work of the architect Sir Edwin Lutyens and famous artist and garden designer Gertrude Jekyll.

Haslemere

The A3, and train line from central London, makes Haslemere a great base for visiting attractions in all directions.

The town is surrounded by stunning countryside including the Greensand Way which runs from Haslemere to Kent and a stretch of the South Downs Way which starts at Haslemere Station. Local walks can be enjoyed at the Devil's Punchbowl at Hindhead.

Haslemere Museum is an award-winning independent museum with remarkable collections of natural history, human history and geology.



Photo: John Miller



Haslemere

Photo: John Miller



Cranleigh

Photo: John Miller

Waverley's villages

Alfold

The Greensand Way runs north of this village which is on the West Sussex border. Visit the 16th century Alfold Barn for hearty, homemade British food or The Three Compasses, a traditional 400-year old pub with a welcoming open fire.

Bramley

Ten square miles of beautiful countryside, much of which is in the Surrey Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

The village is in a conservation area and has a multitude of interesting buildings and heritage features as well as pubs, restaurants, shops, post office and library.

Chiddingfold

An unspoilt village in the heart of the Surrey Hills. The charming village centre has many picture postcard timber-framed Wealden houses, quaint cottages, a church, pubs, shops, village green and pond. 1.5 miles south of the village is the beautiful Ramster Garden. During the reign of Elizabeth I, Chiddingfold was famous for its glass-making with no fewer than 11 glass works on the village green.

Churt

An ancient village adjoining Hampshire and approximately five miles from Farnham.

Notable inhabitants have included former prime minister David Lloyd George, golf commentator Peter Alliss, footballer Kevin Keegan and Olympic gold medal winner Roger Black. Churt is home to The Sculpture Park which claims to be the world's largest all year sculpture exhibition.



Dockenfield

A small village close to Alice Holt Forest. The village church was built in 1911 and is a beautiful example of the arts and crafts movement and architecture of the period.

The 17th century, family-run Bluebell pub is an ideal place to refuel after a visit to Birdworld or a walk or cycle in the surrounding countryside.

Dunsfold

Dunsfold has a central community shop and is home to Dunsfold Aerodrome which is where Top Gear was filmed.

Dunsfold Park hosts a drive-in cinema over the Easter holiday and, in August, the annual air and motor show, Wings and Wheels.

Elstead

Elstead is surrounded by common land including Hankley Common which is a nature reserve and film location owned by the MOD. Elstead is well served by village shops and there is a choice of pubs including The Mill – a picturesque converted water mill, The Woolpack overlooking the village green and The Golden Fleece which serves up authentic Thai food. Take home a souvenir of your visit with a bottle of Thundry Hills Gin from the Elstead Village Distillers.

Ewhurst

Ewhurst is situated on the eastern edge of Waverley. Above the village is Pitch Hill which offers commanding views over the Weald to the South Downs. Close by is Hurtwood Park Polo Club who 'welcome everyone to experience the excitement of the game'. For refreshments, pop into the Bulls Head Inn.

Frensham

Frensham has a community run village shop and a church which dates back to 1239. The stunning local countryside is popular with filmmakers and visitors. There are some fabulous walks to be enjoyed across the commons followed by afternoon tea at The Frensham Pond Hotel & Spa. The area is best avoided during good weather.

Hambledon

Hambledon is tucked away between the villages of Witley, Milford and Chiddingfold. The Victorian church overlooks Hydon's Ball which is one of the highest points in Surrey and the location of a memorial to Octavia Hill one of the co-founders of the National Trust. While visiting, be sure to stop off at the community run village shop, enjoy a leisurely lunch at The Merry Harriers and book a guided tour of the National Trust's Oakhurst Cottage.



Waverley has around 1,700 listed buildings which are recognised nationally for their special architectural and historic interest.

Dunsfold



Ewhurst

Hascombe

A picturesque village in the Surrey Hills. Combine lunch at The White Horse village pub with a visit to nearby Winkworth Arboretum

Hindhead

Hindhead is said to be the highest village in Surrey and was once notorious for highwaymen. The great outdoors is waiting to be explored with walks at the Devil's Punch Bowl and nearby Gibbet Hill or a game of golf at Hindhead Golf Club which was founded in 1904 by a group of enthusiasts which included former resident Sir Arthur Conan-Doyle.

Milford

A large village which is well served by shops and local services.

Milford has a railway station and is on the mainline between London Waterloo and Portsmouth Harbour. Call into the Surrey Guild Craft Gallery and Shop to see and buy work by local makers.

Shamley Green

A picturesque village with just a few hundred dwellings. Cricket has been played on one of the two public open spaces for over 160 years. The village has two pubs, the Red Lion and the Bricklayers Arms as well as a village store and other local services.

Thursley

Thursley is very popular with walkers and nature lovers, thanks to Thursley Common National Nature Reserve, which is one of the largest remaining heathlands in Surrey. The village is proud of its pub; so much so that they bought the freehold when it was at risk of closure in 2004. When visiting the church, look out for the unusual and lavish use of oak and the lofty wooden steeple.

Tilford

One of the main focal points is the triangular village green where you can enjoy watching a game of cricket during the summer followed by refreshments at the nearby Barley Mow pub which dates back to 1763. Beside the green is the Tilford Oak which is estimated to be at least 800 years old. The village has two medieval bridges which span the River Wey and the Tilford Institute which was built to the design of Sir Edwin Lutyens. Nearby is The Rural Life Living Museum which makes for a great family day out.

Witley

In the late 1800s, the architect Sir Edwin Lutyens designed several properties in the area. He also collaborated with garden designer Gertrude Jekyll on a number of projects. Military camps at Witley Common during the first and second world wars have left traces on the local landscape. The war poet Wilfred Owen was based for a short time at Witley Camp en route to the front line. The White Hart is the village pub and describes itself as a 'purveyor of fine meat, malt whisky and cask ale'.

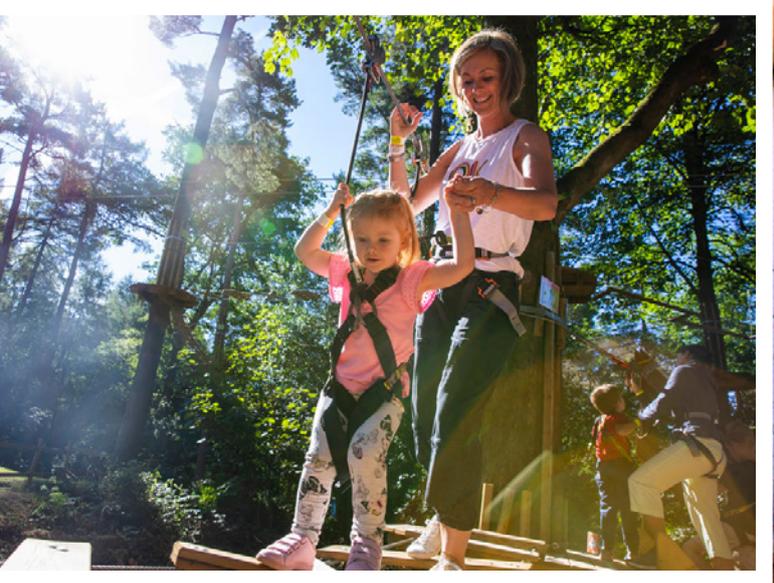
Wonersh

Wonersh and nature go hand in hand. The village lies in a valley and is surrounded by common land. Footpaths take you to the top of both Barnett Hill and Chinthurst Hill where you can enjoy breath-taking views of the village. At the top of Chinthurst Hill you will find a stone folly built in the 1930s and in the spring, you will see a fine display of bluebells. Visit The Grantley Arms for a seasonal, British menu - the pub has been serving Wonersh for nearly 500 years.

Must see must do

Discover outdoor adventures

Spend a weekend living life on the wild side in the beautiful Surrey Hills. Admire the breathtaking view from a breezy hill-top, enjoy a relaxing walk through some shady woodland or start to explore over 400 miles of footpaths and bridleways. For a heart-pumping, adrenaline rush, head to the hills and chase the ultimate mountain bike experience or test your head for heights with treetop challenges and adventures at Go Ape. Whether you choose to hike, bike or ride, Waverley's wonderful natural playground is just waiting to be discovered.



Surrey Hills to South Downs Community Rail Partnership

Arrive by train and explore the local area on foot or by bike with a choice of walks and cycle trails starting and finishing at Farncombe, Godalming, Milford, Witley and Haslemere railway stations.

www.hills2downs.org.uk

Catch of the day

Net yourself a day ticket and enjoy a few hours of fishing at Shillinglee fishery. There are five ponds and a main spring fed specimen lake which is renowned for its variety of fish.

www.shillinglee.co.uk

Treks and trails

Farnham Town Walks

Experience Farnham past and present. The walks are led by enthusiastic and experienced local guides who will relate the history and architecture of the town.

Walks take place on the first Sunday of the month. They are approximately 1.5 miles and take around 1.5 to 2 hours.

01252 714674

www.farnhamtownwalks.org.uk

Self-guided trails

Get to know Farnham by going on a self-guided walking tour. Trail themes include trees, industrial heritage, public art and heritage. All trails are available on the Discover Farnham app.

www.farnham.gov.uk

Llama trekking

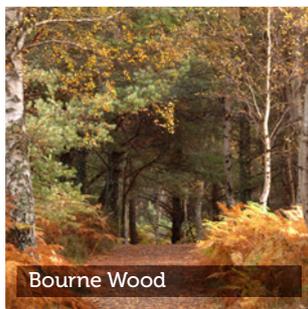
Trek the Surrey Hills with your very own llama and an experienced guide. Choose from an English Picnic Trek, autumn/winter morning trek, a children's birthday trek or a bespoke experience. Work up an appetite for a hearty pub lunch or push the boat out and spend the night in one of the pub's luxury shepherd huts.

The treks average three miles. Booking essential. Trekkers need to be over the age of eight.

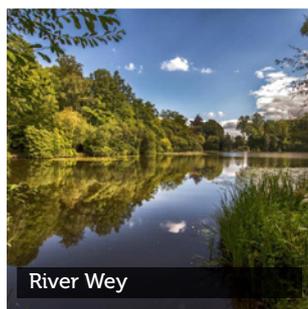
www.merryharriers.com



The Merry Harriers



Bourne Wood



River Wey



Farncombe River

Long distance paths

Greensand Way

The Greensand Way walking route starts in Haslemere and ends 108 miles later in Kent.

The walk is split into ten sections of linear walks between three and seven miles. The first is a three mile walk from Haslemere to Gibbet Hill, section two is seven miles and goes from Hindhead to Hambledon Common and the third is five miles long and starts at Hambledon.

www.surreycc.gov.uk

North Downs Way

Follow in the footsteps of pilgrims along the North Downs Way which starts in Farnham.

www.nationaltrail.co.uk

Downs Link

A disused railway line forming part of a long-distance route linking St Martha's Hill near Guildford to near Shoreham on the south coast. The 37-mile route is shared by walkers, horse riders and cyclists and links the North Downs Way with the South Downs Way.

www.visitsurrey.com

Commons and nature reserves

Tice's Meadow

A newly developed nature reserve on the site of a former quarry near Badshot Lea, Farnham. The site is widely considered one of the best inland sites to watch birds in the south east of England.

www.ticesmeadow.org

Blackheath Common

A Site of Special Scientific Interest enjoyed by cyclists, walkers and birdwatchers.

www.waverley.gov.uk/parks

Elstead Moat

A small pond surrounded by heathland, pine and mixed woodland. The gateway to Thursley National Nature Reserve.

Farnham Heath

A beautiful heathland with views across the Weald, abundant with wildlife that includes roe deer, crossbills, nightjars, woodcocks and tree pipits.

www.rspb.org.uk

Hankley Common

This 560-hectare woodland and heath nature reserve is home to nightjars and Dartford warblers and seasonal displays of colour from swathes of heather and gorse. During the second world war, the common was used as a D-Day training site. Canadian troops constructed a replica section of the Atlantic Wall which can still be seen today. The land is owned by the Ministry of Defence and is still used for training and a film location.

Hindhead Commons and the Devil's Punchbowl

Spectacular walks in the Surrey countryside. Walk along the old A3 which is now a superhighway for wildlife and climb Gibbet Hill – the second highest point in Surrey. Look out for the Celtic memorial stone which is a memorial to an unknown sailor who was murdered by three men who were later caught and hung on the hill.

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/hindhead-commons-and-the-devils-punch-bowl

Bourne Wood

Set above a large heathland clearing, Bourne Wood offers impressive views. If you experience a feeling of déjà vu, it could be because the woods have appeared in many movies, television series, music videos and adverts. See page 23.

www.forestryengland.uk/bourne-wood-farnham

Gardeners' delight

Waverley offers particular interest and inspiration to gardeners as this is the place that garden designer Gertrude Jekyll called home and is where she created some of her planting schemes which have been admired and emulated worldwide.

Ramster Garden

A peaceful woodland garden of over 25 acres, renowned for its magnificent spring colour and displays of rhododendrons, azaleas and camellias, and many rare and unusual trees and flowering shrubs.

www.ramsterevents.com

Winkworth Arboretum, National Trust

Winkworth Arboretum was created in the early 20th Century by Dr Wilfred Fox. Winkworth is a national and local treasure, perfect for visiting any time of the year as the landscape changes with the seasons.

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/winkwortharboretum



Ramster Garden

Busbridge Lakes

A Grade 2A heritage garden renowned for its follies, grottoes and magnificent specimen trees. The 40-acre parkland includes three lakes, nature trails and wooded hillsides and has one of the largest collections of waterbirds in the country. Open on selected days only.

www.busbridgelakes.co.uk

Vann

An internationally renowned five-acre garden formed by a series of 'rooms' which include an old cottage garden, a water garden laid out and planted by Gertrude Jekyll in 1911 and a newly designed and planted Centenary Garden. Opening is limited.

www.vanngarden.co.uk

Oakhurst Cottage, National Trust

A tiny 16th century cottage providing a view of a bygone era. The cottage garden is being restored to former glory in the traditional style. Fruit, vegetables, herbs and flowers have been planted to reflect contemporary paintings of the cottage by artist Helen Allingham. Guided tours for a maximum of six people. Booking is required.

www.nationaltrust.org.uk



Ramster Garden

National Garden Scheme

The National Garden Scheme offers unique access to over 3,500 exceptional, private gardens across the country. Visit some wonderful Waverley gardens including Coverwood Lakes in Ewhurst, a 14-acre landscaped garden high in the Surrey Hills with four lakes and a bog garden, a 3.5 acre lakeside arboretum and a marked trail through a working farm.

www.ngs.org.uk

Phillips' memorial, Godalming

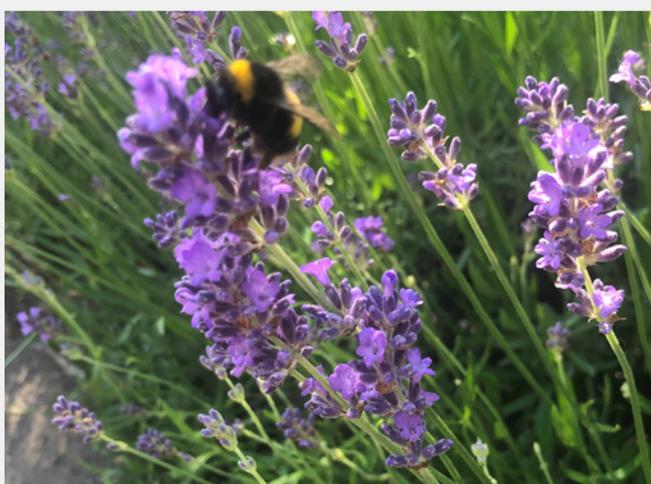
A memorial cloister for Jack Phillips, a telegraphist on the Titanic who continued to send out SOS messages until just before the ship sank. The cloister was designed by Hugh Thackeray Turner and the original planting was designed by Gertrude Jekyll. Little of the original planting remains.

Secret gardens

Farnham is renowned for its secret gardens which are just a step away from the busy town centre. Take a few moments to enjoy Victoria Garden off South Street which was created on the site of a former Victorian open-air swimming pool, visit the Evelyn Borelli Garden of Rest in Falkner Road which includes several pieces of public art or the walled museum garden in West Street.

"Here are hill and dell in endless variety. Here are wood and downs. Here is something of everything..."

William Cobbett



Ramster Garden

Meet the past

Waverley was once a busy and industrious part of Surrey, where iron, glass, tiles, bricks, pottery and woollens gave the towns and villages their distinctive characters.

Farnham hops were once some of the best available and created much of the wealth that built this fine Georgian town.

Old and new combine perfectly to bring you opportunities to visit the past and catch a glimpse of how life used to be.



Godalming Museum

Welcoming museum telling the story of Godalming and the surrounding area in an attractive 15th century building. Displays of geology, archaeology and local history. Gallery and courtyard garden celebrating the work of Arts and Crafts garden designer Gertrude Jekyll. Exhibitions by local artists and photographers. Local studies library. Museum shop.

www.godalmingmuseum.org.uk

Museum of Farnham

A small local history museum, telling the stories of Farnham town and its people. Explore five permanent galleries, one temporary exhibition and a beautiful walled garden. There is also a seasonal coffee and cake stand in the garden and a local history library.

<https://farnhammaltings.com/museum>



Haslemere Museum

Rural Life Living Museum

The Rural Life Living Museum tells the story of life in the countryside in southern England, from the 1700s through to the 1970s with some 40,000 objects from collections of relocated historic buildings, agricultural machinery and everyday objects.

www.rural-life.org.uk

Haslemere Educational Museum

An award-winning independent, family-friendly museum with remarkable collections of natural history, human history and geology. The Museum offers a lively programme of events and exhibitions and has a wonderful tradition of learning for all ages and abilities.

Set in beautiful historic grounds in the heart of Haslemere, the rich and diverse collections have been inspiring visitors for more than one hundred years.

www.haslemereuseum.co.uk

Farnham Castle Keep

A motte and 'shell keep' of a castle overlooking Farnham town. The castle was rebuilt in the late 12th and early 13th centuries, but you can see the buried remains of an earlier tower from a viewing platform. The keep is free to visit. The remainder of the castle is available for private hire and conferences.

www.english-heritage.org.uk

Farnham Castle guided tour

Take a guided tour of the Bishop's Palace to learn more about the history of the castle. Tours take place on Wednesday afternoons from 2-4pm and cost £5 for adults and free for under 18s.

www.farnham-castle.com

Waverley Abbey

The very first monastery founded in Britain by Cistercian monks. The impressive remains include the 13th century vaulted refectory or dining hall for the lay brothers. There are beautiful walks by this riverside setting too.

www.english-heritage.org.uk

Heritage Open Days

In September, Farnham arranges a programme of activities and events for Heritage Open Days.

www.farnhamsociety.org.uk



Museum of Farnham



Waverley Abbey



Gertrude Jekyll inspired garden at Godalming Museum

Cultural experiences

Waverley is rich in its heritage of houses designed in the 'Surrey Style' which was influenced by Lutyens and the Arts and Crafts Movement led by William Morris.

Today, arts and crafts live on with potters, sculptors, artists and designers working from home workshops or in a local studio.

As well as seeing makers in action, you can enjoy seeing artists' work on display in galleries, parks and installed as public art.

In celebration of its craft roots, Waverley offers opportunities for budding artists to try something new or to develop their existing creative skills.



Farnham Maltings

Farnham Maltings is a welcoming space to visit. From a variety of buildings, set in the heart of Farnham, Farnham Maltings present events and workshops from large scale craft festivals to intimate theatre shows. The Maltings monthly market, takes place on the first Saturday of every month and is the longest running market in Surrey. On site, you'll also find the maltings stores, showcasing handmade craft produced by local artists and makers and the riverside café offering a range of drinks and snacks.

www.farnhammaltings.com

New Ashgate Gallery

Art Gallery of the Year 2021 – Corporate LiveWire Innovation & Excellence Awards.

For more than 60 years, New Ashgate Gallery has supported artists and makers, by championing their work. It is the destination for buying the best contemporary art and craft in Surrey.

www.newashgate.org.uk



The Sculpture Park

'The world's most atmospheric Sculpture Park'. Ten acres of woodland and wildlife inhabited water gardens are home to an eclectic outdoor sculpture gallery. Explore the 2-mile trail, winding through a magical valley. All sculptures available to buy and take home.

www.thesculpturepark.com

Cranleigh Arts Centre

A community arts and entertainment venue offering live music, theatre, comedy, film, talks, event cinema, workshops, family events and free-to-explore exhibitions. The gallery tea bar serves a range of refreshments throughout the day.

www.cranleigharts.org

Haslemere Hall

Visit Haslemere Hall for theatre, the screening of current films and live performances of ballet and opera via satellite. Combine with a pre-event meal at one of Haslemere's great independent restaurants or pubs.

www.haslemerehall.co.uk



The Sculpture Park



Farnham Pottery Ceramics Class



Linda Miller workshop



Cranleigh Arts Centre

Craft Study Centre

A specialist university museum open to the public as well as a research centre and home to internationally renowned collections of modern British craft.

www.csc.uca.ac.uk

Farnham Pottery

One of the best-preserved examples of a working Victorian country pottery. Home to a number of groups that offer day courses, masterclasses, demos and workshops.

There is a gallery and café exhibiting work by a variety of local artists.

www.thefarnhampottery.co.uk

James Hockey and Foyer Galleries

These two large open galleries feature a varied exhibition programme from University for the Creative Arts staff, students and visiting artists across a range of disciplines including fine art, craft, film and photography.

www.uca.ac.uk

Surrey Guild Craft Gallery and Shop

The shop has a permanent and constantly changing exhibition of members' work for sale including textiles, glass, ceramics, jewellery and wood.

www.surreyguildofcraftsmen.co.uk/guild-shop

Grayshott Pottery

One of southern England's few remaining working potteries. Visitors can see potters at work or take part in a one-day throwing workshop.

www.grayshottpottery.com

Annual experiences

October Craft Month

A month-long programme of craft-themed activities in Farnham.

www.farnhamcrafttown.com

Surrey Artists Open Studios

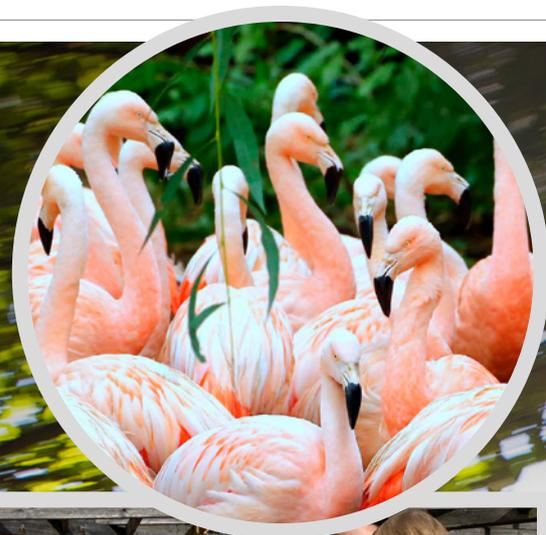
See artists from across Waverley at work in their studios or pick up the North Farnham Art Trail and see six artists in one area.

www.surreyopenstudios.org.uk



The Sculpture Park

Family Fun and Fresh Air



Visiting with the family? Then be sure to pack your wellies, sunscreen and outdoor clothes and get ready for some outdoor adventures and the chance to create memories that will last a lifetime.



Birdworld

Birdworld is home to 1,200 animals including many endangered and rare species. You'll see flamingos, owls, emus, cockatoos, tortoises and more. Take a ring side seat and watch the penguins and pelicans being fed and be sure to save time to visit the farm.

www.birdworld.co.uk

Tour the Parks

Waverley's Green Flag Award parks are well worth a visit for an inexpensive day of play.

Broadwater Park offers 29 hectares of space and has a large lake, woodland and plenty of open grass areas for ball games. The enclosed play area is popular with little ones.

Farnham Park is a medieval deer park within walking distance of the town centre. There are streams and wild areas, an adventure playground, toddlers' play area, trim trail and 9-hole golf course.

Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince was filmed in Bourne Woods.

Gostrey Meadow is in Farnham town centre and is the focal point for many community events. The River Wey runs alongside the park and there is a children's playground.

The Phillips Memorial Park in Godalming is a stone's throw from the town centre. For children, there is a playground, skate park and riverside walk.

Fun on the Water

Hire a day boat from Farncombe Boat House and head downstream to Guildford on one of the prettiest stretches on the Wey. You'll see open fields with grazing cattle, ducks, geese and the occasional deer. Pack a picnic and make the most of your few hours on the water.

www.farncombeboats.co.uk

If you prefer to let somebody else take the tiller, then a trip on the restored Wey and Arun Canal might be just what you want. The Wey and Arun Canal was built to link the Rivers Wey and Arun to form an inland route between London and the south coast. It closed after only 50 years after becoming a victim of the railways.

www.weyarun.org.uk



All weather fun

If the weather puts paid to being outside, the family fun can continue indoors at one of Waverley's leisure centres. From family swimming to soft play or a game of table tennis or badminton, everyone will burn off some energy and work up an appetite for dinner!

www.waverley.gov.uk/leisure

Alice Holt

For intrepid explorers, a visit to Alice Holt is a must. The beautiful woodland setting of Alice Holt Forest near Farnham is a hub for outdoor activity and a must for intrepid explorers. Hire a bike or bring your own or explore on foot. Search out the Gruffalo sculptures or join Superworm and friends on their brand-new adventure.

www.forestryengland.uk/alice-holt-forest

Go Ape

If your family has a head for heights then head to Go Ape for treetop adventures. There are intricate crossings, wobbly bridges and zip wire challenges for younger family members while for older kids, the experience gets a little more testing with challenging obstacles, high platforms and a longer zip. If you've conquered all that, then you can test your nerve on the ultimate high ropes adventure.

www.goape.co.uk/locations/alice-holt

Gastro tour



Scan me!

Good food is a treat that can be enjoyed at any time of the year and in Waverley, there is no shortage of tempting fare.

Sample delicious local produce from the monthly farmers' markets at Farnham, Godalming, Milford and Haslemere or visit the Cranleigh Surrey Hills Artisan Market on the first Saturday of the month.

Alternatively, stop off at one of the many pubs, restaurants, tea rooms, hotels or cafés for a hearty breakfast, mid-morning coffee and cake, a leisurely lunch, afternoon tea or a three-course dinner to end a wonderful day.



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Follow the food map

Follow the Waverley food map to discover a wonderful selection of local independent food and drink businesses.

Taste of Waverley highlights dozens of retailers, producers and suppliers along with some of the craft producers, farm shops and other independents that you will find in the local towns and villages.

The map features everything from artisan ice cream to freshly cooked curry - plus an enviable choice of distilleries and craft brewers. You will also find quality staples such as free-range meat and locally grown veg.

Quench your thirst

Hogs Back Brewery, near Farnham

An award-winning brewer of English ales and lagers. The brewery has been growing its own hops since 1994. There is a shop and brewery tours are available.

www.hogsback.co.uk

Wessex Distillery

A family-owned craft distillery. Book for a gin making experience and tour.

www.wessexdistillery.com

CraftBrews Brewery and Taproom, Frensham

Sample a range of beers.

www.craftbrews.uk

The Crafty Brewing Co

Hand-crafted beers, brewed in a barn, on a farm in the woods!

www.craftybrewing.co.uk



Cranleigh

Annual events

Gin and Fizz Festival

Every September, Farnham holds a Gin and Fizz Festival which is a great night out for gin lovers!

www.farnham.gov.uk

Food Festivals

Food is celebrated and enjoyed at Godalming, Farnham and Haslemere's annual food festivals. The Godalming festival usually takes place in July and Farnham and Haslemere hold their festivals in September.



Godalming



Greyfriars Vineyard

Tours, tastings and a Cellar Door Shop can be found at this vineyard on the chalk slopes of the Hog's Back.

www.greyfriarsvineyard.co.uk

Take home a piece of the past

Waverley provides a leisurely and enjoyable way to shop for visitors who are interested in antiques and those who want to shop for their home in a more sustainable way.

The Packhouse Limited, near Farnham

An ever-changing interior and lifestyle store set in a 400-year-old ex-hop kiln is full of handpicked items to give your space some soul.

Located between Guildford and Farnham, The Packhouse sells a huge variety of vintage, antique and one-off buys. From furniture and interior finishing touches to gifts and fashion accessories, garden pieces and lifestyle pods, they are home to over 60 independent traders who sell unique items sourced from around the world.

Everything they stock is handpicked to bring your home distinction and style. The Packhouse champion British design, up-and-coming producers; and items that have the most intriguing origins.

There is also a takeaway and restaurant where you can pause to enjoy something tasty from the menu.

www.packhouse.com

Antiques Warehouse, near Farnham

The Antiques Warehouse is a well-established independent family business, housed in two stunning Grade II listed historic barns, set in idyllic surroundings on a farm setting.

They pride themselves on their high standards of customer service and helpful staff with specialist knowledge.

The spacious barns are filled with carefully curated and artistically arranged quality antiques: 17th to 20th century furniture, decorative accessories including lighting, mirrors, glass and ceramics, the largest collection of silver and jewellery in the area, collectables, kitchenalia and garden accessories.

www.theantiqueswarehouse.co.uk



The Bourne Mill Antique Centre, Farnham

Bourne Mill Antiques, open seven days a week, is a fabulous destination for finding wonderful treasures found by over 60 independent traders. The 17th century mill offers an incredible setting in which to show off the unique stock including, furniture, art glass, studio pottery, original artwork, salvage, military, taxidermy, collectibles and curiosities. A friendly team of staff is on hand to help with personal shopping, assisting with interior design elements and always happy to help with presents. The Mill Tearoom is also open for breakfast, light bites and of course yummy homemade cakes plus afternoon teas.

www.bournemillantiques.co.uk, Instagram and Facebook: [bournemillantiques](#)

Vintage Fashion Fair

A bi-monthly vintage fashion, accessories and textiles fair at the Farnham Maltings.

www.vintagefashionfairfarnham.co.uk

Antiques and brocante markets

Farnham regularly hosts an open-air antiques and brocante street market.

For dates see www.farnham.gov.uk.

Independent Shopping

Combine the old with the new by putting aside some time to explore the shops in Waverley. The towns and villages are blessed with a high number of independent shops so you can be sure to take home something that is a unique reminder of your visit.

Be our guest



Barnett Hill Hotel

You can be sure of a warm welcome from the area's guest accommodation. From hotels to bed and breakfasts and self-catering accommodation, there are options to suit all budgets.

Barnett Hill, Wonersh

Barnett Hill is a 56 bedroom hotel nestled in 26 acres of gardens and woodland in the midst of the Surrey Hills. Perched atop a hill with panoramic views and revealing itself at the end of a winding tree-lined drive, this Queen Anne mansion is 'a gingerbread-brick palace'. Spread across the main Mansion House, Courtyard and Gardener's Cottage, there is something for everyone; from cheeky getaways in a fabulous four-poster suite to countryside escapes. The hotel is both family and dog friendly and is renowned for its delicious afternoon teas.

www.alexanderhotels.co.uk/barnett-hill



The Bush Hotel

King Charles I spent a night in Farnham and gave his host his morning cap as a thank you for his hospitality. The blue silk cap can be seen in the Museum of Farnham.

The Bush Hotel, Farnham

An original old coaching inn, The Bush Hotel is a central part of Farnham's history. A refurbishment programme has brought this boutique property up to date offering stylish bedrooms with air conditioning.

A hidden gem right in the heart of the town. A separate conference centre and car parking for guests is also available.

www.farnhambush.com

Lythe Hill Hotel, Restaurant and Spa, Haslemere

The 4-star Lythe Hill Manor House Hotel, which is tucked away in the Surrey countryside, is the ideal location for business meetings, weddings, celebrations, and romantic dinners with loved ones.

With 43 chic bedrooms, contemporary conference and banqueting spaces, and opulent spa amenities it's the perfect choice for your event.

www.lythehill.co.uk



The Bush Hotel





Frensham Pond Hotel

Coppa Club - The Georgian Haslemere

[www.coppaclub.co.uk/
the-georgian/](http://www.coppaclub.co.uk/the-georgian/)

Devil's Punchbowl Hotel Hindhead

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

Bed & Breakfast

High Edser
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www.highedser.co.uk

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www.longcopse.co.uk

Rumbeams Cottage
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The Crown Inn
Chiddingfold

www.thecrownchiddingfold.com

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

The Richard Onslow
Cranleigh

www.therichardonslow.co.uk

The Cranley
Cranleigh

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

Frensham Pond Hotel

Fifty-three-bedroom hotel and spa based next to and overlooking Frensham Great Pond.

www.frenshampondhotel.co.uk

The Hog's Back Hotel and Spa, Farnham

Ninety-six-bedroom hotel with an accent on classic comfort. The hotel includes a restaurant, spa and pool and the Hog's Back Leisure Club gym.

[www.suryahotels.co.uk/
hogsbackhotel](http://www.suryahotels.co.uk/hogsbackhotel)

Farnham House Hotel Farnham

www.farnhamhousehotel.com

The Godalming Hotel Godalming

www.godalminghotel.co.uk

The King's Arms and Royal Hotel Godalming

www.kingsarmsandroyal.co.uk

Premier Inn Godalming and Farnham

www.premierinn.com



Film Waverley

Waverley's proximity to London, studios and production teams makes it an attractive location for filming.

Download our film and television location map to see what has been filmed in Waverley. Watch the film and see if you can spot the location!

Here are some of the locations you can visit:

Bourne Wood Forestry England

The film location for many movies, television series, music videos and adverts including Robin Hood, War Horse, Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows and The Witcher (season 2).

Hankley Common

Nature reserve and film location for Hollywood blockbusters including Skyfall, 1917 and The King's Man. Hankley Common is owned by the Ministry of Defence.

Waverley Abbey

Atmospheric backdrop for Howards End, Midsomer Murders and Hot Fuzz.

Godalming High Street and Church Street

Film set for The Holiday, a 2006 romcom.



The Merry Harriers
Hambleton, near Godalming
www.merryharriers.com

The Inn on the Lake
Godalming
www.theinnonthelake.co.uk

Self-catering

Gate Street Barn
Bramley
www.gatestreet.co.uk

Tilford Woods Lodge Retreat
Farnham
www.darwinescapes.co.uk/tilford-woods-lodge-retreat/

The Merry Harriers Luxury Shepherd Huts
Hambleton, nr Godalming
www.merryharriers.com

Orchard Paddocks
Bramley
www.orchardpaddocks.co.uk



Pound Corner
Farncombe
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