

Evesham



River Trips

Where to go and what to see

The Almonry – the 14th Century home of the Benedictine Almoner which now houses the Town's Museum. Visit 180 million years of Evesham history set in a fascinating building with un-spoilt gardens.



Abbey Park



The Almonry Heritage Centre



Riverside Gardens



St. Lawrence Church



The Bell Tower

Abbey Park – Visit the site of the Abbey now an outstanding Park leading down the the famous River Avon. The park also holds the Bandstand which hosts different bands each Sunday afternoon during the summer months.

All Saints and St. Lawrence's Churches – Two outstanding Mediaeval (with later additions) Churches beside the Bell Tower of the Abbey.

Evesham Country Park – Set a mile out of town, the Country Park has a range of retail outlets, garden centre, restaurant, a light railway and plenty of space for kite flying or just running around.



Evesham Country Park

The River Avon – boat trips available throughout the summer as well as boat hire by the hour. Alternatively walk along the bank to Hampton. The unusual Lock Keeper's Cottage is well worth a visit.

Hampton Ferry – one of the few remaining "rope" ferries across the river to Hampton.



Hampton Ferry

Nearby attractions

- Broadway & Cotswolds
- Snowhill Manor
- Snowhill Lavender
- Bredon Hill
- Bredon Hill Studios
- Pershore
- Tewkesbury
- Avon Valley & Fladbury
- Stratford-upon-Avon
- Bretforton & The Fleece Inn
- Round of Gras
- Local Farm produce from the Farm gate



The Cotswolds



Snowhill Lavender



Bredon Hill



Pershore



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Location

The excellent central position of Evesham makes it the ideal destination for a relaxing break, easily accessible from anywhere in the country or overseas. The M5, M4, M42 and M50 motorways are right on the doorstep and there are mainline rail links from Paddington and Birmingham. Overseas connections are catered for with ferry links all around the coast and at airports situated at Birmingham, Bristol, Cardiff and Manchester as well as the two London terminals of Heathrow and Gatwick. If you are coming from overseas by car then Eurotunnel connects to our motorway network as soon as you reach our shores.



Discover the charms of Evesham



Your Pocket Guide to this delightful town



Evesham

History

Legend tells of the swineherd Eof seeing a vision which led to the founding of a great Abbey around the year 700A.D. The Benedictine Abbey of Evesham which was subsequently founded, grew to be one of the largest and wealthiest in England before its dramatic closure in January 1540 by Henry VIII. Whilst it was still at its peak a ferocious battle was fought on the Northern edge of town in which Simon de Montfort and his forces were destroyed by Prince Edward (later Edward I). The day (4th August 1265) was without doubt the bloodiest in Evesham's history. The short exchange during the English Civil War although leaving scars on the Bell Tower, was quite minor in comparison.

Life was generally quieter from the 17th Century but Evesham was still a busy market town with many local industries producing nails to silk, linseed oil to tanning. The horticultural produce of the area became world famous – plums, cherries and apples together with asparagus were sent to all parts. Although the town now has I.T. industries and processing companies rather than horticultural markets, it remains a busy and lively community.

Wining, dining and shopping

Whatever your taste, Evesham can provide! English, Italian, Thai, Chinese, Indian..... Tea Shops to highly rated restaurants. The Evesham Hotel Wine List features regularly in the National Press whilst traditional Fish and Chips are still available elsewhere in town. Whatever the weather, Evesham shops will welcome you. The indoor Riverside Centre has national names alongside local traders giving a highly distinctive atmosphere.

Horticulture & Fruit

The Vale of Evesham has been world famous for centuries for the fruit and vegetables grown in the fertile soil. Apples, plums and asparagus are still widely grown whilst every road seems to hold Farm Shops selling local produce fresh from the fields. The area now features many glass houses producing bedding plants to tomatoes.



The Blossom Trail



Shopping in Evesham



Asparagus Auction at The Fleece Inn, Bretforton

Events & Arts

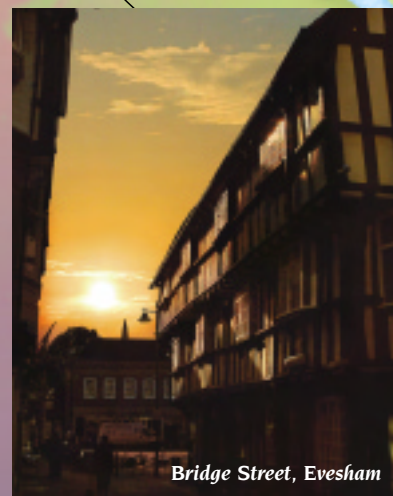
- Evesham Arts Centre hosts a range of events – Amateur dramatics to world famous recording artists
- Eastern Festival – a distinctly oriental flavour is brought to the Workman gardens by musicians, entertainers and chefs
- Hot Air Balloons, vintage car and boat festival
- Angling Festival and competition
- Bands in the park every Sunday during the summer
- Blossom Trail
- Asparagus auctions
- Delphinium fields at nearby Wick



Eastern Festival

Annual Events include:

- April:** "Village and Blossom Trail"
- May:** Evesham Regatta
Crophorne Walkabout
- May/June:** Asparagus Festival, including Asparagus Auction at The Fleece Inn, Bretforton
- June:** Festival of Hot Air Balloons, Boats and Cars
Evesham "Eastern Festival"
Pilgrimage – "Our Lady of Evesham"
- July:** Evesham River Festival
Junior Angling Festival
- August:** Evesham Angling Festival
Battle of Evesham Memorial Service
- September:** Vale of Evesham Autumn Show
- October:** Evesham "Head of the River" Regatta
- November:** Town Bonfire Party
Evesham Festival of Light and Carnival



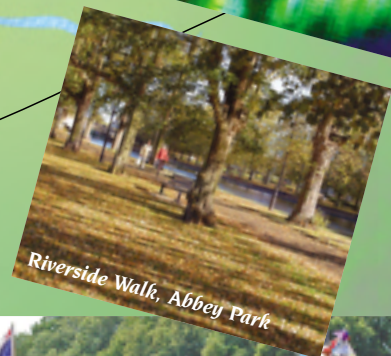
Bridge Street, Evesham



Angling Festival



Festival of Light



Riverside Walk, Abbey Park



River Festival (photo: Ian Cameron)

- The Almonry Heritage Centre
 - Abbey Remains and Bell Tower
 - Evesham Country Park
 - Evesham Vale Light Railway
 - The Riverside Shopping Centre
 - The Fleece Inn (NT), Bretforton
 - The Leicester Tower - commemorating death of Simon de Montfort, 1265
 - Battle Well - Battle of Evesham site, 1265
 - Hampton Ferry
 - Community Contact Centre (Police/Council Shop)
 - Arts Centre
 - Sports Hall Swimming Pool
 - Evesham College
 - Evesham Football Club (plus proposed new site)
 - Boat Trips, downstream
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 - Avon Leisure Cruises, restaurant boat
 - Boat Charter and Riverside Hotel
 - Bridge and Ferry Inn
 - Fish and Anchor Inn
 - Northwick Hotel
 - Evesham Hotel
 - The Orchard Travel Inn
 - Woodnorton Hotel
 - Sankey Marine Boat Yard
 - Skateboard Park
 - Evesham Marina
 - Market Place
- Long-Stay Car Parks
 - Short-Stay Car Parks
 - Coach Parks
 - Public Conveniences
 - Hospital
 - Public Footpaths
 - Boat Moorings