

Visit Wotton-under-Edge



about Wotton-under-Edge

A vibrant town on the Cotswold Way boasting a great range of independent shops, historic attractions and many excellent amenities.

Whether you are just visiting for the day, for business or considering moving to the area you will find Wotton a wonderful place. Halfway between Bristol and Gloucester, Wotton nestles under the high Cotswold escarpment and forms part of the Cotswold AONB on the edge of the Cotswold Severn Vale.

The town is rich with historical interest. Wotton gained borough status in 1252 and was built on the prosperity of the wool trade, enjoying close links for many centuries with the Berkeley family of nearby Berkeley Castle. Its street layout remains largely medieval, architecturally important Listed Buildings, ranging from the lofty magnificence of St. Mary's Church, to the quaint charms of three groups of almshouses.



Wotton means business

Wotton is a great place to do business. The town's thriving business scene spans enterprises of every type and size, from Renishaw, a high-tech engineering firm and the well-known Wotton Auction Rooms (with monthly sales) to small shops, individual contractors and freelancers working from home.



5 things to see & do in Wotton-under-Edge

- 1 In the Wotton Heritage Centre, you will find a wealth of information about the town and its surroundings. Leaflets on local attractions and walks, are available. Visit the museum which has a policy of rotating interesting exhibitions through the year.
- 2 The Wotton Electric Picture House is one of the oldest cinemas in the country, showing the latest films and live screenings.
- 3 Under the Edge Arts (UTEA) is a community project running classes, performances and workshops in areas including music, visual arts, crafts and literature. Each spring and summer, the town's cultural landscape is enhanced by events organised to promote the arts and crafts of the town.
- 4 The Wotton Swimming Pool opens from April to September and features a retractable roof and heating. It offers safe, family fun as well as lane swimming for fitness in all weathers for a modest entry fee.
- 5 Newark Park is a National Trust establishment nearby. A Tudor hunting lodge with a beautiful garden, stunning views, a tea shop and enjoyable walks.



Wotton for walkers

With the Cotswold Way running through the centre of the town, Wotton is a magnet for walkers throughout the year. Leaflets for town and countryside walks are available from the Heritage Centre in the Chipping. A short climb takes you to Wotton Hill (look out for the landmark Jubilee Pines) with spectacular views across the River Severn and into Wales. A mile or so more through Westridge Woods and you come to the Tyndale Monument, a hilltop tower built to commemorate William Tyndale, the martyred 16th century translator of the Bible who was born not far from here.

The Cotswold Way runs through the High Street and Long Street making Wotton-under-Edge an excellent resting place or indeed overnight stopping point. Lots of the shorter walks fan out from the centre of the town.



shopping & eating

Wotton-under-Edge is a thriving Market Town with a range of independent shops along Long Street, Market Street, High Street and Church Street. The emphasis is on arts/craft and gift shops alongside excellent food outlets.



Take a stroll through the Town and you will find Wotton-under-Edge has a variety of pubs, restaurants and coffee shops for all budgets. Many are in historic premises that have been lovingly restored. From April to October on Sundays and Bank Holidays you may enjoy Town Hall Teas in Market Street with all proceeds going to local Charities.

All through the year Wotton-under-Edge holds events and celebrations detailed on the facebook page Wotton Noticeboard and Wotton Town Council Website. www.wotton-under-edge.com



other areas to explore



With easy access from the M4 (Junction 18) and M5 (Junction 14), Wotton-under-Edge sits halfway between Bristol and Gloucester. Located on the southern slopes of the Cotswold Hills and adjacent to the Cotswold Severn Vale, It is a beautiful part of the Cotswolds.

There are numerous attractions to visit. Only a short distance away, Newark Park, Berkeley Castle, the Westonbirt Arboretum, and the Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust at Slimbridge, are all within easy reach. Venture south to explore Bath a world heritage city or the cultural city of Bristol. The market town of Tetbury and surrounding villages are favoured for residence by members of the Royal family Other towns in easy reach of Wotton are Dursley, Nailsworth and Stroud.

Visitor map of Wotton-under-Edge



make sure you visit

Tyndale monument

The eye catching Tyndale monument built in 1866 to commemorate William Tyndale who translated the Bible into English.

Newark Park

A Grade I listed country house of Tudor origins (National Trust) near to Wotton under Edge GL12 7PZ. The house sits in an estate of 700 acres at the southern end of the Cotswold.

Owlpen Manor

A medieval manor house set in a secluded valley with beautiful gardens that are open to the public.

Wotton Heritage Centre

Find out about local history and family research with a wealth of information brought together by the Wotton-under-Edge Historical Society.

visitor information centre

The Visitor Information Centre can be found at the Wotton Heritage Centre, Chipping Car Park GL12 7AD

- One Stop Shop, Council Offices, Civic Centre, GL12 7DN

did you know?

The Wotton Library provides book lending and reference material, together with free internet access.

Wotton is served by a variety of Churches including St. Mary's Parish Church (over 700 years old), Wotton Baptist Church, Wotton United Church (Methodist-URC), the Catholic Church of the Holy Cross and the Oliver Memorial Chapel.

Wotton in Bloom. If you visit Wotton in summer, you will see the town at its best with a magnificent display of flowers organised by local volunteers.

points of interest

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| 1 The Ann Bearpacker Almshouses | 7 Sir Isaac Pitman's House |
| 2 The Ram Inn | 8 Town Hall |
| 3 The Perry & Dawes Almshouses | 9 Children's Play Area |
| 4 Berkeley House | 10 The Clump - Wotton Hill |
| 5 Tolsy House & Clock | 11 Tyndale Monument |
| 6 The Rowland Hill Almshouses | 12 Picnic Area |

For more information please visit: www.cotswolds.com

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