

Biddenden Vineyards TN27 8DF

Gribble Bridge Lane, Biddenden, Kent.



Biddenden Vineyards is the country's oldest family owned vineyard.

Visit us and taste our award-winning wines, ciders and apple juice. Admission and tasting is free. Guided tours for groups. Free tours for individuals on selected Saturdays (booking essential).

Tel: 01580 291726 • admin@biddendenvineyards.co.uk
www.biddendenvineyards.co.uk

Hole Park Gardens TN17 4JA

Hole Park Estate, Rolvenden, Cranbrook, Kent.



Set amidst parkland with fine views, this delightful private garden has been owned by the Barham family for 99 years.

The garden features fine statues,

formal yew topiary, walled, water and woodland gardens, and a spectacular bluebell wood (late April). Colour abounds throughout the seasons.



Tel: 01580 241344
info@holepark.com • www.holepark.com

Kent & East Sussex Railway TN30 6HE

Tenterden Town Station, Station Road, Tenterden, Kent.



Enjoy 10½ miles of nostalgia on England's finest rural light railway.

Beautifully restored coaches and locomotives dating from Victorian times, enable visitors to experience travel and service

from a bygone age. The picturesque line weaves between Tenterden and Bodiam terminating in the shadow of the National Trust castle.



Tel: 01580 765155
enquiries@kesr.org.uk • www.kesr.org.uk

Smallhythe Place TN30 7NG

Smallhythe Place, Smallhythe Road, Tenterden, Kent.



View the spectacular early 16th century half-timbered house, once the home of the Victorian actress Ellen Terry, crammed full of fascinating memorabilia.

Also tour the beautiful cottage grounds and wonderful Barn Theatre with its licensed café. Open from March to end of October; Saturday to Wednesday.

Tel: 01580 762334 • smallhytheplace@nationaltrust.org.uk
www.nationaltrust.org.uk

The Chapel Down Winery TN30 7NG

Tenterden Vineyard, Small Hythe, Tenterden, Kent.



Our wine and food store is stocked with a fine selection of local and regional food to complement our fantastic wines.

Guided tours of the vineyard and winery run April to October. Group

tours are welcome by prior appointment. Explore the vineyards and enjoy a sample of our award-winning wines.



Tel: 01580 766111 • retail@englishwinesgroup.com
www.englishwinesgroup.com

The Rare Breeds Centre TN26 3RJ

Highlands Farm, Woodchurch, Ashford, Kent.



Set in over 120 acres of beautiful countryside, The Rare Breeds Centre offers so much for the perfect day out.

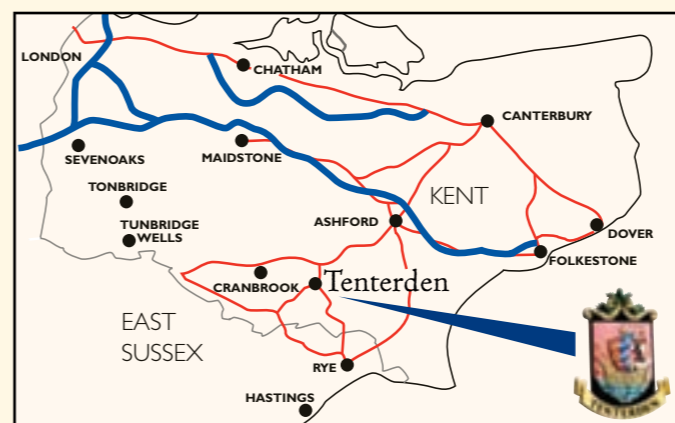
From friendly farm animals, woodland assault courses, indoor and outdoor play areas, to exciting falconry displays

and not forgetting the 'Piggy Grand National' - there is something for all the family.



Tel: 01233 864493
visit@rarebreeds.org.uk • www.rarebreeds.org.uk

How to find Tenterden



By Car

Tenterden is situated on the A28 between Hastings and Ashford, and is less than an hour by car from the M25.

By Public Transport

There are regular bus links from Ashford, Hastings, Headcorn, Maidstone, Rye and Tunbridge Wells. Train services from London and the south east connect with the bus routes. The nearest mainline stations are Headcorn and Ashford International. Plan your journey by public transport (bus, coach or train) by using the services of Traveline 0871 200 2233 or visit traveline.org.uk. For specific train information contact National Rail Enquiries on 08457 484950.

By Taxi:

Wealden Cars: 01580 291199 or 0845 6000988.
St. Michaels Car Hire: 01580 762277/764777 or 07798 677777

Car Parking:

There is short stay on-street parking in the High Street and a number of 'pay and display' car parks throughout the town. These are indicated on the map overleaf.

Tourist Information:

Tenterden Gateway, 2 Manor Row, High Street, Tenterden.
01580 762558, tenterdengateway@kent.gov.uk,
visitheartofkent.com.

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THE JEWEL OF THE WEALD

Widely regarded as one of the most charming towns in the South East, Tenterden and its surrounding villages and countryside is a fascinating place to visit and explore.

It is home to two museums (the town museum and the Col. Stephens Museum - his life and light railways), numerous historic buildings and churches and great local attractions such as the Kent & East Sussex Railway and some first class places to stay and eat.

Nearby there are wonderful gardens and historic houses including Smallhythe Place, Hole Park Gardens, Great Dixter House and Gardens, Sissinghurst Castle Gardens and Leeds Castle. The historic towns of Rye and Cranbrook, the sandy beaches of Camber and the mysterious and atmospheric Romney Marsh are close by.

4 Tenterden and District Museum



In a quiet location just off Tenterden High Street, the 19th century weatherboard building was a coach house and stables. Exhibits show the history of Tenterden and the Cinque Ports.
Tel: 01580 764310
www.tenterdenmuseum.il2.com

5 Tenterden Gateway



A wide range of tourist information and local services including Tenterden Library and Post Office under one roof and located on the main High Street - a must visit to find out more information on the town and the surrounding villages.
Tel: 01580 762558
www.visitheartofkent.com

8 St. Michael and All Angels



Consecrated in 1863 as St Michael and All Angels, the church was constructed of Kentish ragstone and Bath Stone by tradesmen from the nearby village of Woodchurch. The local area took its name from the church having previously been known as Boresisle.
www.stmildreds.org



Tenterden Town map reproduced courtesy of the Weald of Kent Protection Society.



1 Tenterden Town Hall

The Town Hall was built in 1790. The Georgian Assembly Room on the first floor has boards with the names of all the Bailiffs and Mayors since 1449 and a musician's gallery.

Tel: 01580 762271
www.tenterdentown.co.uk



2 St. Mildred's Church

St. Mildred's is a stunning medieval church whose imposing tower dominates the town's skyline. Most of the building dates back to the 13th and 14th centuries. During your visit be sure to trace the links to Nelson's daughter and the Spanish Armada.

www.stmildreds.org



3 Kent & East Sussex Railway

Travel back to the nostalgic age of steam and enjoy a trip through 10½ miles of beautiful countryside to medieval Bodiam Castle. Visit the Colonel Stephens Museum, a tribute to one of the country's leading railway engineers. Seasonal opening.
Tel: 01580 765155 - www.kesr.org.uk



6 Tenterden's Coat of Arms



This shows a three masted ship with: Fores'l furled; Mains'l charged with the arms of the Cinque Ports (three half lions from the Royal arms conjoined with three half ships); Mizzen sail bearing the arms of Thomas Petlesden, the town's first Bailiff; Cabin and rudder at the stern; Anchor.
(On view at various locations in the town.)

7 Leisure Centre and Recreation Ground

The centre boasts a large swimming pool and flume, gymnasium and health suite and sports hall. Outside there are tennis courts, a bowling green and a fantastic children's play area and skate park.

Tel: 01580 764310
www.tenterdenleisure.com



9 The Chapel Down Winery



The home of one of Britain's leading wine producers. The wine and fine food store is open daily. Visitors can also enjoy our fine restaurant and of course the vineyards - tours available.

Tel: 01580 766111
www.chapeldownwines.co.uk

10 Smallhythe Place



Home to Victorian actress Dame Ellen Terry, this superb Tudor property boasts a museum containing theatrical memorabilia, a theatre and cottage garden where seasonal events are held.

Tel: 01580 762334
www.nationaltrust.org.uk



Historic Buildings around the Town

Tenterden's long history is amply illustrated by the unspoiled facades from Elizabethan and Georgian eras, with styles that include both tiny beamed cottages and grand Victorian townhouses. Look out for the 'Mathematical Tiles', which while geometrically true look just like brickwork.



London Beach Spa

TN30 6HX

Ashford Road, St. Michaels, Tenterden, Kent.



Our Health Club & Spa is designed to cater for your every need.

Ladies can relax and enjoy their own steam room, sauna, jacuzzi and monsoon shower.

Our trained beauticians are well versed in the use and benefits of the products on offer and are on hand to provide help and advice. Gift vouchers are available.



Tel: 01580 767611
spa@londonbeach.com • www.londonbeach.com

London Beach Country Hotel TN30 6HX

Ashford Road, St. Michaels, Tenterden, Kent.



Set in 100 acres of tranquil Wealden countryside, the London Beach Country Hotel and Golf Club nestles on the outskirts of Tenterden.

Each of the 24 spacious bedrooms overlooks the parkland golf course,

providing stunning sunset views. The London Beach Bar serves breakfast until 11.00 and brasserie food all day from 11.00 to 21.00. The Restaurant is open daily between 12.30 to 14.30 and 19.00 to 21.00.

Tel: 01580 766279
phil@londonbeach.com • www.londonbeach.com

Little Silver Country Hotel TN30 6SP

Ashford Road, St. Michaels, Tenterden, Kent.



Tenterden's premier hotel offers luxury accommodation, including 4-posters and suites.

Relax in our oak beamed lounge and dine in Oaks Restaurant where emphasis is on fresh local

ingredients. A perfect location for weddings, functions and celebrations in the magnificent Kent Hall that accommodates up to 120 guests.



Tel: 01233 850321
enquiries@little-silver.co.uk • www.little-silver.co.uk

	Town & Country Homecare Mobility Everyday help for everyday needs	
	Mobility Shop Hundreds of helpful products and our in-store stairlift to try	
	102 High Street, Tenterden Telephone 01580 761743 www.townandcountryhomecaremobility.co.uk	

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Walks around Tenterden

Seven beautiful circular walks that begin and end at the Tenterden Gateway in the High Street.



Tenterden Heritage Trail

A self-guided trail with highlights that include The Lock-up and Turnpike, The Old Grammar School and Borough Place.

For copies of these or other publications about the area, contact Tenterden Gateway, 2 Manor Row, High Street
Tel: 01580 762558.

Welcome



With its unique mix of fascinating history and heritage, traditional shopping, family fun, great country activities and events, Tenterden and its surrounding villages have something for everyone.

So, whether you are looking for a great day out, a weekend break or a longer stay, no other place offers so much to see and do, whatever the weather or time of year.



Family fun



Tenterden has a wide range of family activities to suit all tastes.

The town is home to The Kent & East Sussex Railway, which regularly hosts special events such as 'A Day Out with Thomas™' and takes visitors to medieval Bodiam Castle in East Sussex.

It also boasts a superb recreation ground with a children's play area, tennis courts, picnic area, bowls green and football pitch. A leisure centre with gym, health suite and swimming pool with fun flume and water features completes the offer.

History and heritage



Until the silting up of the River Rother blocked its access to the sea in the 16th century, Tenterden had a bustling port and shipbuilding centre at Small Hythe that supported a flourishing wool trade. In 1449 it became a member of the Cinque Ports.

Much of the town's heritage remains today, including many historic timber framed buildings, a medieval church, cobbled alleys and the Georgian Town Hall. To discover more pick up a copy of the town's Heritage Trail to enjoy a leisurely stroll back in time, or visit the Tenterden & District Museum.

Country activities



The town is surrounded by the High Weald, an area of Outstanding Natural Beauty with easy access to an unbeatable range of country activities.

Walkers can follow way marked country trails or circular walks around the town or 'park, walk and ride' by steam train. The quiet country lanes are a cyclist heaven - Cycle Route 18 links Tenterden to Ashford and Tunbridge Wells. Horse riding is available, anglers can fish in well stocked waters and golfers are spoilt for choice with top quality courses including Chart Hills and London Beach.

Traditional shopping



Tenterden's charming high street and adjacent lanes boast a range of quirky independent stores which allow visitors to experience shopping as it used to be.

It's just the place to find that special gift, local craft, book or antique in a relaxed and welcoming environment.

Tenterden is still a market town hosting a Friday market and the nearby village of Rolvenden a weekly farmer's market.

Special events



Tenterden stages a wide range of family events throughout the year including:

Tentertainment - Kent's biggest and best summer-time music and local food festival; **Tenterden Folk Festival** - Internationally renowned festival over the first weekend of October; **November Bonfire & Firework Spectacular**; **Christmas Festivities** - Festive lights and late night shopping on the first Friday in December.

Look out for other events at The Sinden Theatre, the Kent & East Sussex Railway and The Barn Theatre in Small Hythe.

Hospitality



There's an unbeatable selection of places to stay to suit all tastes, from small cosy guest houses to larger hotels with excellent leisure facilities.

There's also an unrivalled selection of places to eat and drink from tea rooms and traditional inns to high quality restaurants offering menus from around the world.

Small Hythe is home to the award-winning Chapel Down Winery, nearby Biddenden boasts the Michelin starred restaurant, The West House and Biddenden Vineyards, Kent's oldest commercial vineyard.