

Historic Haslemere

Haslemere is a town with old foundations and has a fascinating history which invites you to delve into its past.

In 1393 it was given an annual fair by Royal Charter, as well as a weekly market. Queen Elizabeth I laid the true foundations of the town by granting the right to elect two members of Parliament. In 1596, a new charter was granted confirming the weekly market and permitting two annual fairs. Today, this special status is celebrated with the Charter Fair, held in the High Street every other year.

The oldest part of the town centres on the High Street, where there are several buildings dating back to the 14th & 15th centuries. These include Half Moon House, one of the town's oldest buildings, the Town Hall built in 1814 which originally had open arches on the ground floor for market stallholders, Tudor Cottage next to the Georgian Hotel and the three-gabled Lloyds Pharmacy building.



The opening of the London to Portsmouth railway in 1859 was an important landmark in the history of Haslemere as it enabled many people to come and enjoy the lovely countryside and healthy air. A number of well-known people settled in the area including Alfred Lord Tennyson, Poet Laureate to Queen Victoria, George Bernard Shaw who wrote Caesar and Cleopatra whilst living locally and Sir Arthur Conan Doyle who wrote some of his Sherlock Holmes stories here.

Many fine houses were built during the late 19th and early 20th century and because of easy access to London by rail, the town became a fashionable place to live and continues to be a popular commuter town today.

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How to get to Haslemere

Haslemere is easily reached by all routes and with London and the historic naval town of Portsmouth less than an hour away, it is the ideal place for a day trip or extended stay. Haslemere station is just a short walk away from the High Street and there are regular direct train services from London Waterloo. Driving is easy with excellent access via the A3 linking with the M25 and with good road links to the south coast, London and beyond. Both Gatwick and Heathrow airports and Portsmouth ferry port are approximately one hour's drive. There are bus links to local towns and villages.

Useful Contacts

National Rail

Tel: 03457 484950 or visit www.nationalrail.co.uk

Traveline

Tel: 0871 200 2233 or visit www.traveline.info

National Express

Tel: 08717 818181 or visit www.nationalexpress.co.uk

Citizens Advice Bureau

Well Lane, GU27 2LB. Tel: 0344 848 7969 or visit www.waverleycab.org.uk

Haslemere Community Hospital

Church Lane, GU27 2BJ. Tel: 01483 782300

Haslemere Town Council

24 High Street, GU27 2HJ. Tel: 01428 654305/658828 or visit www.haslemere.com/towncouncil

Visit Haslemere is situated in the heart of the town at the award winning **Haslemere Educational Museum**, and is packed with lots of useful information. The friendly team offers advice and guidance on everything from finding somewhere to stay to the best ways to get around and all the latest events. For more information, visit www.haslemere.com/vic



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Welcome to Haslemere

Haslemere is a charming market town, steeped in history and the perfect place to shop, dine or stay a while and revel in being part of a traditional town atmosphere.

With its pretty streets and timbered and tile hung houses and cottages, Haslemere is an ideal place to spend the day. Its welcoming shops offer a wonderful blend of independent boutiques, stores and cafes which combine with many local attractions to make a great day out!



Nestling between wooded hills in the south west corner of Surrey and surrounded by National Trust land, it is one of the gems of the Surrey Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and gateway town to the South Downs National Park. Haslemere makes a great base for exploring the miles of beautiful rolling countryside, heathland, valleys, and attractive market towns and picturesque villages. The rich and diverse landscape has helped to inspire many great artists and authors. Both visitors and residents are spoilt for choice as the Haslemere area provides the perfect countryside for all leisure and sporting activities.

Whether you live or work in the area or are thinking of moving to Haslemere, www.haslemere.com provides lots of useful information on the services and facilities available in the town. There are many societies and clubs and the area is well known for the considerable range of cultural pursuits available.

This welcoming town, where the quality of life is prized by its residents, is the ideal destination for a short break or a longer leisurely stay at any time of the year.

Accommodation



With its wide range of good accommodation to suit all tastes and budgets, Haslemere makes a delightful and convenient base for visiting the many local attractions and

places of interest. Whether you want a country hideaway, to relax in a cosy village pub or to stay in a comfortable hotel in the heart of the town, **Visit Haslemere** provides a list of accommodation to help you choose the right place to stay.

Attractions

Whether you come for the weekend or stay longer, Haslemere has a host of attractions to satisfy all interests.

Explore the beautiful parks, gardens and historic houses or immerse yourself in culture at the many places of historical interest all within easy reach. Be sure to visit the fascinating **Haslemere Educational Museum**, which contains a wonderful variety of remarkable and rare collections. Or for an enjoyable day out, there is a wealth of family attractions, from theme parks, farms and adventure parks to scenic railways, canals and much more all within driving distance.



Eating Out



There is plenty of choice when it comes to eating out in Haslemere with an exciting array of eateries which all add to the town's vibrant atmosphere. Whether you are meeting friends for coffee or taking the family out to lunch, there is truly something for everyone! The town and its surrounding villages boast a superb range of traditional English pubs, fine restaurants, charming cafés and tea shops where local produce is often on the menu.

Events

Haslemere hosts a fabulous variety of events throughout the year so there are plenty of reasons to visit whatever the season. Haslemere Hall plays host to a varied programme of theatre, shows, films and other events. However you and your family like to spend your time, you will find plenty in Haslemere! Visit www.haslemere.com and keep up to date with everything that's happening in the town.



Shopping & Markets



Haslemere makes a great shopping destination. Absorb the town's essence and spend the day browsing the rich variety of interesting, independent shops and unique boutiques

which maintain Haslemere's traditional character and sense of individuality. There is also no shortage of places to buy good food in and around Haslemere from the bakery, deli or fishmonger selling local and seasonal fare to the excellent farm shops in the area. Don't miss the monthly Farmers' Market held in the High Street on the first Sunday of each month.

Walk & Explore

Walking, cycling and riding are all favourite pastimes in Haslemere where visitors are keen to enjoy the fresh air and stunning scenery. There are many interesting local walks and the best starting point for any walk is **Visit Haslemere**, where a selection of free leaflets is available for you to enjoy at your leisure.



Gateway to Surrey, Sussex and Hampshire

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There is plenty to see and do in Haslemere!