

# Horsham

## Time Well Spent

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### The Horsham Experience

In Horsham's attractive centre, the trappings of a provincial Sussex town combine effortlessly with the distinctly cosmopolitan air created by the many outdoor cafés and restaurants that thrive amongst the markets, shops and the many historic buildings in this award winning pedestrianised town centre. Part of the charm is generated by the many independent shops specialising in everything from arts and crafts to superb quality locally sourced produce.

Whether the main purpose of your visit is for shopping, leisure or business, do take a little time to explore and seek out just



The Carfax

a few of the gems that await you in and around the town.

There is no doubt that you will discover the truth behind our slogan; that Horsham is indeed Time Well Spent.

### Horsham's Historic Town Centre

The Carfax, with its pedestrianised cobbled-streets and gas lamps, is the focal point for many of the town's events. Here you will find space to relax, have a coffee, eat outside or enjoy one of the many musical attractions that play at the Bandstand between spring and autumn.

It had long been assumed that the Carfax took its name from 'quatre fois' or four ways despite its being served by five roads. We now realise that its name is a corruption of the much older Anglo Saxon 'sear' or open space, and 'folkes' or public - a public open space - and this explains why the old deeds used the spellings Scarfolks/ Scarfolkes and Scarfax.



The Causeway

South of the Carfax is the Market Square, site of the Town Hall which was built by the Duke of Norfolk in 1812 on the site of the former Market House which had stood there for 300 years. Previously it housed the chamber where the town's law court and the District Council met. Talbot Lane or Pump Alley leads off Market Square and contains several timber-framed buildings. At the entrance to the alley is the Old Posting Box, an early collection point for London mail. Beyond Market Square is the ancient and tranquil Causeway. Here you will find a mixture of 15th and 16th Century houses. Causeway House, which now houses the Horsham Museum, dates back to 1450. At the southern end of the Causeway stands the beautiful St. Mary's Parish Church, completed in 1247. Beyond the church is the River Arun reached via the Memorial Gardens. A narrow foot bridge takes you across the river to Barrackfield, site of the barracks built in 1796 for the Napoleonic Wars and now the town's Cricket Ground.

### Horsham Park

Our park and town centre are just a short traffic free walk from each other. Together, they offer a great day out for all the family.



Play Area, Horsham Park



Park Gardens



- Car Park
- Main Bus Stop
- Taxi Rank
- Tourist Information
- Public Toilets
- Baby Changing

### Food and Drink

Horsham's town centre features a variety of continental style al fresco cafés and restaurants with open air seating; most are located in the Carfax, Piries Place, Bishopric and Forum areas. With over forty five bars, pubs and restaurants, cafes and coffee shops there are eating establishments to suit all tastes from tapas to tandoori, wine bars to fish and chips!

All points on the map are within 10 minutes walk of the Carfax

### A Distinctive Selection of Shops

Horsham is proud of its unique blend of independent shops and national high street names located in attractive streets and pedestrianised areas.



Piries Place is a very attractive partially covered space where Waitrose nestles alongside some of Horsham's most popular independently run specialist retailers, restaurants and bars. Across the Carfax from Piries Place, Swan Walk Shopping Centre is home to a wealth of high street names and a fine selection of national and independent quality brands. West Street and Bishopric are the town's main outdoor shopping areas. The Carfax and East Street leading to Queen Street are home to some of Horsham's fascinating collection of specialist and independent shops and restaurants, located in streets, passages and twittens that are full of history and character.

The Horsham Shoppers' Guide published by Horsham Town Centres Management gives a regularly updated list of the town's shops, restaurants and service providers and can be obtained from the Tourist Information Centre. An interactive version of the guide is available at [www.visithorsham.co.uk](http://www.visithorsham.co.uk)



The Forum is Horsham's most recently developed shopping area with a spacious public piazza and some of Horsham's major stores with an al fresco café.

### Leisure, Art and Entertainment

To the north of Horsham Park is The Pavilions in the Park leisure complex which offers swimming, sports and fitness for all. An outdoor area of the pool is particularly popular in the summer months. [www.thepavilionsinthepark.co.uk](http://www.thepavilionsinthepark.co.uk) The Capitol in North Street is a Theatre, Cinema and Arts Centre combined. A full programme of events is published and can be booked on line. [www.thecapitolhorsham.com](http://www.thecapitolhorsham.com)



The Capitol

### Markets and Events

Horsham has been a bustling market town for centuries and today the town boasts three markets

on a Saturday including a local produce market in the Carfax. Horsham stages a wide range of market based festivals and community events, Visit [www.visithorsham.co.uk](http://www.visithorsham.co.uk) for the latest listings.



### The Best of Horsham's Public Art

- 1 The Rising Universe (the Shelley Fountain).....Bishopric
- 2 The Horsham Heritage Sundial and bronze plinth.....The Forum
- 3 Sungod (Sundial) ..... Park House Garden
- 4 St. Leonard's Forest Dragon.....Horsham Park, Children's maze
- 5 William Pirie (the donkey and cart) .....Piries Place
- 6 War Memorial Roundels .....Carfax
- 7 Three Swans Sculpture and Mosaic.....Swan Walk
- 8 Museum Gardens (the Millais Bronze).....Horsham Museum
- 9 West Sussex County Times Anniversary Sculpture.....Carfax, near bus stop
- 10 Wooden Sculptures .....Horsham Park

See map for locations

### Horsham Museum

The Museum houses a wealth of local history ranging from dinosaur bones to works by the Warnham born poet, Shelley. With over 20 galleries, delightful gardens and ten temporary exhibitions a year, there is always something new to see.



Percy Bysshe Shelley was born and raised at Field Place, a large country house nearby in Warnham. The Shelley family vault is in St Mary's Church, the Causeway. There are many sites in the town with associations with the Shelley family. Visit Horsham museum to find out more. The Shelley Fountain marks the start of the 55 mile waymarked West Sussex Literary Trail, which ends at Chichester Cathedral. [www.westsussexliterarytrail.co.uk](http://www.westsussexliterarytrail.co.uk)



The Horsham Town Trail is a self-guided walk taking in the many fascinating sites and buildings to be found around Horsham's historic town centre; from the Carfax, to the haunts of Shelley. A leaflet to guide you around the Horsham Trail is available from the Tourist Information Office at the Horsham Museum.

An MP3 audio tour is also downloadable from [www.visithorsham.co.uk](http://www.visithorsham.co.uk)

St Mary's Church

