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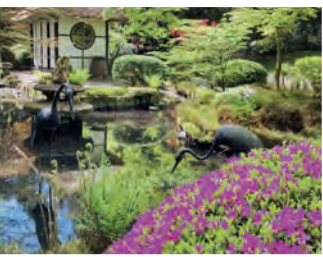
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Every month the town comes alive with the hugely popular Makers Market where over 120 traders fill Princess Street with an incredible assortment of handmade foods and gifts.





WELCOME

Legend goes that in 1016 King Canute, marching north to battle the King of Scotland and Prince of Cumberland, forded a river at Knutsford, creating a crossing which became known as Canute's Ford. Knutsford grew to be one of the most important Cheshire towns, second only to Chester, until the industrial revolution saw other towns boom whilst Knutsford retained a quaint historic charm. Knutsford sits on the doorstep of Tatton Park and boasts a thriving independent Town Centre.

Knutsford is the perfect place to stay as a base to explore our beautiful Cheshire surroundings with their stately homes and relaxing walks or to explore the vibrant cities of Manchester, Liverpool and Chester.

Since 1864, the town has hosted Knutsford Royal May Day, one of the UK's most famous May Day events. Knutsford hosts an array of community events from Easter's Bunny Hop to Christmas Markets and and both a music festival and beer festival. Every month the town comes alive with the hugely popular Makers Market where over 120 traders fill Princess Street with an incredible assortment of handmade foods, homeware and gifts.

This guide, published by Knutsford Town Council, is designed to give you a flavour of what our great town has to offer whether you are looking to visit for a day, stay for a week or moving here to join our community.



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TOWN COUNCIL

Knutsford Town Council was established in 1974 and is the most local level of government for the people of Knutsford. It comprises 15 elected councillors and a team of dedicated officers all of whom work to promote Knutsford as an enjoyable place to live, work and visit.

A Town Mayor is elected from the councillors annually and represents the Town at a range of civic events across the Town and further afield from opening shops to presenting the annual Town Awards. The Mayor also raises funds throughout their term for local charities and good causes including hosting an annual Civic Ball.

The Town Council has grown considerably in the past five years and is now responsible for markets, gold standard public toilets, allotments, the cemetery chapel and its own offices. In 2020 the Town Council will be taking back responsibility for managing Knutsford Cemetery. The Town Council organises a number of events including the Pumpkin Path, Christmas Market and a music festival whilst also providing a range of services from blue plaques, to air quality monitoring floriculture, and employing a Town Ranger who works to keep the town cleaner and tidier.



The Knutsford Town Council Coat of Arms

Originally presented to the Urban District Council in 1955, the Town Council's Armorial Bearings comprise a story of the Town. The blue and gold shield, the liveries of

the Earldom and County of Chester, whilst the cross represents the ancient Cross Town, which is now part of Knutsford. The Cheshire sheaves represent Over Knutsford and Nether Knutsford, once separate townships joined together in 1895 when the Urban District Council was created.

The fleur-de-lys are from the arms of the two Leicester families who were lords of Tabley

You can find out more about the Town Council by visiting www.knutsfordtowncouncil.gov.uk.

and Toft whilst the blue and white waves with ancient crown represent the legend of King Canute fording the River Lily.

The red walled crown represents Halton Castle and the gold lozenges William Fitznigel, Baron of Halton under the Norman Earl of Chester who first held the Manor of Knutsford.

The red lion represents the arms of Egerton and Leigh families, and around its neck is a garland of May for the famous Royal May Day celebrations. The lion holds a book in reference to Mrs Gaskell and the ancient Grammar School.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF KNUTSFORD



Recorded as Cundesford in the Domesday Book of 1085, tradition links Knutsford with King Canute, the Danish prince who took the crown of England in 1016. In 1292, the town's first charter was granted to William de Tabley by Edward I, which saw the establishment of a court, fair and market in 1294. The charter also entitled the town to elect a Mayor.

Historically, Knutsford was one of the most important towns in Cheshire and from 1729-1873 county families would drive to Knutsford in their coaches for the famous racecourse. Quarter Sessions were held in Knutsford from 1575 until superseded by the Crown Court, which closed in 2010. The 1819 Sessions House, behind which stood Knutsford Gaol, is now The Courthouse a boutique hotel, wedding venue and restaurant.

Knutsford was a popular coaching stop, which brought many distinguished visitors to the Town. The most popular coaching inn was on King Street and originally known as The George and Dragon, but later the George Hotel. In 1832 it became the Royal George Hotel following Princess Victoria's stay just five years before she became Queen. The George's heyday was the coaching era when it was patronised by the gentry who built the Assembly Rooms by raising subscriptions.

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Victorian Knutsford, with its cobbled streets was the inspiration for Elizabeth Gaskell's Cranford and in 1845 the Knutsford Freeholders paid for five gas pillar lamps to be installed in the town; one still remains, now one of over 100 listed buildings in the Town, near the entrance to Tatton Park. In 1862, the railway station was opened with trains running firstly to Manchester and from 1863 to Chester. In 1864 the first official May Day was held which in 1887 became "Royal" following Prince Edward (later King Edward VII) bestowing the title on the event.

The early twentieth century saw Richard Harding Watt leave his mark on the town's landscape as he created a series of Italianate buildings; further information on Watt's buildings can be found on page 18. The first free public library opened in 1904 having been built by the Urban District Council with a grant from Andrew Carnegie.

During the Second World War Knutsford was home to General Patton and troops from the American army, where Patton gave his infamous speech which was said to snub the Russians.

Knutsford grew rapidly following the war, with large housing developments undertaken by both the Urban District Council and Manchester Corporation. In 1974, Knutsford Town Council was established, which reintroduced the long-lost office of Mayor of Knutsford. During election campaigning, on 8th April 1997, Knutsford's Heath was the location of the 'Battle of the Heath' between Conservative candidate Neil Hamilton and independent candidate Martin Bell.

You can find out more of Knutsford's history by visiting Knutsford Heritage Centre, see page 12.

ELIZABETH GASKELL & OTHER



Few writers are as closely linked with a particular town as Mrs Gaskell is with Knutsford.

Elizabeth Gaskell is Cheshire's pre-eminent novelist, one of the most important women writers of the nineteenth century. Knutsford is of course Cranford in the novel of the same name and it appears under the name of Hollingford in her last book *Wives*

and *Daughters*. In both books she gives a picture of life in the town which is vivid, amusing and profound and her characters are as real today as they were over a hundred and fifty years ago. Recent television productions of both books have increased their popularity.

Elizabeth was brought up in Knutsford from 1811 by her Aunt Lumb, who lived at Heathwaite House, on Gaskell Avenue. She worshipped at Brook Street Unitarian Chapel and married William Gaskell at the St John's Church in 1832. Many other streets and buildings are associated with her life and her stories. These include the Royal George, then a coaching inn with a ballroom attached, and the Angel Hotel both on King Street. The Old Vicarage on the corner of Drury Lane and King Street and Hollingford House on Toft Road are also referred to. Tatton Park features several times in *Wives and Daughters* as Cumnor Towers.

There is a Gaskell collection at Knutsford Library and an exhibition on Elizabeth Gaskell's Cheshire at Brook Street Chapel. The Knutsford Heritage Centre sells a selection of Gaskell material, including booklets on walks around Knutsford, and runs conducted tours of the town.



The Gaskell Society was born in Knutsford and holds regular meetings, events and trips both in the town and in other parts of the UK.

1 EDWARD PENNY

Born on Silk Mill Street in 1714, Edward Penny was one of the twin sons of surgeon Robert Penny. Edward studied in London before becoming a professional painter. In 1768 he was nominated as one of the founding members for the Royal Academy of Arts and was its first professor of painting.



2 SIR HENRY HOLLAND

Sir Henry was the physician to King William IV; Queen Victoria and Prince Albert. He was born in the house opposite the Royal George Hotel, son of Peter Holland who was also a physician. His sister Elizabeth was the mother of Elizabeth Gaskell, and his other two sisters, Mary and Lucy were the inspiration for Miss Deborah and Miss Matty Jenkins; the heroines of *Cranford*.

Knutsford has been the home to a number of notable figures in history.

NOTEABLE KNUTSFORDIANS

3 GENERAL GEORGE PATTON

General Patton and personnel of the American Third Army were based in and around Knutsford between January and June 1944. His Headquarters was at Peover Hall. It was outside the Old Town Hall that General Patton, invited to open a Donut Dugout, made his famous speech on 25 April 1944.

Some of Patton's Troops were camped on the Heath and in the grounds of Toft Hall, which later became a prisoner of war camp.

5 SIR HENRY ROYCE

Henry Royce moved to Knutsford in a newly built home, Brae Cottage, on Legh Road in 1898 and it was whilst living in Knutsford that he met Charles Stewart Rolls beginning the famous Rolls-Royce partnership.



4 TRUMPET MAJOR SMITH

Major William Smith lived on Love Lane (now Stanley Lane) following his years of military service. He fought in the Afghan and Crimean Wars and was part of the Charge of the Light Brigade in the Battle of Balaclava in 1854. He moved to Knutsford in 1862 after retiring from the army.

He became steward of the Tatton Club, a gentlemen's club located in Tatton Street which began life as a Baptist Chapel and he was in great demand to recite his own poem about the "charge" at local concerts. Whilst he has a gravestone in St John's Churchyard it is not known where he is buried; possibly because he committed suicide.

EDWARD HIGGINS

A gentleman by day but notorious highwayman by night, Edward "Highwayman" Higgins lived at Heath House on Gaskell Avenue. Highwayman Higgins was known to have stolen from a number of the local gentry and was finally caught in Carmarthen where in 1767 he was hanged.



KNUTSFORD HERITAGE CENTRE

In a restored timber-framed building dating back to the seventeenth century linked by a garden courtyard to the exhibition gallery.

To the surprise of many, Knutsford has its own Crown Jewels. Together with other treasures – including the famous Knutsford Millennium Tapestry – they are exhibited at the Knutsford Heritage Centre.

Tucked away behind the bustling streets of Knutsford, down one of the myriad centuries-old narrow passageways off King Street the centre is housed in a restored timber-framed building dating back to the seventeenth century linked by a garden courtyard to the exhibition gallery.

The Crown Jewels are the crowns of Knutsford Royal May Day Queens (see page 34)

The Millennium Tapestry is a triptych completed in 2001, the collective needlework of 3,000 Knutsfordians. The three panels have a combined length of 40 ft and the tapestry is on permanent display.

Knutsford has a rich and varied history and you might like to take a guided walk around the town which will reveal many interesting tales and characters such as Elizabeth Gaskell and Richard Harding Watt, Sir Henry Royce, General George Patton and many more.

The Heritage Centre is run entirely by volunteers. It is funded by private and corporate charity donations and supported by Knutsford Town Council.

For information about the Centre's exhibitions, archives and talks – and to book a guided group walk taking in some of the town's 115 listed buildings and landmarks – visit www.knutsfordheritage.co.uk or Tel: 01565 650506.

*The Centre is open
11am-4pm, Tuesday to
Saturday, and Sunday
afternoons in Summer.*





BROOK STREET HERITAGE SITE

The Brook Street Heritage site includes the beautiful Chapel (the only Grade I listed building in Knutsford), graveyard, gardens, chapel hall and exhibition rooms.

The Chapel is the oldest place of worship in Knutsford having been built in 1689 after the Act of Toleration was passed which allowed non-conformists to build their own places of worship. Because dissenters had been persecuted for so long it was built looking like a farm building with simple diamond shaped glass windows that would not attract too much attention. The Chapel has exterior staircases with places for "lookouts" to stand to warn worshippers of any trouble. Very little has changed since it was first built, and its beauty is in its simplicity.

The graves of Elizabeth and William Gaskell and their two daughters are in the graveyard surrounded by other members of Elizabeth's family, the Hollands.

Nestled behind the Chapel are tranquil gardens and in the centre of the lawn behind the graves sits a Mulberry Tree

sapling from Shakespeare's garden to commemorate the two years Elizabeth Gaskell spent at boarding school in Stratford-upon-Avon.

Unitarians felt education was extremely important for everyone and in 1885 the Chapel Hall was built for the purpose of "educating the common man". The hall is now used for social activities, concerts and hosts the Gaskell Society meetings, Knutsford Photographic Society, Pilates, Rock Choir and the Actor Tribe drama school.

There are two exhibition rooms, the first, "the large room" is dedicated to the eminent authoress Elizabeth Gaskell who worshipped at the Chapel and was also a Sunday school teacher. The exhibition concentrates on her early life in Knutsford and her association with other Cheshire homes and families at such places as Styal Mill, Tatton Park and Tabley House.

As well as attractive and easy to read information boards there is a large doll's house representing her home in Gaskell Avenue and life size models and dolls wearing clothes from the era. The room depicts a

Victorian sitting room with many artefacts on display.

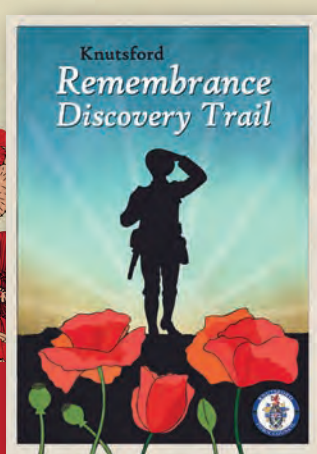
There is an interesting display of Gaskell books and information about her writing created by Knutsford Library. This display is changed every two months.

There are activities for children, which include a dressing-up-box, a trail and a worksheet to identify some of the objects. There is also a TV which shows a film about Gaskell's life, with the cast dressed in period costume.

The Balcony room has boards to explain the Chapel's history and the history of Unitarianism, with an interesting gallery of eminent Unitarians.

Opening Hours
Tuesday 10am to 12pm
Sunday 12pm to 1pm
Any other time by request

Talks can be given on the history of the Chapel and on Elizabeth Gaskell and if required a tour of Knutsford identifying buildings associated with Gaskell. To arrange a visit outside opening hours call Beulah Cornes (01565 632 673), Ann Clayton (01565 651727) or Rev. Jean Bradley (01565 754465)



Pick up a copy of the Knutsford Remembrance Discovery Trail for a guided tour of Knutsford as the soldiers from the First World War would have known it.

WAR MEMORIALS

The Fallen of Knutsford are remembered on a number of memorials across Knutsford.

In 2018, to mark the centenary of the end of the First World War, Knutsford Town Council erected the Centennial War Memorial. The memorial incorporates the statue of Haron Baronian, one of Knutsford's fallen, which previously stood in the grounds of the War Memorial Cottage Hospital. The centennial memorial remembers 246 Knutsfordians, some of whom were not included on previous memorials.

The War Memorial Cottage Hospital is located on Northwich Road and was built by the community following the First World War. It opened in 1922 and incorporates two large wooden panels bearing the roll of honour for Knutsford and the surrounding parishes. Planning permission has been granted to demolish the building and the roll of honour will then be housed in the Council Offices.

The Cross Town memorial sits on Mobberley Road, opposite St Cross Church and is dedicated to those from the St Cross Parish who gave their lives in the First World War.

St John's Church contains three oak panels, two for the First World War and one for the Second World War, bearing the names of those of the parish who gave their lives. The Methodist Church contains a carved oak panel with the names of those of the church who fell in World War One, as well as those who had served and returned.

In Tatton Park a stone memorial commemorates the members of the different parachute regiments which trained in the area and served in the war from 1940 to 1945.

Oka, the former Conservative Club, holds the final memorial in the town bearing the names of members of the Knutsford Working Men's Conservative and Unionist Club who gave their lives in the two conflicts and those who served with the colours.

For more photographs of the memorials and for transcripts of the names contained on the memorials visit www.carlscam.com

CHURCHES

KNUTSFORD METHODIST CHURCH

Located on Princess Street, the Methodist Church caters for all ages on a Sunday in worship and through a range of midweek activities including parents and toddlers, pre-school, children and youth activities, various bible study and housing groups, a Tuesday Afternoon Fellowship and Senior Citizen Lunches.

Morning worship is held at 9.15am followed by Morning Worship & Junior Church at 10.45 and contemporary worship at 6.30pm.

The history of Methodism in Knutsford predates the opening of the present church in 1865 by some 120 years. John Wesley visited Knutsford and preached from the steps of a house near the George Hotel (now Regent Street) in April 1738. These steps are now outside the Church on Princess Street and along with beautiful stained glass window are of particular interest to visitors.

More information: www.kmc.org.uk

ST JOHN'S CHURCH

Located in the middle of the town, St John's is a Grade II* listed building, built between 1741 and 1744 following the creation of Knutsford as a Parish separate to Rostherne. St John's is involved with many areas of parish and town life, hosting civic services, weddings and funerals, with a thriving youth group which shares the gospel with young people from within the church and from the town.

The principal service is at 10.15am on Sunday mornings involving people from a variety of backgrounds and all age-groups. The Church also hosts concerts, conferences and community groups in the church centre. The Church Hill Café, located within the Church, opens Monday to Friday term time, is extremely welcoming to all and serves gorgeous teas, coffees, cakes and light lunches.

More information:
www.stjohnsknutsford.org.uk

Knutsford Methodist Church >



St. John's Church



St. Cross Church

BROOK STREET UNITARIAN CHAPEL

Knutsford's only Grade I listed building was built in 1689 following the Act of Toleration. The chapel holds free Christian worship every Sunday at 11am, with a family service on the first Sunday of the month. The Chapel holds no creeds and welcomes all people regardless of faith.

The Chapel is also home to the Brook St Heritage site, which you can find more about on page 13. The grounds of the chapel are also the resting place of Elizabeth Gaskell.

More information:
www.brookstreetchapel.org

ST VINCENT DE PAUL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Built in 1981 on the site of the old church, St Vincent's boasts a modern octagonal design and sits close to the town centre on Tatton Street.

Mass is held at 9am, 11am and 5.30pm every Sunday and on holydays as well as on different times during the week. The church is also home to several church groups including a parents and toddlers, social committee, twinning group and prayer group.

More information:
www.stvincentsknutsford.org

ST CROSS CHURCH

Located on Mobberley Road, serving the Cross Town, Shaw Heath and Longridge areas of Knutsford, the Grade II* listed church was built in 1880, replacing an earlier church from 1858. The architecture of the church building is noted for its Burne-Jones windows. The worship and outlook of the people of St Cross is of the 'Liberal - Catholic' tradition.

The Eucharist (Holy Communion) is celebrated every Sunday at 9am (Said Service), and on every Sunday except the first Sunday of the month at 10am. Families are specifically catered for at 10am on the 1st Sunday of the month (All-Age Worship), 3rd Sunday (Young Church) and Sunflowers for pre-school children on the 3rd Monday at 10.30am. There is an evening service (Celtic Eucharist) at 6.30pm on the 1st Sunday. There is also a Midweek Eucharist on Wednesdays at 10am, and on specific holy days. In the life of this church there are events, activities and a good social network to which all are welcome.

More information:
www.stcrossknutsford.org.uk

WATTIAN KNUTSFORD

Richard Harding Watt was a glove merchant from Manchester who left his mark on Knutsford's skyline. Once referred to as "the Gaudi of Knutsford", he completed his first signature building, The Old Croft on Legh Road in 1895 where he lived until his death in 1913. Watt was greatly inspired by Mediterranean architecture and brought a taste of Italy with many of the buildings he erected. Watt was also a bird lover, incorporating ledges and niches for birds on all his buildings.

Visitors to Knutsford will undoubtedly notice the Gaskell Memorial Tower but a number of other fine examples of 'Wattian' architecture lay within the town.

KINGS COFFEE HOUSE & GASKELL MEMORIAL TOWER

The most famous of Watt's creations, the Kings Coffee House was built as a coffee house to provide a venue for working men as an alternative to a public house. It was the offices for the Knutsford Urban District Council on which Watt served as a councillor. Designed by Watt and architect William Longworth it opened in 1907. The memorial tower is dedicated to Mrs Gaskell and features a copper bas-relief and a bust of the author.

The Kings Coffee House was named for the column which features the names of all English Monarchs and it features a fantastic Italian mosaic floor and original period features.

LAUNDRY ON DRURY LANE

Watt purchased a derelict tannery and, inspired by a sketch he made in Damascus, created the Laundry Rooms and Worker houses. It was topped by a veranda with a green tiled, eight sided tower. The building is now a series of cottages.

RUSKIN ROOMS

Watt was a fan of John Ruskin and admired his philosophies so when it came to building a social club for the laundry works it was named the Ruskin Recreation Rooms and bore a quote from his works. Built in 1902 and designed by Watt and architect Walter Aston, the building





has had a number of uses over the years; in 1944 a Welcome Club for officers of the American Third Army was opened in the building by General Patton. It is currently an office building home to, amongst others, the Forum of Private Business.

CORONATION SQUARE

The final piece of Watt's town centre jigsaw was Coronation Square, built in 1902 near the Moor it features a Moorish tower and was built for Watt's joiner and clerk of works. The walls featured a number of roosting spots for birds. It is named for the coronation of King Edward VII, which took place that year.

LEGH ROAD

Legh Road is home over 10 grand houses designed by Watt and a number of other associated buildings including The Round House (1900), Breeze (1902), High Morland (1903), Broad Terraces (1905), Aldwarden Hill (1906) and Woodgarth (1904).

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BLUE PLAQUES

Knutsford is proud of its connections with history and the Blue Plaque scheme led by Knutsford Town Council is testament to this. Knutsford has seventeen blue plaques identifying key buildings, as well as a number of 1951 Festival of Britain Plaques.

Fourteen of the plaques are within the Town Centre where you will be introduced to Knutsford's connections with General Patton, Mrs Gaskell, Edward Penny RA, Queen Victoria and notable buildings in the Town's history such as the Royal George.

Outside the Town Centre, Legh Road is home to two Blue Plaques. One is dedicated to co-founder of Rolls Royce, Sir Henry Royce who lived at Brae Cottage from 1898 to 1908. Another is located at The Old Croft where Richard Harding Watt lived from 1895. Watt was a glove merchant and his unique buildings are a defining influence in Knutsford's architectural landscape (see page 19).

The latest Blue Plaque is located at Heathfield Square. This square was built by Knutsford Urban District Council in 1922 in response to the government's 'homes fit for heroes' building programme following the First World War.

Festival of Britain plaques also mark the homes of Elizabeth Gaskell, Trumpet Major Smith, the first Knutsford Royal May Queen, the infamous Highwayman Higgins and the steps from which John Wesley preached in Knutsford.





TOURS OF KNUTSFORD

Knutsford is a beautiful town to explore and visitors can take advantage of a number of guided and self-guided tours.

MUSEUM IN THE STREET

The Museum in the Street is a self-guided tour around the town centre provided a live 'then and now' view of Knutsford. Each board features a collection of old photographs and a history of the surrounding area, showing the changes that have taken place in Knutsford over the past century and providing a remarkable glimpse into the past.

Start: Canute Place with a double-sided master board.

REMEMBRANCE DISCOVERY TRAIL

The Knutsford Remembrance Discovery Trail is a self-guided tour published in 2018 to mark the centenary of the end of the First World War. The tour leads you to explore the town as the soldiers leaving Knutsford in 1914 would have known it and visits each of Knutsford's war memorials. The trail includes information on the town a century ago and a number of photographs. You can pick up a copy of the trail from the library, heritage centre or market hall.

Start: Centennial War Memorial outside the library.

HERITAGE CENTRE TOURS

Knutsford Heritage Centre provides a range of hour-long tours of Knutsford led by the knowledgeable volunteer guides. The Tails and

Start: Knutsford Heritage Centre. Call 01565 650506 to book

GASKELL'S KNUTSFORD TOUR

Both Knutsford Heritage Centre and the Brook Street Chapel offer tours where you can discover Knutsford as the real Cranford and discover more about our connection with the author including her childhood home, the church in which she married and the buildings which feature in her books.

Contact:

Knutsford Heritage Centre (01565 650506) or Brook Street Chapel (01565 632 673)

TASTE KNUTSFORD

Taste Knutsford is a three-hour walking food tour of the town, visiting a range of eateries and sampling the gastronomic delights of Knutsford. A foodie guide will take you through Knutsford's narrow streets. See page 29 for more information.

Book: www.tasteknutsford.co.uk

TOWN CENTRE

With an extraordinary number of independent retailers nestled down our narrow streets in historic buildings, Knutsford town centre has a somewhat unique feel. Princess Street and King Street (or Top Street and Bottom Street to the locals) are the main two shopping streets with more shops along Canute Place, Regent Street and Minshull Street.

The town centre is the perfect place to shop for a loved one with a stunning selection of shops offering unique and memorable gifts. Whether you are looking for high quality art, world leading perfumes or something for a cycling fanatic, Knutsford has the solution.

Planning a wedding? Knutsford offers you everything from the finest wedding gowns at our unique boutiques, a selection of high quality jewellers, suits and a florist plus with a

Knutsford has been described as the gastro-capital of Cheshire...





number of fantastic venues on our doorstep there is no better place to start planning.

Need a finishing touch for your living room? The three-storey Knutsford Antiques Centre is a treasure trove for antique-hunters and Knutsford has some fantastic new treasures on offer from the likes of Oka and Arthur Lee too.

Fashion hunters will find everything from premium denim to lingerie and swimwear with a phenomenal range of specialist stores. From

designer suits to outdoor gear, Knutsford offers it all. Knutsford also hosts several popular high street stores including Fat Face, Carphone Warehouse, Waterstones and Mr Simms Olde Sweet Shoppe. We also have a range of high street banks and pharmacies to help make your visit as smooth as it needs to be.

When it's time for a break from shopping, you'll be spoilt with choice in Knutsford. We have a number of fantastic independent cafes, tea rooms and delis offering everything from afternoon

tea to a simple bacon sandwich (and everything in between).

Knutsford has been described as the gastro-capital of Cheshire, and with over twenty places to visit for your evening meal, offering everything from a traditional pub pie to the finest French cuisine, you really will be spoilt for choice. Our many bars and pubs will quench your thirst whether you're seeking a pint from Knutsford's own Tatton Brewery or an elaborate cocktail.







PARKS & OPEN SPACES



Knutsford is a town blessed with a range of open spaces for residents and visitors to enjoy and with Tatton Park (see page 40) on the doorstep the Town is a great place to enjoy the best of the English weather

The Moor is a Green Flag park in the centre of Knutsford and offers visitors the perfect place to enjoy a picnic, see ducks, swans and moorhens, and play in the well-equipped play area which includes a playhouse, swings and a zip-line. The Moor is host to a number of events including an annual Rotary Jog, National Play Day, Music on the Moor and an RSPB birdwatch.

Knutsford Heath is a 13 acre Common Land including lowland heath and woodland. Wildflowers thrive on its meadow and the Heath is a popular dog walking spot. The Heath is host to the crowing of the Royal May Queen (see page 34), a huge annual funfair, a car boot sale and a circus.

Wallwood, a pocket woodland at the top of King Street, is a popular spot for workers taking lunch breaks. It has a number of benches amongst the bluebells and mature trees. Behind Booths supermarket is a small garden providing another quiet place to each lunch outside. The Barncroft, a field behind St Cross Church, features small football goals perfect for a kickabout.

Many of the residential areas in Knutsford have their own small community greens and equipped play areas are located on Boothfields and Longridge. Two natural woodlands, College Wood (Thorneyholme Drive) and St John's Wood (between Southfields and Longridge) offer a space to enjoy nature. Also located on Longridge is the site of St Helena Church, where three-hundred year old gravestones mark the site the town's original church stood.



MARKETS

Since 1292, when the Charter was bestowed upon the town by King Edward I, Knutsford has been a market town.

Knutsford Market Hall, on Silk Mill Street is a traditional indoor market where you will find a greengrocer, butcher, greeting cards, household essentials, photography, clothing, plastic free weight and save and a fantastic little café (with award winning sausage rolls).

On the first Sunday of the month from February to November, Princess Street is transformed into the Makers Market, showcasing some of Cheshire's finest food and craft producers where you can find everything from the finest Cheshire cheese, tasty dips and sauces, traditional



jams, tempting treats and a fantastic selection of crafts and gifts, the Makers Market offers something for everyone.

A two-day Christmas Market, organised by the Town Council, accompanies the Christmas Lights Switch On and like the Makers Market brings a host of the best foods, crafts and gifts into the centre of Knutsford with live entertainment and street food.

PENNY FARTHING MUSEUM

A unique attraction in Knutsford began in 1978 when Knutsford antique shop owner, Glynn Stockdale, was asked if he would like to buy a 'Penny Farthing'; awakening in Glynn a childhood fascination with the big wheeled machines. A collection began and the rest, as they say, is history.

Glynn went on to collect hundreds of early bicycles and with other likeminded enthusiasts founded the decennial Knutsford Great Race for vintage bike enthusiasts. The next Great Race is will take place in 2020 and planning is well underway!

In 1989 the Penny Farthing Museum was opened. Housed in the Courtyard Coffee Shop, to the rear of 92 King Street, the museum is home to up to 40 examples of this unique mode of transport.

Penny farthings were only made for 20 years, from 1871 to 1891, but young Victorians developed a cult following for them and even when they realised the chain-driven bikes were faster, they continued to ride their penny farthings well past their sell-by-date.

The museum includes earlier velocipedes and memorabilia and examples

of early wooden 'Hobby Horses', 'Boneshaker' and the famous 'Starley Giant' - the largest Penny Farthing ever made. The fascinating collection of 'Ordinaries' (as Penny Farthings were originally known) contains some of the most collectable and valuable machines still in existence including some of the rarest early wooden machines and children's models.

*Don't miss the
Knutsford
Great Race
13th September
2020*

Opening Hours

November to January

Monday 9:30 - 4pm

Tuesday/Wednesday 10am to 3pm

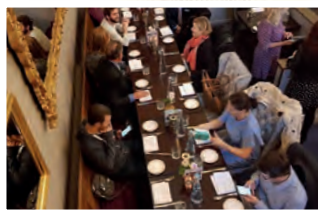
Thursday to Saturday 9:30am to 4pm

February to October

Monday to Saturday 9:30am to 4pm

Sunday 10am to 4pm





TASTE KNUTSFORD

Taste Knutsford is a walking food tour of the Town Centre hosted by a group of eateries who are passionate about food and our town.

We have about 13 restaurants, bars and cafes in our tour family and on any particular tour you will visit around up to 10 of these. You could be sampling brunch, charcuterie, ice creams and sorbets, or tapas, afternoon tea and gins - we aren't joking when we say you will come away full.

All our partners are dotted along Knutsford's narrow streets. Our tour guide is a bit of a foodie so the emphasis is on the food but we also throw a little bit of heritage in too.

Tours last around 3 hours starting at 11 am and finishing around 2 pm. Most stops will be 'on the go' tastings but two will be sit down and if you want to you can buy an extra drink (at a special price just for us). We keep our tours small and friendly so normally no more than 15 people. We run our tours in all weathers (we are British after all) so please come prepared.

Knutsford streets can be quite narrow but our guide is experienced at leading you round as well as pointing out some of the unique buildings and history our town has. We take group bookings, think our tour is best suited to 14 years plus and can cater for vegetarians/food intolerances etc as well. Just let us know when you book.

Find out more and book online at: www.tasteknutsford.co.uk



This was an AMAZING food tour of Knutsford, which we did as part of a family day out. We had the pleasure of being guided by 2 fabulous ladies, the venues were fab, the food was yummy and we had plenty to drink! Great value for money, a really enjoyable day and a great way to learn about Knutsford's finest independent eateries. Highly recommend this to anyone.



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We bought the taste Knutsford tour as a Christmas present for family. Everyone loved it, fantastic value for money (we were completely stuffed by the end) and a great way to learn about Knutsford's independent pubs and restaurants.



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CHRISTMAS IN KNUTSFORD

「The key event in the Knutsford Christmas calendar is our Christmas Market Weekend which includes a parade through the town led by none other than Father Christmas.」





Knutsford Christmas Weekend is centred around a two-day festive street market. Princess Street is filled with an array of stalls offering tasty treats and unique gift ideas with live entertainment throughout the day and plenty of mulled wine on offer to keep you warm. This Market is a traditional market – very family friendly with stalls selling high quality, often hand-made, items and is a pleasurable way to get your Christmas shopping done.

The Parade and Christmas Light Switch On take place on the Saturday of the Christmas Market with Santa leading his elves along King Street into Canute Place where an incredible range of local entertainment thrills the crowds until the lights go on.

A Community Crib Service takes place the following Saturday featuring carols chosen by the Mayor and singing from local schools and choirs. It is a lovely Christmas event.

There are a host of smaller community events taking place over the festive period, from carol concerts to Christmas Tree festivals. In addition, Knutsford shops and restaurants, although worth a visit at any time of year, are particularly stunning at Christmas with some amazing displays so take your time to visit them all.

Pick up your guide to all the events taking place in Knutsford over Christmas from early November at the library, market hall, council offices and businesses across the town.

Christmas Market Dates

2019 November 30th and December 1st

2020 November 28th and November 29th

2021 November 27th and November 28th



The festival is designed to appeal to a range of tastes with events ranging from string quartets and classical pianists to modern folk, blues and Britpop.

KNUTSFORD

Knutsford Music Festival is a community music festival launched in 2017 and led by Knutsford Town Council. It brings together venues across Knutsford to create a weekend of events covering a range of genres.

Headline performances take place across the three days and the festival includes a number of fringe events hosted by local businesses across the Town Centre which run for the entire three days of the festival. The festival is designed to appeal to a range of tastes with events ranging from string quartets and classical pianists to modern folk, blues and Britpop. Previous headliners have included the award winning Rebecca Downes, Dodgy and Miles Hunt.

Visitors to the festival could be seeing a string orchestra in a church, taking part in an African drumming workshop on the Moor or enjoying a craft beer with a singer songwriter. The festival includes 'Folk at the Theatre' a three day celebration of folk and roots style music hosted by BBC Radio 2's Mark Radcliffe.



*The festival takes place annually in June.
Find out more about the festival at
www.knutsfordmusicfestival.com.*

MUSIC FESTIVAL





“the Prince and Princess of Wales (later King Edward VII) bestowed the prefix “Royal” upon the event “

KNUTSFORD ROYAL MAY DAY

The first Saturday of May has been a highlight in the Knutsford calendar for over 150 years as the annual Knutsford Royal May Day festival takes place. Dating back to 1864, the event was started by Rev Robert Clowes and in 1887 the Prince and Princess of Wales (later King Edward VII) bestowed the prefix “Royal” upon the event.

Each year the large procession promenades through Knutsford Town Centre featuring hundreds of local children dressed as a variety of characters, from a Town Crier, Jack-in-the-Green, Mrs Gaskell, Royal Jesters, Highwayman Higgins, characters from popular nursery rhymes and many more. The Royal May Queen is escorted through the town with her Ladies-in-Waiting to the Heath for the crowning ceremony where she is crowned by the Crown Bearer.

A popular tradition accompanying the Royal May Day festivities and believed to be unique to Knutsford is the custom of sanding the streets. The origins date back to King Canute who after fording the river sat down to shake sand from his boots. It became the tradition to sand the homes of the bridal couple and this tradition has continued into the May Day festivities.

John Collins Funfairs deliver one of the largest funfairs in the country in Cheshire for Knutsford Royal May Day evolving from eight rides in the 1930s. A large firework display also accompanies the weekend festivities.

You can find more information on the event online at www.knutsford-royal-mayday.co.uk.



A rather unique attraction to Knutsford is Cuckooland, an incredible Cuckoo Clock Museum nestled just outside Knutsford in Tabley. This assortment of rare and unique clocks was gathered by Roman and Maz Piekarski who together have collected and restored hundreds of clocks over the past thirty or so years and the brothers have dedicated the remainder of their working lives to improve and complete the collection.

Visitors to Cuckooland will see “Cuckoo and Quail” clocks, “Trumpeter” clocks and other associated musical movements which will play at intervals during your visit. The collection includes a 41 keyless Wilhelm Bruder concern organ.

The collection continues to change as they restore and display new clocks acquired for the collection. The brothers have thorough knowledge of every clock

in their collection, giving an interesting talk on the history of these clocks and explaining unique details of the pieces in their collection.

Open Daily
Telephone
01565 633 039
for booking details
and opening times.

KNUTSFORD LITTLE THEATRE



The award winning “Knutsford Little Theatre” is located on Queen Street in the centre of Knutsford. One of Cheshire’s best venues for live theatre, it presents a broad programme of drama drawn from a rich tradition of playwriting both old and new. Productions include Classic/Comedy/Drama/Junior Musicals and Pantomimes.

One of Cheshire’s
best venues
for live theatre...



All people are welcome to come along to back stage nights (Thursdays) and to take part in a variety of activities in addition to acting roles.

The theatre, which has been serving the community for over 80 years, features a licenced bar and tiered auditorium which seats 100 people.

The theatre is available for hire along with an extensive range of props, costumes and stage equipment.

*For more information, including
current productions,
visit www.knutsfordlittletheatre.com,
call 01565 633 000
or email info@knutsfordlittletheatre.com.*

Knutsford has a wide range of flourishing sports clubs and leisure facilities. The Leisure Centre on Westfield Drive, open daily, offers facilities for tennis, squash, swimming, fitness classes and badminton, as well as a fully-equipped gym. Three further gyms, a Pilates studio and a small yoga studio are available within the town.

Knutsford Sports Club, located on Mereheath Lane, includes an indoor archery range, archery field, cricket pitch, squash courts and all-weather tennis courts. It is home to the Squash, Tennis, Archery and Cricket clubs.

Knutsford Golf Club, on Mereheath Lane, was founded by Lord Egerton in 1891 and open to non-members most weekdays. It is home to a welcoming and friendly community of like-minded golfers, their friends and families. Members can participate in an exciting social programme featuring a host of formal dinners, dances and summer barbeques as well as snooker competitions and bridge evenings in the winter.

SPORTS AND LEISURE

Lord Egerton also founded **Egerton Youth Club**, also on Mereheath Lane. The Youth Club is a purpose built sports and leisure facility which provides facilities for the young people of Knutsford enabling them to meet and take part in sport, leisure and social activities.

Knutsford has two bowls clubs. **Cranford Bowling Club**, which has a green at the rear of Oka, and Crosstown Bowling Club, off Chelford Road.

Knutsford has dedicated Football and Rugby teams which play regular matches in the town and across Cheshire.

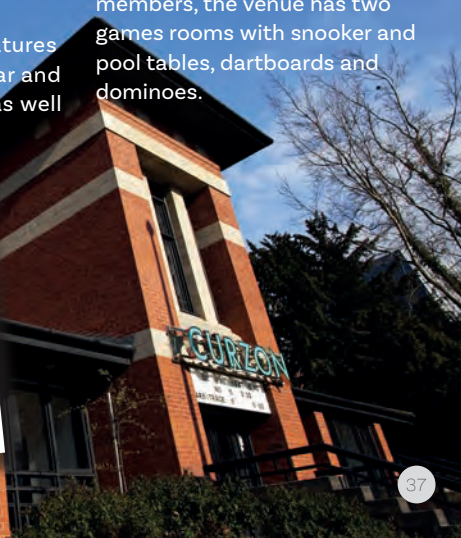
LEISURE

The Curzon cinema features a fully licenced café-bar and screens new releases as well

as contemporary cinema, live opera, ballet and art films. It was refurbished in 2018 adding two new screens.

The Tatton Club is a snooker and billiards club established in 1926 and based in the former Baptist Chapel on Tatton Street and once managed by Trumpet Major Smith. It is a private members club which is always looking for new members to join the friendly, informal atmosphere.

The Shaw Heath Social Club is an established community venue with a large function room available for hire. A private members club which is always looking for new members, the venue has two games rooms with snooker and pool tables, dartboards and dominoes.



RHS TATTON



Situated in Knutsford's gorgeous deer park, the annual RHS Flower Show Tatton Park returns to inspire green fingered experts and novices alike every summer. Visitors are invited to get growing and embrace what gardening means to them with an array of amazing blooms, gardens, entertainment, artistic inspiration and fun for all the family.

The iconic Back to Back Gardens take centre stage, each unique and quirky in their design. These gardens will inspire you and you will leave full of ideas for your own garden. Creepy crawlies take over the huge Dome structure as The Bug Hub explores how some of our insect friends and foes interact in our own gardens and what we can do to live in harmony with these vital creatures. Following on the bug theme, the Show will celebrate the iconic children's book The Very Hungry Caterpillar with fruit and caterpillar structures, bug-inspired School Garden designs and a host of special children's activities in the Green Fields family area.

A brand new feature garden offers exciting insight into RHS Garden Bridgewater due to open in Salford in 2020 and breathe new life into the lost historic gardens of Worsley Hall. Experience Dahlias as never before with a field of over 500 blooms made from five different varieties, and get to grips with your home turf at Mow Town with live demos and advice on achieving your lawn of dreams. Visitors are also invited to 'Dig In' to the new

cookery and gardening theatre featuring back to basics demos and a variety of herbs and edible plant displays to satisfy any grow your own guru.

A long established champion of youth in horticulture, new talent and design remains at the heart of the show with the RHS Young Designer Competition encouraging budding designers from all over the country to create their own garden and bring their designs to life, mentored by award-winning designers Mark Gregory and Catherine McDonald from Landform Consultants.

Overflowing with plants and flowers the Floral Marquee and all new Plant Hub - home to Plant Societies and Plant Heritage - invites visitors to indulge in their favourite florals or discover a new blossom with displays from some of the country's best nurseries, including top picked Master Growers.

RHS Tatton Park is a hub of expert knowledge on everything from propagation to pest control, so do visit our RHS Gardening advice team for top tips and advice, or pop along to one of their many talks and demos for entertaining inspiration and hands on gardening activities.

Offering all of this and more, alongside hundreds of shopping stalls, live music and delicious artisanal food and drink, RHS Flower Show Tatton Park really is the perfect way to spend a hot summer day.

For tickets visit www.rhs.org.uk

TABLEY HOUSE



Just two miles from the centre of Knutsford you will find Tabley House; historically the home of the Leicester family from the early 14th Century. The present Tabley House was completed in 1767 and is the only example of an 18th century Palladian country house in Cheshire.

The state rooms, including the Entrance Hall, Drawing Room, Dining Room, Common Parlour, Oak Hall and Gallery are all open to the public.

The House is home to a fantastic collection of important paintings collected by the Leicester family, including work by JMW Turner, William Dobson, Sir Thomas Lawrence, John Martin, and James Ward.

Tabley House also has a fine collection of furniture dating from the 17th to early 20th century, including various pieces by Gillow, Bullock and Chippendale.

Tabley House Tea Room is situated in the Old Hall Room at Tabley and offers light snacks and traditional afternoon teas all freshly made. The 17th Century Chapel is also open to the public.

Opening Times

Tabley House is open April to October from Thursday through to Sunday plus Bank Holiday Mondays from 1pm until 5pm. Entry is £5 (adults) or £1.50 (children and students). The Tea Room is open on the same days as the House from 12 noon until 5.30pm.

For further information visit www.tableyhouse.co.uk or telephone 01565 750151.



TATTON PARK

Knutsford sits on the doorstep of one of the most splendid historic estates in the UK which for 400 years was home to the Egerton family. It is now open to the public and offers a host of activities for a wonderful day out.

Walking through the Knutsford Gate into Tatton Park is free of charge and visitors immediately enter the 1,000 acres of open parkland which is home to herds of Red and Fallow Deer. The Parkland is a fantastic place to amble around, following the paths or roaming into the open grassland. Visitors can explore the park on foot, bicycle or horseback.

The Mansion is set amidst 50 acres of beautifully landscaped garden and was remodelled in the late 18th century. The Mansion is lavishly furnished, housing one of the National Trust's finest libraries and an outstanding collection of Gillows of Lancaster furniture. The extensive display of domestic offices, servant's quarters and kitchens paint a vivid picture of life in a bygone era.

For over 200 years the 50 acres of Gardens have been developing and today visitors can see an almost complete picture of

how the Gardens existed in the Edwardian era. From a fantastic walled kitchen garden, Japanese garden, Glasshouses and Pleasure areas. The maze is popular with younger visitors and the arboretum contains almost 900 interesting and varied trees and plants.

Tatton's Farm is an authentic working farm where you can meet rare breed animals and see new arrivals throughout the year. In its heyday the Farm helped feed the whole of the Tatton estate, and this has been brought to life through the 'Field to Fork' story. There's lots for families and grown ups to do, including exploring the recently reopened 3 storey agricultural mill, meeting characters from the past, following the production of food from field to fork – including inside the Farm's original slaughterhouse and enjoying demonstrations such as cheese making, milking and traditional farming techniques. The Old Hall is Tatton Park's hidden gem.





Opening Information

	High Season (30 Mar – 26 Oct 2019)	Low Season (27 Oct 2018 – late Mar 2020)
Park*	Daily 10am -7pm	Tuesday to Sunday 10 am – 5 pm
Farm*	Tuesday to Sunday 12 pm -5 pm	Saturday & Sunday 11 am -4 pm
Gardens*	Daily 10 am -6 pm	Tuesday to Sunday 10 am -4 pm
Mansion*	Wednesday to Sunday 1 am -5pm #	Open for Xmas late Nov and Dec
Old Hall	Various	Open for Halloween

Once the heart of the estate, it was built at the turn of the 15th and 16th centuries and the single storey great hall still retains the shadowy atmosphere of Tudor times. It hosts various historical events throughout the year, including the well-known Halloween Haunting event.

The cobbled Stableyard is a great destination for shopping and dining during your visit. It includes the Stables restaurant and Gardener's Cottage tea room, both of which use seasonal produce from Tatton's own walled kitchen gardens whenever possible. The fabulous Gift shop offers a wide choice of stylish gifts, traditional souvenirs and contemporary gifts. The well-known Housekeeper's Store sells local speciality foods, foodie treats and cheeses. Also stocking rare breed lamb and pork, and venison; all of which have been reared within the park (availability subject to seasonality). The charming Garden shop is a great place to pick up seasonal plants, garden gifts and seasonal produce from the walled kitchen gardens.



** Last entry 1 hour before close
open 12 – 4 later in the year.
Please check www.tattonpark.org.uk for up-to-date times.
Charges apply for entry to farm, gardens, mansion and old hall.
National Trust members receive free entry to the mansion and gardens and a 50% discount on entry to the farm.
Entry by car or minibus is £7.*



EXPLORE THE AREA

Knutsford is the perfect place to base yourself to explore Cheshire and puts you a short distance from some of the best national parks and stately homes in the North West.

JODRELL BANK (6.5 MILES)

Explore the wonders of the universe and learn more about the workings of the giant (76m) Lovell Telescope.

ARLEY HALL AND GARDENS (7.5 MILES)

Be enchanted by a series of gardens within a garden. Lovingly created by successive generations of the same family, the gardens reflect their tastes and interests. The newest is the Woodland Grove created by the current Viscount Ashbrook.

LION SALT WORKS (7.5 MILES)

A restored historic open-pan salt making site close to Northwich. Visitors can discover how the salt works operated and the impact of salt on the Mid-Cheshire people, economy and landscape.

NETHER ALDERLEY MILL (8 MILES)

Take a guided tour around this Elizabethan mill to see working machinery, centuries old graffiti and discover about the life of a miller.

DUNHAM MASSEY (8 MILES)

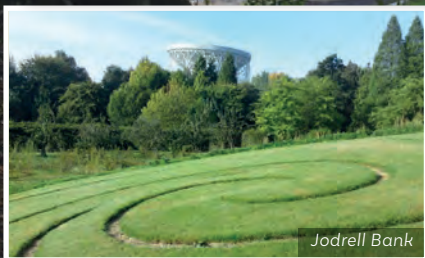
The hall was originally built in 1616 and subsequently remodelled in the mid-18th century. The park estate covers nearly 200 acres, and has one of the largest

Lyme Park





Gawsworth Hall



Jodrell Bank



Quarry Bank Mill

concentration of old trees, dating back over 400 years, in the North West.

QUARRY BANK MILL (10 MILES)

Quarry Bank Mill is one of England's best industrial heritage sites, and shows how a complete industrial community lived. You will be amazed by the sounds and smells of steam and water-powered engines including the most powerful waterwheel in Europe!

ADLINGTON HALL (13 MILES)

The great hall, from which the house grew, was completed in 1505 and its east walls are supported by petrified oak trees. Adlington's Great Organ is a fantastic example of the organmaker's art and

England's most important 17th century instrument which, legend has it, was once played by Handel!

GAWSWORTH HALL (13 MILES)

A truly ancient manor house, a Norman house was rebuilt in 1480 and remodelled in 1701. The grounds host an extensive range of performances and events, including craft fairs and open air theatre.

DELAMERE FOREST (16.5 MILES)

You can reach Delamere Forest on the train from Knutsford and has three different walking trails around the forest and lake. A number of concerts are held at the forest in the

summer and it includes Go Ape Treetop Adventure taking you high above the forest floor!

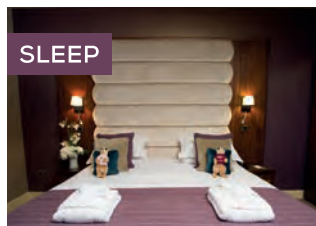
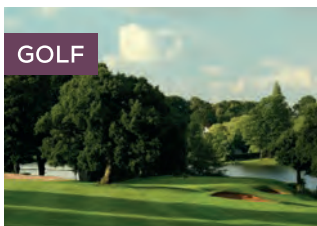
LITTLE MORETON HALL (18 MILES)

This National Trust property has changed little over the past 500 years. The manicured knot garden is a must see, and seasonal produce grown on site is used in the Restaurant and Little Tea Room.

LYME PARK (18.5 MILES)

Lyme Park nestles on the edge of the Peak District and was home to the Legh family. The 1300 acre estate has a mediaeval herd of red and fallow deer and offers stunning walks and views. The house famously became 'Pemberley' in the BBC adaptation of *Pride and Prejudice*

TOGETHERNESS by THE MERE



Take time out from it all and look forward to unwinding in an award-winning spa, tasting a dining experience like no other, enjoying a relaxing overnight stay, playing 18 holes on a Championship Golf Course or inspiring your next business moment. Live in The Moment at The Mere Golf Resort & Spa.

01565 830 155 | reservations@themereresort.co.uk | themereresort.co.uk



HOTELS

The Rose and Crown, King Street

The Rose and Crown has a long history of providing accommodation for travellers and business people for the past 300 years. With nine deluxe double and king en-suite rooms, recently refurbished and styled with a contemporary finish. Pet friendly and WiFi included.

www.roseandcrownknutsford.co.uk 62 King Street, Knutsford, WA16 6DT 01565 652 366
reservations@rosencrownknutsford.com

The Angel, King Street

This old coaching inn is situated in the heart of the town centre. The hotel has been refurbished throughout and boasts standard and superior rooms with additional flat-screen televisions and jacuzzi baths.

www.joseph-holt.com/pubs/view/angel-king-st 98 King Street, Knutsford WA16 8HQ 01565 651 165
info@joseph-holt.com

The Cross Keys, King Street

The purpose built accommodation wing offers 13 quality bedrooms. All bedrooms are en-suite, with a selection of single, double and twin rooms available.

www.crosskeysknutsford.co.uk 52 King Street, Knutsford, WA16 6DT 01565 750 404 mail@crosskeysknutsford.co.uk

Courthouse Hotel, Toft Road

Set in the Grade II* listed former Crown Court the Courthouse offers three luxury bedrooms (with eight more opening soon) each individually designed and including a library of novels!

www.thecourthousecheshire.com

The Cottons Hotel, Manchester Road

The Cottons hotel is just outside Knutsford town centre and features a first-class spa. Hotel rooms are modern in design with elegant furnishings.

www.cottonshotel.com Manchester Road, Knutsford, WA16 0SU 01565 755 351
cottons@shirehotels.com

The Mere Golf Resort and Spa

Three miles from the centre of Knutsford, a red-bricked Victorian archway leads to the Mere's acres of Countryside, 18 hole championship golf course and spa. Local produce is served at the three restaurants and lounge bars.

www.themereresort.co.uk Chester Road, Knutsford, WA16 6LJ 01565 830 155
sales@themereresort.co.uk

Mere Court Hotel, Mere

Just two miles from Knutsford, it was originally built as a private residence in 1903. Set in 7 acres of gardens and grounds with a private lake. It has a range of different rooms. www.merecourt.co.uk Warrington Road, Mere, WA16 0RW 01565 831 000 sales@merecourt.co.uk

Moss Wood Lodges

Located just outside Knutsford on Seven Sisters Lane, Moss Wood offers two stunning self-contained boutique lodges with king-sized beds, WiFi and kitchens – they can even arrange Cheese and Charcuterie boards, wine and champagne should you want to stay put and relax. www.moss-wood.co.uk

Tatton Stays

Newly launched managed short lets stays and serviced accommodation. Ideal for Knutsford; Tatton Park, Hale, Altrincham and Manchester Airport. www.tempproperty.com/tattonstays

Airbnb

There are a number of properties available on Airbnb from single rooms to three bedroom houses. www.airbnb.co.uk

Outside Knutsford

There are a range of B&Bs and a Travelodge outside Knutsford for those who would like to base themselves outside of the town. Websites such as www.tripadvisor.co.uk or www.booking.com offer more information.



The Mere Golf Resort & Spa, Knutsford, is one of Cheshire's premier 4* resort destinations, offering 81 luxurious guest bedrooms, including ten suites each with contemporary interiors. It also offers a Championship Golf Course, golf services and the North West's only floating driving range, two delicious restaurants, including one AA Rosette, Browns, and The Club Lounge & Bar. There is event capacity for up to 550 people and an award-winning Health Club & Spa complete with a 20 metre swimming pool, a selection of spa treatments and over 50 fitness classes a week.

www.themereresort.co.uk

Chester Road, Knutsford WA16 6LJ

01565 830 155

reservations@themereresort.co.uk



VISITING **KNUTSFORD**

DRIVING

Knutsford is conveniently located close to the M6 and M56 making arriving by car extremely easy. There are a number of car parks in the town centre, marked on the town centre map on the centre pages. Car parking prices start at just 50p for one hour. When entering a car park, ensure you note the maximum stay, as they vary at different sites. All car parks are pay and display and Cheshire East car parks are free of charge on Sundays and after 6pm.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Knutsford Railway Station is located on Toft Road in the centre of the Town. Monday to Saturday there are hourly services to and from Manchester Piccadilly, Stockport, Altrincham, Chester and Northwich. Sunday services are less frequent. There are regular buses serving Knutsford Monday to Saturday from Macclesfield, Altrincham, Wilmslow and Northwich. www.transportdirect.info is a useful website for helping plan journeys by Public Transport.

TAXIS

There are a number of taxi firms operating from Knutsford and Uber can be used for journeys into Manchester.

Abacus Taxis – 01565 755 533 | Amber Cars – 01565 650 707

TOWN INFO

CEMETERY

Knutsford Cemetery is on Tabley Hill Lane and is open from 9am until dusk daily. Managed by Orbitas (01625 383 946) until 31/12/19
Managed by Knutsford Town Council (01565 653 929) from 01/01/20.

CITIZENS' ADVICE

Knutsford Town Council Offices, Toft Road
Wednesdays and Fridays 10am to 12:30pm
The Welcome Café, Longridge
Wednesdays 2pm to 4pm
01625 432 847

CORONER

Cheshire District, Town Hall, Sankey Street, Warrington.
01606 363 393

HEALTH SERVICES

Annandale Medical Centre

Mobberley Road
01565 755222

Manchester Road Medical Centre

Manchester Road
01565 633101

Toft Road Surgery

Toft Road
01565 632681

Knutsford Community Hospital

Bexton Road
01565 727220

LIBRARY

The Library is located on Toft Road and features a customer service point for Cheshire East Council services, including concessionary travel tickets.
01625 374873

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Knutsford Town Council

Council Offices, Toft Road
01565 653 929
www.knutsfordtowncouncil.gov.uk
Twitter: @KnutsfordTown

Cheshire East Council

Offices in Macclesfield, Sandbach and Crewe
0300 123 55 00
www.cheshireeast.gov.uk

NEWSPAPERS

Knutsford Guardian

Thursdays
01606 813 600

ALLOTMENTS

Warren Avenue, Sparrow Lane and Mereheath Lane
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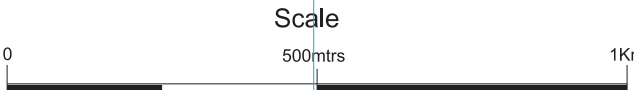
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