# Attractions

# 1 Alresford Millennium and Alre Valley Trail

A favourite with many is the Alresford Millennium and Alre Valley Trail, a self-guided trail about a mile long which links together footpaths around the town, with illustrated boards introducing the history of Alresford, its inhabitants, railway line, wildlife and rural surrounds. Explore a little further and add on the optional loop known as the Alre Valley Trail.

Download the trail from visitwinchester.co.uk/brochures



## **2** Old Alresford Pond

In 1189 Godfrey de Lucy was consecrated Bishop of Winchester and it is he who is said to have devised a grand plan for improving the trade both of Winchester and Alresford by the construction of a "navigation" on the river Alre and Itchen. Old Alresford Pond is a large shallow lake that attracts significant numbers of wetland birds and is one of the best inland sites in Hampshire for migrant waders. The area is also known for its many watercress beds, which have long been of ornithological interest.

# 3 Great Weir

Henri de Blois, brother of King Stephen and Bishop of Winchester, is credited with the idea of building the Great Weir or dam and designing the T-shaped town of Novum Forum, soon to become New Alresford. He died before the completion of the project and Godfrey de Lucy, his successor as Bishop (1189–1204) finished Alresfords T-shaped town centre, as we see it today, still based upon the original burghage plots laid out by the developers.



# 4 St John's Parish Church

It has been the Parish Church of New Alresford since 1851. However, we know from the Domesday Book that there was a church in New Alresford soon after the Norman Conquest, Until 1851 it was part of the Parish of Old Alresford. St John's now forms part of the Arle Valley Benefice which is made up of the parishes of New Alresford, Ovington, Old Alresford and Bighton.



For downloadable walking and cycling trails around Alresford visit newalresford-tc.gov.uk



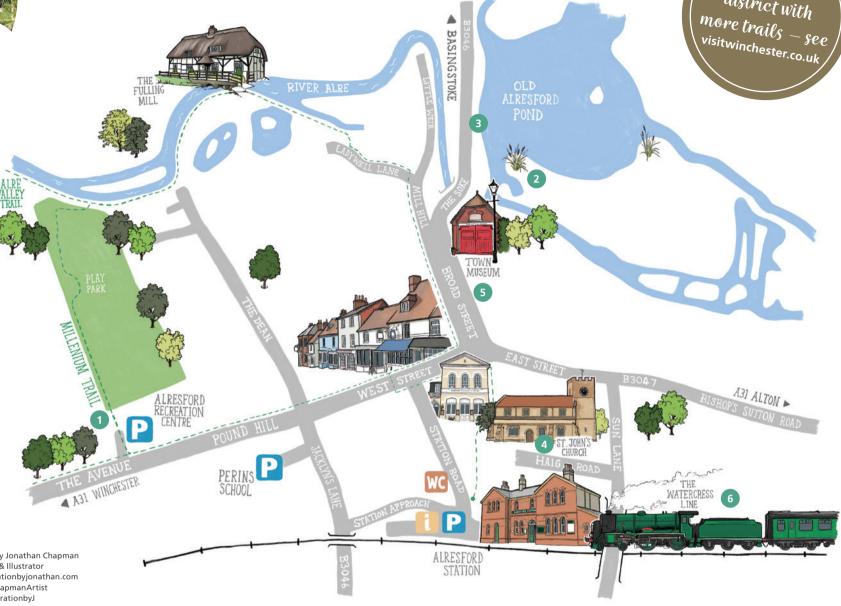


#### 6 The Watercress Line The Railway Station | Station Road New Alresford | SO24 9JG | 01962 733 810

Let off steam and travel on a lovingly restored Steam trains through 10 miles of beautiful Hampshire countryside.

Look out for family events and dining trains throughout the year

# Alresford Map



# Where to stay

# THE SWAN HOTEL

11 West Street swanhotelalresford.com

### THE BELL INN







### Sutton Wood Lane, Bighton, SO24 9SG two-hoots-glamping-site

business.site

### THE BRICK HOUSE

Cheriton, SO24 0PR brickhousecheriton.co.uk

### WATERCRESS LODGES AND CAMPSITE

Dean Farm, Bighton Hill, Ropley, SO24 9SQ watercresslodges.co.uk



Discover the district with

### HOLDEN FARM CAMPING

Cheriton, SO24 0NX holdenfarm.co.uk

AVINGTON PARK FARM COTTAGES

Park Farm, Avington, SO21 1BZ avingtonholidays.co.uk



# Where to eat

TIFFINS TEA ROOMS 52 West Street | 01962 734 394

THE GLOBE The Soke (off Broad Street) 01962 733 118

THE SHAPLA 60 West Street | 01962 732 134

THE BELL INN 12 West Street | 01962 732 429

THE SWAN HOTEL 11 West Street | 01962 732 302

CARACOLI 15 Broad Street | 01962 738 730

PULPO NEGRO 28 Broad Street | 01962 732 262

MANGE 2 DELI 44–46 West Street | 01962 733 189

NO. 32 BROAD STREET 32 Broad Street

THE SANDWICH SHOP 51 West Street | 01962 807 551

THE ARLEBURY CAFÉ Arlebury Park, The Avenue 07597 716 797

SHAH'S AROY THAI 21 Broad Street | 01962 656 390

COURTYARD TEA ROOMS 19 Broad Street | 01962 733 303

THE HORSE AND GROOM 2 Broad Street | 01962 734 809

COFFEE #1 2–4 East Street | 01962 734 196

HEIDI'S PATISSERIE 13 West Street | 01962 736 795

DAVE'S FISH AND CHIPS 23 West Street | 01962 734 111

PARTY AT THE MILL Station Mill, Station Rd 07387 265 123

WATERCRESS LINE WEST COUNTRY BUFFET The Watercress Line,

The Railway Station | 01962 733 810 THE CRICKETERS

Jacklyns Lane | 01962 469 930

HOBBY HORSE 6-8 Broad Street | 01962 733 933

## PULPO tap a SNEGRO

# Where to shop

RITUAL 5 East Street | 01962 736 888

DELILAH BOUTIQUE 34 West Street | 01962 738 470

SUSIE WATSON DESIGNS LTD 16 West Street | 01962 734 171

RAGAMUFFIN 2 Bakehouse Yard 01962 734 488

HAIR ART 17 East Street | 01962 736 398

**DESIGN REALITIES** 36 West Street | 01962 732 507

MODA ROSA 35 West Street | 01962 733 277

BILLY GOAT 11 East Street | 01962 733 926

SOLE BUTCHERS 5 Broad Street | 01962 735 221





THE NAKED GRAPE 20 West Street | 01962 732 002

ALRESFORD CHIROPRACTIC CLINIC 49 West Street | 07973 777 451

EDDOLLS CARPETS LTD 30 Broad Street | 01962 735 715

D&G HARDWARE 13 Broad Street | 01962 733 133

AGE UK 21A Broad Street | 01962 735 242

ALRESFORD LIBRARY 20 Broad Street

WESSEX FUNERAL SERVICES 24 The Dean | 01962 388 470

STUDIO 49 26 The Dean | 01962 738 683

ALRESFORD COSTUME HIRE 4 East Street | 01962 738 802

LOUISA SLADE JEWELLERY Bakehouse Yard | 07747 794 619

RICHARD STEEL 58 West Street | 01962 798 789

GIBBONS SOLICITORS 3 East Street | 01962 736 926

HELLARDS ESTATE AGENTS 11 Broad Street | 01962 736 333

WILDBUNCH FLORISTS 14 West Street | 01962 735 097

C E EVANS AND SON 8 West Street | 01962 732 477

ALRESFORD BEAUTY 24A West Street 01962 735 553

HARTOG DENTAL

4 Pound Hill | 01962 733 580

THE CO-OP 47 West Street | 01962 733 078

OAKLEAF STATIONERY

56 West Street | 01962 736 116 ALRESFORD

HEARING STUDIO 42 West Street | 01962 790 749



# Plan your trip

#### **GETTING TO ALRESFORD**

The town of New Alresford is situated off the A31 between Winchester and Alton. Follow the brown and white tourist signs to the Watercress Line. Two hours free parking is available at Arlebury Park car park (SO24 9EP) with two further pay and display car parks in town.

- BY STEAM RAILWAY 10 miles from Alton Station. Tel: 01962 733 810 or go to watercressline.co.uk for running times.
- BY BUS Regular services from Winchester, Southampton, Alton and Petersfield. Tel: 03451 210 190 or go to stagecoachbus.com for information. Cango (rural bus service): Tel: 08456 024 135 or visit hants.gov.uk
- Winchester City Council has a network of **ELECTRIC VEHICLE** -= CHARGING POINTS (EVCP)s across the district. Find the locations at winchester.gov.uk/parking/other-parking-facilities
- **FURTHER INFORMATION:**

alresford.org | alresfordchamber.co.uk

43 West Street | 01962 736 162

LONG BARN The Old Sheep Fair, **Bishops Sutton Rd** 01962 738 684

ROXTONS

D BARKER AND SONS **40A West Street** 01962 732 200

JUST BECAUSE AND DAISIES HAMPSHIRE 40 West Street

MY DENTIST 38 West Street | 01962 733 173

RAWLINGS OPTICIANS Bay Tree House | 26 West Street

NEW ERA TRAVEL 22 West Street | 01962 396 100

01962 734 744

ALRESFORD HAIRCARE



10 West Street | 01962 732 192

WAGGLESWORTH 4 West Street | 07522 728 195

WESSEX PHARMACIES 5 Broad Street | 01962 732 445

ALRESFORD LINEN 7–9 Broad Street 01962 734 221

LAURENCE OXLEY 17 Broad Street 01962 732 998

ALRESFORD BUILDERS MERCHANTS 18 The George Yard 01962 734 202

HOUSE OF GALLET **19 Broad Street** 01962 735 362

FOWLER AND SMITH **30 Broad Street** 

**TESCO EXPRESS** 14 Broad Street 03450 269 385

тне тоу вох 4 Broad Street | 01962 736 045

ASH TURKISH BARBERS 1 East Street | 01962 807 574

PRADO 3 East Street | 01962 734 727

# Attractions further afield

### Hattingley Valley Wines Wield Yard | Lower Wield | SO24 9AJ

Simon Robinson founded Hattingley in 2008 planting 25 acres of vineyards on chalky, south sloping fields. An eco-friendly, state-of-the-art winery was built in time for its first vintage in 2010. With over 100 awards and three 'World Champion' trophies to date, they are one of the most respected producers of English sparkling wines in the country. Visit Hattingley Valley for a tour and tasting.



Book online at hattingleyvalley.com | 01256 389 188

## National Trust —Hinton Ampner



INTERIOR STYLE

29 West Street | 01962 736 311

HÊTRE 39 West Street | 01962 733 312

## BUILDING SOCIETY 5 West Street 03452 661 296

MATHESON

3 West Street

01962 732 336

NATIONWIDE

OPTOMETRISTS

LLOYDS BANK 9 West Street | 03456 021 997

CHARTERS ESTATE AGENT 17 West Street | 01962 734 633

HANDMADE RUGS 19–21 West Street 01962 734 504



18 West Street | 01962 733 100 SIX WEST 6 West Street | 01962 734 075

#### SO24 0LA | 01962 771 305



This elegant country manor and tranguil garden sit so harmoniously within the landscape that one cannot exist without the other.

> The house was lovingly rebuilt by its last owner, Ralph Dutton, after a catastrophic fire in 1960. Enjoy the beautifully proportioned rooms which house his exquisite collection of ceramics and art, each window offering undisturbed views to the tranquil countryside beyond.

nationaltrust.org.uk/hinton-ampner

#### **EVENTS AT A GLANCE**

If you're looking to discover Alresford's true character, time

Highlights include:

- Watercress Festival (May)
- Grange Park Opera (June)
- Alresford Show (September
- Christmas late night shopping, events and activities (December).

#### **DISCOVER MORE OF THE** WINCHESTER DISTRICT

If you liked Alresford, why not exploi market towns of Wickham and Bisho Waltham with the help of our market town maps and **Discover Winchester District's Market Towns** guide?

#### Winchester Visitor Information Centre & Gift Shop

Winchester Guildhall, High Street, Winchester, SO23 9GH Tel 01962 840 500 Email tourism@winchester.gov.uk Web visitwinchester.co.uk

Monday to Saturday 10am to 5pm, closed between Christmas and New Year Open Sunday 11am to 4pm May to September

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If you would like this leaflet in a larger format please contact the visitor information centre.





