

WELCOME

Thame is a thriving, award winning market town, perfectly situated in beautiful South Oxfordshire, with Oxford and the Chiltern Hills within easy reach.



The town has a rich history deriving from Anglo-Saxon roots; ancient medieval buildings mingle with those dating from the Tudor, Georgian and Victorian eras, right through to the modern day.

Over the years, Thame has developed its own strikingly individual character complete with an iconic boat-shaped high street, testifying to its origins as a bustling marketplace.

Thame's 800-year-old market continues weekly and is complemented by speciality markets that visit the town throughout the year.



TRAILS

There is an abundance of excellent walking, cycling and historical trails in and around Thame



Historic Walking Trails. Three historic trails, each taking 1-1.5 hours, will allow you to explore Thame's past.

Commemorative Plaques Trail

Discover the famous people connected to Thame, including James Figg the first bare-knuckle boxing champion of England, W.B. Yeats, Henry Boddington and Alfredo Campoli.



Walking Trails

Thame offers a selection of walks from the town centre out to surrounding villages, ranging from 2-6 miles that allow you to explore the beautiful English countryside around the town; an 'Outer Circuit' - an approximately 20 mile circular walk through the Oxfordshire countryside surrounding Thame, with linking routes allowing exploration of shorter sections, and a 4 mile 'Inner Circuit' making use of existing paths, pavements, tracks and trails within the town.



Public Art Trails

Shorter interactive trails, best enjoyed with a phone enabled with a QR code reader. Each trail brings to life different elements of Thame's heritage and history.

All trails are available as leaflets from the Town Hall Information Centre, or online via thametowncouncil.gov.uk/visit-thame/town-trails



MIDSOMER MURDERS



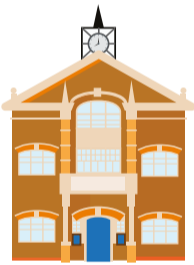
Thame is one of the most frequently used filming locations for the popular ITV series Midsomer Murders, with 23 filming locations. The town appears as Causton, as well as one of many other villages in the fictional county of Midsomer.

You can experience Midsomer in Thame in the following ways:

- Join the weekly Guided Walking Tour that takes place regularly between April and October, starting outside the Town Hall. To secure your place on this limited-numbers tour, tickets can be bought in advance from ticketsource.co.uk/thamemidsomer or from Thame Town Hall Information Centre. Alternatively, you can arrange a bespoke tour by emailing thamemidsomertours@gmail.com.
- Pick up a trail leaflet from the Information Centre and do a self-guided tour
- Head to 8 Upper High Street to visit Rumsey's Chocolaterie (a filming location) where you can buy a Midsomer Lollipop
- Take a Midsomer selfie outside the Town Hall - ask for the Causton Town Hall sign in the Information Centre and place it over the Town Hall sign
- Purchase Midsomer themed books and gifts at the Information Centre and museum.



INFORMATION CENTRE



Located inside Thame Town Hall is the Information Centre, where our friendly and helpful team have the latest details about our town and are available to answer your questions.

What you can do at the Information Centre:

Pick up leaflets about Thame and the surrounding areas to make the most of your visit.

Purchase tickets for the latest Thame Players show at Thame Players Theatre Box Office.



Book tickets (and join the start point) for the Midsomer Murders Tours of Thame.

Purchase souvenirs.

Get information about local transport.

Opening times can be found at thametowncouncil.gov.uk/visit-thame/information-centre

EVENTS

There is always something going on in Thame including local fairs and speciality markets, food festival, music, theatre & arts events, annual carnival and duck race, street fun fairs, charity events and our Christmas Light Switch on. With such a full calendar of events there is bound to be something to enjoy when you are here. Discover what's on by visiting thametowncouncil.gov.uk/community/festivals-and-events



The historic market town of Thame is a great place to visit

There is an exciting calendar of events; walks that explore heritage, history, nature and our links to Midsomer Murders; as well as a vibrant town centre featuring a museum, theatre, independent shops, restaurants and pubs.

Getting here

Thame has excellent road links to Oxford (A418), Aylesbury (A418) and Bicester (B4011), and to London and Birmingham by the M40 motorway. It is also well linked by bus direct to the town and train to Haddenham & Thame Parkway Station, 2 miles from Thame.

Links to current services and to information about where to park when you come to Thame can be found at thametowncouncil.gov.uk/visit-thame/getting-here.



Thame Leaflets:

- [Historic Town Trail 1](#)
- [Historic Town Trail 2](#)
- [Historic Town Trail 3](#)
- [Midsomer Murders Trail](#)
- [Commemorative Plaques Trail](#)
- [Local Walking Guide](#)
- [Thame Outer Circuit](#)
- [Thame Inner Circuit](#)
- [Cuttle Brook Nature Reserve](#)
- [Public Art Trails](#)

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Visitor Guide

THAME

Town centre map included



thametowncouncil.gov.uk/visit-thame

1 ST MARY'S CHURCH

A large historic parish church built c.1242 with many alterations. It has a number of interesting features, including a wall painting, tombs and monuments, including one of Lord Williams and several picturesque gargoyles and corbels.

In the ancient churchyard is the grave of Robin Gibb, from Bee Gees fame, who used to live in The Prebendal, found behind the church in Priestend. Priestend leads to a bridge that takes you over the 'dark flowing' river from which the town takes its name.



3 TOWN HALL

Located in the heart of the town, the Town Hall is Grade II listed, built in 1887 to commemorate Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee. Today it is the location of an Information Centre, and regularly hosts arts & craft fairs, and community activities.



4 MARKETS

Thame's 800-year-old weekly Tuesday market, held in the town's Upper High Street Car Park, continues to offer a vibrant display of fruit, vegetables, meat and bread, alongside clothing, gifts and household goods. It is joined by a Local Produce Market on the second Tuesday of each month, and is complemented by speciality markets that visit the town throughout the year. Find out more: thametowncouncil.gov.uk/visitthame/a-market-town



5 MEMORIAL GARDENS

Take some time out and enjoy the peace in our Memorial Gardens. Former Prime Minister Lloyd George unveiled the War Memorial here in 1921.



2 THAME MUSEUM

Located in the former County Court, Thame museum is packed with displays dating over 5000 years of history in and around Thame.

A must-see is the room displaying Elizabethan wall-paintings, which date from the 1500s and a Saxon burial urn and Neolithic finds from a recent archaeological dig in Thame.

New to the museum is a permanent display gallery dedicated to the 20th century music icons, the Bee Gees, that is filled with artefacts, photographs and other memorabilia from the personal archive of Robin's widow, Dwina.

The museum also has a large photographic collection that provides an intriguing overview of Thame's history, and runs an active programme of talks and exhibitions. www.thamemuseum.org



7 CUTTLE BROOK NATURE RESERVE

This unique piece of 'semi-wild' countryside free from roads is just a few minutes walk from Thame town centre. The site is home to a rich diversity of wildlife and has thirty acres of mixed meadows, woodland, sedge and reed beds, hedges, trees, riverbanks and scrubland. Meandering right through the reserve is a tributary of the River Thames called the 'Cuttle Brook', which springs to life in the Chilterns. A quick, circular walk can take just twenty minutes. If you have an hour or more, there's a network of paths with plenty to see, and it's different every time you visit. cuttlebrook.org.uk



6 THE PLAYERS THEATRE

The only dedicated theatre serving the town and surrounding areas. Owned and run by Thame Players Theatre Company, a lively, successful amateur dramatics group. It has a consistently good track record as a first class venue for live performances and cinema.

The theatre's varied programme includes plays, comedy and pantomime. Visiting shows include musical performances, comedy acts and celebrity appearances. Regular film screenings are hosted by Thame Cinema for All, with children's films being delivered in partnership with the Red Kite Family Centre. www.thameplayers.co.uk



SHOPPING

Thame's streets host a great variety of shops, cafes and restaurants. What truly makes a shopping experience in Thame unique are the many independent businesses that choose to call Thame 'home'. Jewellers, gift shops, arts & craft galleries, clothes and accessories boutiques, a unique bookshop, florists, beauty clinics, homewares and a fantastic toy shop.



FOOD & DRINK

If you love food, then a short stroll around Thame town centre will set your taste buds tingling as you come face to face with delicious artisan bakers, delicatessens and butchers, plus several eateries that focus on seasonal and local produce. Full listings: thametowncouncil.gov.uk/visit-thame/eat-drink-shop



ACCOMMODATION

If you are looking for somewhere to stay in or around Thame there are different options from hotels to B&Bs, self-catering accommodation to campsites. Browse listings: thametowncouncil.gov.uk/visit-thame/accommodation

