Welcome to Hunstanton

Popular with visitors since Victorian times, the classic resort of Hunstanton which was purposely built in 1846 by local landowner Henry Styleman Le Strange provides a cherished mix of Victorian charm, coupled with plenty of opportunities for fun, play and excitement. Hunstanton is proud of its far reaching appeal with thousands of day trippers and holidaymakers; young and old coming to enjoy what the resort has to offer, including the spectacular sunsets.

There are two sides to Hunstanton; the main resort of Hunstanton is famed for its distinctive striped cliffs (voted in 2014 as one of 100 Great Geosites in the country by the Geological Society) and fabulous beach which offers ideal conditions for playing on the sand, exploring rock pools and enjoying the sea. Only a mile further along the coast to Old Hunstanton, the quieter, more traditional face of the resort has more of a village feel with cottages built of Norfolk carrstone.

You can walk from one resort to the other, enjoying the views of the beach and sea, and taking in the exhilarating water sports action in this vast playground.

The town also hosts a range of popular annual events including the Hunstanton & District Festival of Arts, Hunstanton Carnival, the Hunstanton Kite Festival and much more. Find out about all the events in Hunstanton from the friendly Tourist Information Centre at the top of The Green.

Key features of Hunstanton are the beautiful gardens and cliff top walk. In 2018 Hunstanton was awarded a Silver Gilt for RHS Britain in Bloom as well as a Gold Award and overall winner in the Coastal Resort Category of Anglia in Bloom. With the beautiful Esplanade Gardens, Boston Square Sensory Park and The Spinney, as well as the beautiful cliff top walks to Old Hunstanton, the resort has lovely outdoor spaces to enjoy, as well as the beach.

Hunstanton provides an excellent base to explore the coast and countryside. For walkers the beautiful Norfolk Coast Path starts from Hunstanton. At nearby Holme-next-the-Sea you can also head inland through the heart of the idyllic West Norfolk countryside on the historic Peddars Way. Close by cyclists can challenge themselves by following the National Cycle Network Route 1.

The special environment of West Norfolk provides some of the finest nature reserves in the country and Hunstanton provides the perfect touring base for outstanding opportunities for bird watching at both the RSPB reserves at Titchwell and Snettisham. Neighbouring Heacham with its pleasant village and extensive sandy beach is well worth visiting. Away from the coastline itself there are a host of great attractions to visit such as; Norfolk Lavender, Snettisham Park, Birchinham Windmill and Royal Sandringham.

Resort Services
At Hunstanton and nearby Heacham, the Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk provides a range of services for the safety and welfare of visitors in summer months including a beach patrol service on the south prom. The Beach Office next to Alive Oasis operates a first aid and a lost child service. Times vary. Hunstanton beach was again awarded the coveted Seaside Award for 2017, for high standards of cleanliness, beach management and facilities.

Tel: 01485 535150

Alive Oasis
Alive Oasis with its wide selection of action-packed facilities is the perfect location for a fun filled family day out. From the twists and turns of the aqua slide to the warm waters of the main pool, sunshine and laughter is guaranteed in our tropical paradise. The shallow toddler pool is the perfect place to introduce your little ones to the water and the whirlpool spa provides the perfect haven to lie back and unwind.

Alive Adventures is Hunstanton’s most exciting all-weather children’s play space! The breath-taking indoor play area will provide hours of fun. Suitable for under 10s and those under 142cm tall.

With its outdoor terrace seating area, the Alive Bites Café is the perfect place to relax and enjoy panoramic sea views.

Open daily throughout the year.
www.aliveleisure.co.uk/alive-oasis
Tel: 01485 534227

Hunstanton Heritage Gardens
Esplanade Gardens received funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund to deliver the Hunstanton Heritage Gardens project in 2017, restoring and enhancing the Victorian gardens, surrounding Greens and Cliff Top areas. With stunning views from the new ‘Lookout’ viewing platform, large open play area for families to enjoy and traditional crazy golf and putting greens the gardens are a great place for everyone to relax. Hunstanton’s relationship with the sea and its history are brought to life with photographic tiles, information boards and signposted walks.

A packed programme of events runs from April onwards to complement the restoration project with activities ranging from Bug hunts to ceramic workshops and Nordic walking to the Soap Box Derby. To find out more visit www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/hunstantonevents

Events
For details of events and entertainment in and around Hunstanton, visit Hunstanton TIC or our comprehensive online Events & What’s On section at www.visitwestnorfolk.com. Event organisers can contact Resort Services to plan an event in the resort.

Watercraft Permits for Power Boat Ramp Users
All users must obtain a permit before they can launch. Permits can be obtained from Resort Services at Alive Oasis. Users must show data tag number (jet skis), name of boat (powered boats) and valid insurance.

Tel: 01485 532610
Email: info@visithunstanton.info

For powered boats and jet skis, RYA Level 2 must be held by each driver and a SBDA certificate for British water ski members
Tel: 01485 535150 for more details.

Dog Owners
From 10th April - 31st October, dogs are not permitted on the beach from the power boat ramp, to the northern extremity of the promenade at any time. Dogs on the promenade must be kept on a lead at all times. Under the dog fouling legislation dog owners are required to remove dog faeces deposited by their dogs wherever they are in Hunstanton.

Tourist Information Centre (TIC)
Located in the historic Town Hall which dates back to 1896, the Tourist Information Centre is prominently situated at the top of The Green, in the heart of Hunstanton and overlooking the seashore.

Tel: 01485 532610
Email: info@visithunstanton.info

The Centre is open 7 days a week throughout the year. Times vary according to season. Please call or check our website for exact times depending on when you want to visit.

TIC Services Available: Accommodation booking service for visitors to the TIC, information on places of interest and attractions, town walks, heritage trail leaflets, souvenirs, Rover car park tickets, national guides and maps of the area and tickets to local events, some at discount prices.

Public Transport
For details of the Coasthopper bus service as well as other local and national bus information phone Traveline: 0871 200 2233. Alternatively call into the TIC for bus timetables. See map overlaid for bus station.

Market Days
Sundays & bank holiday Mondays all year

Wednesday, 4 July to 29 August

All markets are held on the Southend Car Park, (on the Seafront), Stalls open by 8am and close around 3pm.

Tel: 01553 616202
Email: markets@west-norfolk.gov.uk

Early Closing Day
Officially half day closing is Thursday, but most shops do stay open.

www.visitwestnorfolk.com
Bowling Green* Enjoy a game of bowling with magnificent views of the beach. Twelve grass lanes are available to hire daily from 1st May. Bookings and equipment hire available at the crazy golf pavilion.

Putting, Crazy Golf and Play Area Brush up on your putting skills or try out the crazy golf course. Open daily 1st April to 30th September (weekends & school holidays only during October). Group bookings: 01485 535150

Boston Square Sensory Park A beautiful landscape providing a small park for which stimulates the senses of sight, smell, hearing and touch, designed with disabled users in mind.

Esplanade Gardens This beautiful garden provides a blaze of colour in spring and summer which is an ideal spot for simply relax and breathe in the fresh sea air.

Day Chalets A guaranteed haven from the summer crowds and a perfect base for a family day trip to the beach. Three chalets available from 1st April to 31st October. Tel: 01485 535150

The Green & The Band Stand The heart beat of the resort with excellent views of the Wash and amazing sunsets. Live music performances often take place on the Bandstand during the summer months.

Alive Oasis See overleaf.

Roller Skating* A fun outdoors roller skating rink for the whole family to enjoy. Weather permitting and located within the Alive Oasis grounds, the skating rink is suitable for all ages.

The Princess Theatre Situated in the heart of the resort, The Princess Theatre has long traditions as a popular live entertainment venue. Tel: 01485 532795

Tourist Information Centre See back cover.

Sea Life Sanctuary A spectacular indoor aquarium also featuring otter and seal sanctuaries. The whole attraction was fully refurbished in 2014 with stunning new displays.

Blackbeard’s Adventure* On the South Promenade discover, enjoy an 18-hole golf themed adventure course playing your way through a pirate and Aztec setting. Open daily throughout the year. Tel: 01485 534444.

Fun Fair* Along the South Promenade discover a mixture of rides and stalls for all the family to enjoy.

Sea Tours* Unique and exciting guided sea tours for all ages provides a fascinating and fun insight into discovering the coastline of the Wash. For tour times contact Tel: 01485 534444.

Sea Front Traders Along to the south beach, there are numerous stalls selling all the seaside favourites, including food and souvenirs.

Shopping & Markets There are over 500 shops within the town centre ranging from the well known to the long established independent shops. Bargain hunters should not miss visiting the well established independent shops. Bargain hunters should not miss visiting the long established independent shops.

Seaside Amusements There are various entertainment arcades, souvenirs and gift shops around the town, including The Fabulous Showboat, Thomas No.1 Bingo and Pier Family Entertainment.

Seasides Resort Golf & Country Club Includes 27 holes of golf including a challenging 9 hole golf course and the championship length Heacham Manor. Also available are tennis courts, bowls green, fishing lakes and crazy golf.

Water Sports* The West Norfolk coast provides a vast playground to enjoy a variety of water sports, from sailing and jet skiing to the excitement of windsurfing, kite surfing and waterskiing. Hunstanton offers some of the best conditions in the country for these popular sports.

The local sailing and waterskiing clubs have regular racing and events such as the British Waterski Racing Championships. Learn to kite surf or windsurf and for the less adventurous you can hire a sea kayak or pedalo.

For more information contact: Hunstanton Sailing Club www.hunstantonsc.co.uk Tel: 01485 534705 (weekends)

Hunstanton Ski Club hunstanton@skiclub.org.uk


Hunstanton Kayaks www.hunstantonkayaks.co.uk Tel: 07910 188114 Private hire, tuition or group trips available.

Foot Golf* A family friendly alternative to traditional golf, offering a fun, easy and accessible way to get into golf. /br Valley Golf Club By Hunstanton, norfolk PE36 5LX Tel: 01485 535150 Every Sunday between 9am - 12noon.

Le Strange Old Barns Situated in Old Hunstanton, a fine display of local watercolours, antiques and collectibles, plus working pottery and visiting craft demonstrations. Open daily except Christmas.

Lifeboat Station Follow the path to the beach from Old Hunstanton beyond the Le Strange Arms Hotel. The Lifeboat Station is open to visitors every Sunday between 9am - 12noon.

Pitc & Puit* Open daily 1st April to 31st October (weekends & school holidays only during October). In the event of indendent weather please call 01485 535150 for more information.

Fool Golf* Hunstanton’s 9 hole Foot Golf course opened in 2015 along-side the Pitch & Putt. Open daily 1st April to 31st October (weekends & half term only during October). In the event of inclement weather please call 01485 535150.

The Spinney The Spinney which connects the High Street, bus station and routes down towards the seafront is a great place to relax. Look out for the wall of vintage photographs and performance area, a great location for community events.

Horticultural Trail The West Norfolk in Bloom Hunstanton Horticultural Trail includes well established gardens and lesser known corners where new gardens are taking root. Copies from the TIC.

Hunstanton Heritage Centre Situated next to the Princess Theatre, the heritage centre has fascinating displays about the history of Hunstanton. Normally open 1 April - end October, Wednesdays, Saturdays, Sundays and bank holiday Mondays 1pm - 5pm. (Wednedays, Saturdays and Sundays 12pm - 3pm in March). Please check for times. www.hunstantonvisitsociety.org.uk

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FREE CHILDREN’S WRISTBANDS to help reunite you with your child.

Norfolk Constabulary and The Borough Council of King’s Lynn and West Norfolk provide free wristbands for children when visiting the beach at Hunstanton. A parent or guardian’s contact number is listed on the underside of the wristband and in the event that families become separated, this can help us to re-unite you with your child. The wristbands are available from the beach patrol hut on the promenade and other various locations within the town.