West Norfolk HOLIDAY Guide 2020

Enjoy the classic seaside resort of Hunstanton

Discover King’s Lynn, a town brim full of history and heritage

Visit historic castles, houses, priories and abbeys in abundance

Explore west Norfolk for wonderful walking | super cycling | brilliant bird watching | exhilarating water sports
WELCOME

to west Norfolk, a truly special place of unspoilt charm and natural beauty. Renowned for its superb coastline, much of it an ‘Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty’, this wonderful part of Norfolk is the ideal place to relax, unwind and soak up the sheer sense of space and tranquility.
West Norfolk’s wide open landscapes

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Why not take the opportunity to

- Follow a waterside trail along the Nar Valley Way or the Fen Rivers Way
- Escape from the car - hop on the Coastliner bus to explore the beautiful coast
- Take a family trip to Church Farm Stow Bardolph or go on a Deer Safari at Snettisham Park
- Be sure to bring your binoculars – the wildlife is fantastic
TIME TO RELAX

One of the great pleasures of west Norfolk is the chance to immerse yourself in an idyllic mix of old-world charm, natural landscapes and some splendid places to stay and to eat.

Rippling towards the coast the wide rolling landscape is a wonderful mix of forest and farmland, with uninterrupted views broken only by the occasional church spire or windmill. Stop off in charming villages to buy some fine local produce or sample some excellent local seafood such as oysters, mussels, shrimps and crabs fresh from the sea.

Explore Old Hunstanton with its mix of hotels, pubs and craft centre. Stroll down to the beach past colourful beach huts nestling amongst the dunes. From here you can walk past the famous striped cliffs all the way to elegant Hunstanton with its seafront, beautiful gardens and shops. Look out for the majestic sunsets, a really special feature of this west-facing east coast resort!

Visit a host of art galleries, studios and workshops to sample the work of local artists and take home a truly original souvenir.

Check out some of the excellent theatre and arts venues to enjoy exhibitions, live performances or perhaps take part in a workshop. Why not plan your visit during one of the many festivals taking place each year in King’s Lynn and throughout West Norfolk (see pages 38 to 41 for details).

Why not take the opportunity to

- Have a lazy pub lunch down by the River Great Ouse
- Relax amongst the dunes on an unspoilt beach
- Take in the sights and scents of some beautiful gardens and nurseries
- Sample great local produce – perhaps visit a farmers’ market
A highlight of any trip to West Norfolk is a visit to Sandringham House, the Royal Family’s country retreat. The house, museum, country park and gardens are all a delight.

Not far away is splendid Houghton Hall built in the 1720s by Sir Robert Walpole, Britain’s first Prime Minister. The hall is one of the finest Palladian houses in the country, set in 450 acres of Deer Park. It has a 5 acre award-winning walled garden and amazing model soldier collection.

Just along the coast the stately Holkham Hall and its parkland is well worth a visit, whilst Oxburgh Hall near Downham Market is a beautiful Tudor house with a magnificent gatehouse and moat. The stunning village of Castle Acre is truly rich in history, with the 12th century Castle Acre Priory, ruins of its Norman castle and Bailey Gate at the heart of the village. Just north of King’s Lynn is Castle Rising Castle. The huge 12th century keep stands at the centre of massive earthworks and there are wonderful views from the ramparts.

Throughout West Norfolk are some fine churches. Many are notable for their medieval works of art and craftsmanship and beautiful stained glass windows. Also of historical note, All Saints Church at Burnham Thorpe is where the Reverend Edmund Nelson, father of Admiral Lord Nelson was rector.

FABULOUS HERITAGE

Brim full of history, west Norfolk is a treasure trove of historic houses, windmills, castles, some beautiful churches and a host of heritage sites.

Why not take the opportunity to

- Download the free ‘Explore West Norfolk’ app to help you explore west Norfolk’s beautiful churches (see page 17 for details)
- Climb to the top of a historic working windmill at Bircham (open from April to the start of Autumn)
- Trace the story of St Edmund, Hunstanton’s most famous visitor on the Hunstanton Wolf Trail
- Squeeze into the secret Priest’s Hole at Oxburgh Hall
- Visit the ancient Saxon town of Downham Market, often known as the ‘Gingerbread Town’ with its buildings made from distinctive Norfolk Carrstone
Explore the historic Hanseatic town of King’s Lynn, which has a wealth of magnificent buildings and architecture.

King’s Lynn was one of England’s most important ports from as early as the 12th century and this maritime past is still very much in evidence today. Fine old merchants’ houses stretch down to the river between cobbled lanes and the elegant Custom House overlooks the original medieval harbour.

At the heart of the medieval old town, magnificent King’s Lynn Minster dominates the Saturday Market Place which also features the distinctive Trinity Guildhall and historic Town Hall, home to Stories of Lynn, King’s Lynn’s latest attraction which tells the stories of the town and its people over more than 800 years of history.

Take a short walk past the grand buildings and merchants’ houses of Queen Street and King Street, towards the magnificent Tuesday Market Place, probably one of England’s grandest squares and home to the Corn Exchange, now a thriving concert hall. Just a short walk from here is the magnificent St Nicholas’ Chapel and nearby True’s Yard Fisherfolk Museum.

Discover the town’s courtyards, alleyways and merchants’ yards with the King’s Lynn Town Guides and visit the Tourist Information Centre at the Stories of Lynn venue within the town hall complex.

Take a stroll along King’s Lynn’s historic waterfront beside the River Great Ouse. Stop for a meal or refreshments and watch out for boats arriving at the visitor pontoons. Be sure to visit after dusk and watch King’s Lynn’s stunning Lynn Lumière light projections.

Why not take the opportunity to

- Visit Lynn Museum, home of the Seashenge display and other fascinating exhibits
- Stroll through King’s Lynn’s beautiful parkland ‘The Walks’ and explore inside the fascinating Red Mount Chapel
- Pick up a copy of Discover King’s Lynn to help you explore this historic town
Whether you’re seeking a quiet secluded spot to lie back and relax, or want space to stretch out and play games, the wonderful beaches of West Norfolk are sure to satisfy. Even in summer, there’s plenty of space for everyone. Check out superb beaches, such as Brancaster, Old Hunstanton or Heacham. The classic resort of Hunstanton provides a cherished mix of Victorian charm, plus plenty of opportunities for fun, play and excitement. Famed for its striped cliffs and excellent beach, Hunstanton is ideal for playing on the sand, exploring rock pools and enjoying the sea. The town’s excellent award-winning gardens are ideal for an afternoon stroll. With the traditional entertainment venue of the Princess Theatre, a fun fair, Sea Life Sanctuary, boat trips into the Wash, pony rides and all the other elements of an excellent family resort, Hunstanton is the perfect base to enjoy the coast.

This fabulous coastline, focused around Hunstanton is very popular for water sports, with excellent conditions for sailing, windsurfing, kitesurfing, water skiing and canoeing.

Why not take the opportunity to

- Take a trip on the Wash Monster from Hunstanton
- Head for Hunstanton to learn to kitesurf, windsurf or paddleboard
- Enjoy the stunning sunsets from the beach at Heacham
- Explore the rock pools beneath Hunstanton’s famous striped cliffs

Enjoy west Norfolk’s magnificent sandy beaches combined with the classic seaside resort of Hunstanton.
With such a marvellous mix of beautiful coastline, rolling farmland, forest and fen, why not set out on foot or bike to enjoy the countryside and its wildlife.

West Norfolk offers a great opportunity to leave everyday life behind and spend a few days exploring. From Hunstanton, you can set out along the beautiful Norfolk Coast Path. At nearby Holme-next-the-Sea an alternative is to head inland through idyllic countryside on the historic Peddars Way. From King’s Lynn you can follow the Nar Valley Way to Castle Acre or follow a waterways trail to Downham Market and beyond along The Fen Rivers Way.

For cyclists, National Cycle Network Route 1 offers a fascinating journey from the mystical Fens in the west, through King’s Lynn and northwards to the coast. Just south of King’s Lynn, route 1 connects with national route 11, which links through to Cambridge.

Renowned throughout Britain, the area provides some of the finest nature reserves in the country and outstanding opportunities for birdwatching. From famous reserves along the coast, the unique environment of the Wash, and the special habitats of the Fens, there are great opportunities for all to enjoy and discover our natural habitats.

For boat owners, the coastline and waterways of West Norfolk offer great opportunities to explore. Visitor pontoons at the heart of historic King’s Lynn provide a welcome stop over. Visit www.sailthewash.com for details.

Why not take the opportunity to
- Take a wetland safari on the Ouse Washes at Welney
- Join the Norfolk Coast Path at Hunstanton to explore the stunning coast
- Enjoy a round of golf at one of nine courses in West Norfolk
- Introduce the family to bird watching with the RSPB at Titchwell
- Download the free ‘Walk West Norfolk’ app to help your explore the area’s great trails and walks (see page 16 for details)
EXPLORE THE HEART OF WEST NORFOLK

Downham Market resident Sophie Chapman took to the trails and villages of west Norfolk to give her verdict on Visit West Norfolk’s two new apps: Walk West Norfolk and Explore West Norfolk (which can both be found on your device’s app store today).

Walk West Norfolk App - The Bridle and Rabbit Lane walk

Sometimes planning a trip out can be a daunting task. There’s the question of where to go, how to get there, and how close the nearest accommodation, cafes and activity outlets are situated. Such a trip is meant to be an enjoyable and relaxing experience instead of a task... whether you enjoy exploring historic towns and heritage or taking a peaceful trek through the sleepy trails of west Norfolk, there’s a much simpler and efficient way to organize your dream trip.

The Walk West Norfolk app is especially designed to provide you with numerous routes and trails located around West Norfolk. The map also has the use of filters, whereupon you can locate neighbouring trails, accommodation, cafés and churches if you so wish. Whether you’re an inexperienced walker or keen rambler, the app provides you with a choice of selecting a peaceful route around Fen Rivers Way or an exploratory West Norfolk trail. Providing you with a description of the area, directions and a map of the route you wish to take, I took this app for a spin to explore just one of the hidden gems that West Norfolk has tucked away.

The Bridle and Rabbit Lane walk is both picturesque and remote. Although the start of the trek was a challenge to locate, once I was on the right path, the map was simple to follow; a route that roamed through housing estates before emerging in between two expansive and undisturbed fields. It was like materializing into the ‘secret garden,’ silent, breezy and unaffected by the industrialization of man.

With its mellow yellows, luscious greenery, and flat terrain, it is a blissful setting that remains a prominent feature of a country walk. It is a trek that can be enjoyed and appreciated without the disturbed rustling of a map and the confusion of where you may be. All you need is the app to guide you to the gifts that the West Norfolk countryside has to offer.

Explore West Norfolk App - visiting the Sedgeford Historical & Archaeological Research Project

West Norfolk has something for everyone, and the Explore West Norfolk app provides you with an interesting array of majestic churches, historic sites, informative museums and tranquil wildlife parks to visit and explore. With directions, a map and description of each site, the app supplies you with all the information you need to travel to and learn about these pleasant and historical locations.

I used the app to visit SHARP – Sedgeford Historical and Archaeological Research Project; established in 1996, the project aims to investigate the human settlement and land use of Sedgeford. I followed the directions displayed on the map and arrived at the archaeological excavation – located down a narrow dirt track. By reporting to the visitor’s centre, I learned that the project started with that of a cemetery excavation where more than 350 bodies have been recovered from the area. One of these bodies includes Joy (named by a crew member), whose skeleton can be found on display at the centre.

Other artefacts on display include Anglo-Saxon knife blades, dress pins, cooking pots and Roman brooches. With artifacts dating from the Late Mesolithic period to the First World War, the app provides a detailed description of each time period along with the findings recovered by the team at SHARP.

The research project also gives visitors the opportunity to watch an excavation in progress. I had the chance to watch as crew members worked on the excavation of three malt houses in Chalkpit Field. With the evidence of fires, I learnt there was a possibility that more than one malt house burnt down and was replaced with another. However, if simply watching isn’t your forte, the project holds a festival every year which includes reenactments, arts and crafts for children and refreshments. The project also provides you with a once in a lifetime chance to dig for a day and work as an excavation volunteer.

Visitors can book to take courses in basic excavation, recording techniques or take an introductory course in photogrammetry. With excavation season lasting six weeks during each summer, it would be a shame to miss such a unique and interesting opportunity of seeing history recovered.

The Walk West Norfolk and Explore West Norfolk apps can be found on your device’s app store. Simply search for west Norfolk. For more details and direct links to the app downloads, visit www.explorewestnorfolk.co.uk.
Finding your accommodation

A wide range of holiday accommodation throughout west Norfolk is featured in this brochure (page 27 – 33). Colour coding distinguishes each type of accommodation.

Within each section, the accommodation is listed alphabetically by town or village. See below for a quick reference guide to the accommodation and locations appearing.

Brancaster Staithe (map 1: E1)

Now a popular sailing centre surrounded by atmospheric coastline, this was once a Roman town and thronging port exporting corn from the local hinterland.

21 Dale End ****** Self Catering Page 30

Burnham Deepdale (map 1: E1)

Closely connected to Brancaster and Brancaster Staithe, We in Burnham Deepdale centres on the harbour with its thriving fishing and sailing community, the round tower church of St Mary's and Dalegate Market with its shops and café adjacent to the backpackers hostel and campsite.

Deepdale Backpackers & Camping ****** Camping Park and Backpackers Page 33

Dersingham (map 1: C3)

A large village with good amenities, a good base for walking and a Flower Festival each July in the church, which has a fine brick and carrstone tithe barn next door.

The White House ****** Silver award Guest House Page 27

Docking (map 1: D2)

Situated about 4 miles inland from the coast, Docking is at one of the highest points in Norfolk. Along with a regular local produce market it enjoys good village facilities, an impressive church and is a good base for exploring the north west corner of Norfolk.

Naturally Norfolk ****** Self Catering Page 30

Great Bircham (map 1: D3)

A typical West Norfolk village with pretty cottages and nearby Bircham Windmill set in rolling countryside.

Shepherd's Huts & Camping ****** Self Catering Page 30

Great Massingham (map 1: E4)

A delightful 18th and 19th century village with flint and cobble cottages huddled amongst two large ponds. Good access to the Peddars Way National Trail.

Primrose Cottage ****** Self Catering Page 30

Heacham (map 1: C2)

Long associated with Pocahontas, the American Indian Princess who married into the Rolle family, this large and attractive village by the sea has many shops and places to eat out.

Heacham Manor Hotel ****** Silver star Hotel Page 27

Cedar Springs ****** Gold award Self Catering Page 30

Holme-next-the-sea (map 1: D2)

The attractive village is about a mile from the sea and the sands from which a Bronze Age timber circle was excavated. The village has pretty cobbled and chalk cottages.

Brook Bungalow ****** Self Catering Page 30

Ingoldisthorpe (map 1: C3)

On National Cycle Route 1, the village climbs towards the site of an old hall.

Floss Craft ****** Self Catering Page 31

King's Lynn (map 1: C4)

King’s Lynn’s rich medieval and maritime trading history is reflected in many fine buildings, which combined with its good shopping and fine cultural entertainment make it an excellent place to stay.

The Grange Hotel and Restaurant ****** Hotel Page 28

Knights Hill Hotel & Spa ****** Hotel Page 28

The Russell House ****** Guest Accommodation Page 28

Stuart House Hotel ****** Guest Accommodation Page 28

North Runton (map 1: C5)

Separated from Hunstanton by the stunning striped cliffs and with access to a fine sandy beach, Old Hunstanton has a village feel, with cottages, a pond and fine church.

Old Hunstanton (map 1: C2)

Colby Hall Hotel & Restaurant ****** Silver award Hotel Page 29

Le Strange Arms Hotel ****** Hotel Page 29

The White Cottage ****** Gold star Guest Accommodation Page 29

Margaryn Self Catering Page 32

St Crispins ****** Self Catering Page 32

The Garden Lodge ****** Self Catering Page 32

Scoltspur (map 1: F3)

This Norfolk village, a few miles west of Fakenham, has a picturesque old water mill.

Greenacre ****** Self Catering Page 32

Sedgeford (map 1: D2)

A settlement on the Peddars Way, it is the location of an archaeological research project into typical village settlements, which takes place for six weeks each summer.

The King William IV Country Inn & Restaurant ****** Silver award Inn Page 29

West Lodge ****** Self Catering Page 32

Thornham (map 1: D2)

About a mile of marshes separate this attractive village from the sea. All Saints Church, the inn and the mariner house are charmingly grouped together.

Oyster Cottage ****** Self Catering Page 32

Various locations

Norfolk Holiday Homes ****** Self Catering Page 32

Illustrated sections on places to eat and drink, where to stay, attractions to visit, shops and facilities all around west Norfolk can be found on the official Visit West Norfolk app. More details at visitwestnorfolk.com. Search your app store for ‘west norfolk’.
GUIDE TO GRADINGS

QUALITY-ASSURED ACCOMMODATION

Most of the accommodation in this brochure has been quality assessed by either Visit England or the AA, or has recently applied for a rating and is awaiting assessment. Accommodation is inspected by an impartial assessor and is awarded one to five stars to reflect the overall quality of the experience. For details of assessment criteria and ratings please see www.visitenglandassessmentservices.com (Visit England) or www.theaa.com

LOCAL VISITOR ACCOMMODATION ACCREDITATION SCHEME

If a business does not display a star grading, it has still been visited by an assessor from Visit England to check it meets legal requirements and offers an acceptable level of cleanliness and comfort.

SERVICED

There are two grading schemes: Hotels and Guest accommodation. In addition to the star grading, hotels are graded in the following categories: Hotel; Small Hotel; Country House Hotel; Town House Hotel; Budget Hotel. Guest accommodation is categorised as: Guest accommodation; Bed & break- fasts; Guest houses; Inns; Farmhouses; Restaurants with rooms; Room only.

SPECIAL AWARDS

Hotels and guest accommodation which meet exceptional quality standards can be awarded Gold and Silver awards by Visi England or red, silver or gold star awards by the AA.

FOOD AWARDS

AA Rosettes can be awarded to establishments offering outstanding food.

Visit England’s Breakfast Award recognises hotels and guest accommodation that offer a quality and choice of breakfast exceeding expectations.

SELF CATERING

Self-catering accommodation is graded 1 to 5 stars based on an overall assessment of the layout, quality, range and cleanliness of the property and its facilities.

Hostels

Includes youth hostels, independent hostels, bunkhouses and camping barns. Hostels are graded one to five stars. Higher rated accommodation often provides en-suite rooms.

Holiday Parks, Touring and Camping Parks and Holiday Villages

Visit England awards star ratings reflecting the overall quality of parks from one to five stars. The AA Awards Permits on a five point scale according to their style and range of facilities.

OTHER QUALITY SCHEMES

Welcome schemes

These UK-wide schemes give walkers, cyclists, pet owners and families the confidence that they are booking quality accommodation that meet their particular needs. Simple common criteria for the scheme have been introduced along with several activity-specific requirements. For more information visit: www.visitenglandassessmentservices.com

THE NATIONAL ACCESSIBLE SCHEME

The National Accessible Scheme for self-catering, parks and serviced accommodation includes standards for guests with mobility impairment as well as standards for hearing and visually impaired guests (visit www.visitengland.com).

Mobility

Typically suitable for a person with sufficient mobility to climb a flight of steps but would benefit from fixtures and fittings to aid balance.

Typically suitable for a person with restricted walking ability and for those that may need to use a wheelchair some of the time and can negotiate a maximum of three steps.

Typically suitable for a person who depends on the use of a wheelchair and transfers unaided to and from a wheelchair in a seated position. The person may be an independent traveller.

Typically suitable for a person who depends on the use of a wheelchair and requires assistance from a carer, or maybe a host, when transferring to and from the wheelchair in a seated position.

Access Exceptional is awarded to establishments that meet the requirements of independent wheelchair users or assisted wheelchair users and also fulfil more demanding requirements with reference to British Standard BS 8300.

Hearing and Visual Impairment

Level 1 (Minimum entry requirement) to Level 2 (Best practice requirement) indicates the National Accessible Standards for guests with hearing impairment (from mild hearing loss to profoundly deaf) or for visually impaired guests.

AA RATING SYSTEM

For AA ratings: AA Hotel Services, Fanum House, Basingstoke RG22 4EA. Tel: 02380 944435. Email: HotelServices@theaa.com

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Bedrooms/sleeps

For serviced accommodation, ‘Bedrooms’ indicates the number of each room type and whether the rooms are en-suite (e), private bathroom (pb) or shared bathroom (sb).

For self catering accommodation ‘Sleeps’ indicates the maximum number of people normally accommodated.

Quality standard – Star gradings or awards from Visit England or the AA. For explanation and details please see page 18.

Symbols – Tell you the particular range of facilities you can expect (see key below)

Bedroom facilities

Electric shower point

Four poster beds

Hair dryer in room

Ironing facility/trouser press

Radio in all bedrooms

Telephone in all bedrooms

Satellite TV in all bedrooms

Tea / coffee facilities in bedrooms

TV in room

Property/site facilities

Building of notable historical/ architectural interest

Central heating throughout

Free private car parking

Christmas / New Year special packages

Conference facilities available

Credit cards accepted

Doors accepted by arrangement

Pet free (suitable for asthmatics)

Water sports on site or nearby

Cycles available for hire

Secure cycle storage available

Establishment’s own golf course or arrangements at nearby golf course

Fishing (on site or nearby)

Games room on site

Gym on site

Health & Beauty facilities on site

Indoor swimming pool

Leisure club (on site or nearby)

Outdoor swimming pool

Riding and/or pony trekking nearby

Sauna on site

Tennis on site

Less than 1½ miles from Norfolk Coast Path, Fen Rivers Way, Nar Valley Way or Pidders Way

Catering facilities

Evening meals available

Licensed (residents, table or full)

Packed lunch provided on request

Special diets catered for by prior arrangement

Children’s facilities

Children welcome (a number following indicates the maximum permitted)

Children’s outdoor play area

Cot available

Highchair available

Catering services

Situated

Restaurant

Bar

Cafe

Foodshop or mobile foodshop

Lunches available

Served in room

Room service

Open fire / log burner

Wine list

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Full of history and surrounded by stunning countryside, King’s Lynn is the ideal destination to spend a few nights, enjoying the superb mix of history, shopping and entertainment on offer.

From its historic waterfront beside The River Great Ouse, through cobbled lanes flanked by medieval merchants’ houses and on to the town’s magnificent market places, the town is a treat to discover and explore. The magnificent 12th century King’s Lynn Minster dominates Saturday Market Place at the heart of the medieval old town. As an historic Hanseatic town, King’s Lynn is proud of its maritime heritage and is an active member of the modern day ‘Hanse’ association of historic towns and cities.

Visit King’s Lynn’s newest attraction, Stories of Lynn (Museum and Old Gaol Cells) which includes the old gaol cells and tells the stories of seafarers, explorers, merchants, mayors and magistrates who have shaped King’s Lynn over 800 years of history.

By evening enjoy live entertainment at the Corn Exchange and take in the town’s stunning Lynn Lumière light projections onto some of Lynn’s most prominent buildings.

As a vibrant festival town (see page 45), why not plan your visit to enjoy one of King’s Lynn’s regular festivals, including the renowned King’s Lynn Festival in July.

MARKETS

King’s Lynn’s main market day is Tuesday, with stalls situated around the town centre and often on the Tuesday Market Place.

TOURS OF KING’S LYNN

To truly discover the fascinating history of King’s Lynn, join the King’s Lynn Town Guides on a historic walking tour. Afternoon tours available May to October, evening tours, June and August. Contact King’s Lynn TC for details.

Alternatively, follow the King’s Lynn Maritime Trail which explores the locations and stories behind centuries of the town’s maritime heritage (See page 35 for more details).

IN AND AROUND

KING'S LYNN

2019 GOLD AWARD AND OVERALL WINNER CITY CATEGORY – ANGLIA IN BLOOM

IN AND AROUND

DOWNHAM MARKET

2019 GOLD AWARD TOWN CATEGORY – ANGLIA IN BLOOM

Dating back to Saxon times, Downham Market is a gateway to west Norfolk and one of the oldest market towns in Norfolk. Immediately identifiable by the splendid black and white clock tower, the town retains a really intimate feel, with many fine buildings and a bustling market on Fridays and Saturdays. With a lovely mix of many local independent shops, friendly cafes and pubs the town is a real pleasure to stroll around and explore.

Visit the new Discover Downham Heritage Centre, open Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

As well as being a great place to visit, the town is the ideal centre for visiting and enjoying a variety of attractions and activities in the surrounding Fens.

Just south of the town near the charming village of Denver is the fascinating Denver Sluice complex, instrumental in the drainage and water management of the Fens and a fascinating place to watch the boats, have a picnic or pop into the local pub. Denver marks the northern end of the atmospheric Ouse Washes with the New Bedford and Old Bedford Rivers which cross the Fens. For more information visit, www.ousewashes.org.uk

Children will love visiting Church Farm at Stow Bardolph with its indoor ‘treehouse’ play area, animal encounters, tractor rides, outdoor play areas, gifts and tea room.

Also nearby is the renowned WWT Welney Wetland Centre with its wetland environment, wildlife and easy access visitor centre. Visit in winter to marvel at thousands of birds that use it as their winter home, or watch out for wetland safaris in spring and summer. Other great attractions nearby include the Tudor moated manor house at Oxburgh Hall and beautiful Goooderstone Water Gardens.

Downham Market provides the perfect base for exploring The Fen Rivers Way walking trail, which follows The River Great Ouse north to King’s Lynn and south towards Ely. It is also the perfect base for enjoying the excellent bird watching, angling, sailing and golf opportunities nearby.

MARKETS

Regular and popular outdoor markets are held on Fridays and Saturdays in the heart of town adjacent to the Town Hall.

TOURISM

Downham Leisure. Wet and dry facilities – swimming pool with sports and fitness facilities. Bexwell Road, Downham Market, PE38 9LL. Tel: 01366 386968

FURTHER INFORMATION

For telephone and e-mail enquiries contact King’s Lynn Tourist Information Centre. Tel: 01553 763044 kings-lynn.tic@west-norfolk.gov.uk
The classic seaside resort of Hunstanton, or ‘Hunstunton’ as it is known locally, is renowned for its wonderful beach, unique striped cliffs and magnificent sunsets, made special by its position as the only west-facing resort on the east coast.

There are two sides to Hunstanton, the elegant Victorian resort with its wonderful award winning Esplanade Gardens and sedate air of a traditional resort and the buzzing family resort with attractions such as the Oasis, foot golf, crazy golf and pitch-and-putt course. You can take a boat trip to see the seals, visit the Sea Life Sanctuary, try the water sports, check out the Princess Theatre, or enjoy the Funfair and seaside amusements.

Past the stunning clifftop Old Hunstanton has more of a village feel, with cottages built of Norfolk carrstone, pubs, hotels and an excellent beach. You can walk from one resort to the other, so you can enjoy the buzz of the resort in the morning then spend a lazy afternoon lying amongst the dunes.

MARKETS

Regular markets on Sundays and Bank Holiday Mondays.

RESORT SERVICES

Hunstanton’s Resort Services provide an excellent beach management service as well as a host of outdoor activities for all the family. Daily from 1st April to 30th September. Tel: 01485 535150.

LEISURE

Oasis. On the seafront, offering wet and dry facilities including indoor fun pool, Fun Castle indoor play area, roller skating, indoor bowls and fitness studio. Oasis, Central Promenade, Hunstanton PE36 5BD. Tel: 01485 534227

FURTHER INFORMATION

Hunstanton Tourist Information Centre, Town Hall, The Green, Hunstanton, Tel: 01485 532610.
Hotels & Guest accommodation

GATE LODGE, Hunstanton
Bookings: Stephen Perry & Jackie Stirling, 2 Westgate, Hunstanton, Norfolk PE36 5AR.
Tel: 01485 533549 E: info@gatelodgehunstanton.co.uk
W: www.gatelodgehunstanton.co.uk
Superb accommodation with a friendly, relaxing atmosphere and all the extras you’d expect from our Gold Award. Award winning breakfasts using the best local produce. Upper rooms have sea views, ground floor rooms overlook the garden, and our luxury room has a sumptuous king size four poster and many extras. Licensed bar and small car park. Visit the website for prices, availability or booking.
Prices: Summer S&B from £47/£50ppn inc 20% VAT, Spring & Autumn: Reduced prices.
Bedrooms: 6 double (e), 1 twin (x)

DEEPHONE HOUSE, Hunstanton
Bookings: Terry & Leslie Hayes, Deephone House, 29 Avenue Road, Hunstanton, Norfolk PE36 5BH.
Tel: 01485 533286 E: deepophonehouse@blueyonder.com
W: www.deepphonehouse.com
Deephone House is an elegant Victorian home situated just (shortwalk) walk from the town centre and sea front. The generously proportioned en-suite rooms are light and airy, and there is off street parking. A warm welcome is guaranteed.
Phone: S&B from £50 to £80.
Special rates by arrangement.
Bedrooms: 2 king (e), 1 twin (x)

KNIGHTS HILL HOTEL & SPA, King’s Lynn
Bookings: Knights Hill Hotel & Spa, South Wootton, King’s Lynn PE30 3HG.
Tel: 01553 773098 E: reception@knightshill.co.uk
W: www.knightshill.co.uk
Knights Hill Hotel & Spa is situated on the high northern edge of King’s Lynn with magnificent views in all directions. Set in 11 acres of meadowland and gardens, it is conveniently located for historic King’s Lynn, Royal Sandringham and Norfolk Lavender with Castle Rising just a mile away.
Prices: S&B from £49.00 to £87.50. DB&B £68.50 to £70.50. All prices are per person per night based on 2 people sharing, Minimum stay 2 night.
Bedrooms: 60 bedrooms (e)

THE RUSSET HOUSE, King’s Lynn
Bookings: The Russet House, 52 Goodwins Road, King’s Lynn, Norfolk PE30 5QH.
Tel: 01553 673755 E: reception@therussethousehotel.co.uk
W: www.therussethousehotel.co.uk
A substantial late-Victorian property close to King’s Lynn town centre and railway station (10 mins). Two large lounges. Prices include a healthy cooked breakfast. Evening meals are available for groups. Free WiFi and use of the leisure centre. All rooms are ensuite and have tea/coffee making facilities. Child’s rooms available.
Phone: S&B per room from £55 single, £75 double.
Bedrooms: 4 double (e), 6 twin (e), 3 single (e), 2 twin (e)

THE GRANGE HOTEL & RESTAURANT, Hunstanton
Bookings: M T Verma, Willow Park, off South Wootton Lane, King’s Lynn PE30 3BP.
Tel/Fax: 01553 673177/673122 E: lawmax@hotmail.com
W: www.thegrangehotelhunstanton.co.uk
Jane and Sun Verma invite you to their attractive Edwardian hotel set in its own grounds. Spacious en-suite bedrooms with all facilities. Spacious ground floor rooms for all. Special rates for stays of 3 nights or longer.
Phone: Double £55 B&B, Single £50 B&B. Special rates: Available for stays of 3 nights or longer.
Bedrooms: 6 (x)

DEEPHONE HOUSE, Hunstanton

THE WHITE COTTAGE, Old Hunstanton
Bookings: Mrs Burton, 10 Woodhouse Road, Old Hunstanton, Norfolk PE36 6JW.
Tel: 01485 533286 E: mail@thekingwilliamsedgeford.co.uk
W: www.thekingwilliamsedgeford.co.uk
AA Gold Star Award (from 2014 to 2020). The White Cottage is two minutes from the lovely Old Hunstanton beach and golf course. Hundreds of bird watchers, walkers and holiday guests have enjoyed holidays in the happy atmosphere of The White Cottage over many years. Bedrooms have sea views, free soft drinks and coffee making facilities. Sitting room with TV for guests. Off street parking.
Bedrooms: 2 double (e), 1 double or twin (e)

LE STRANGE ARMS HOTEL, Old Hunstanton
Bookings: Mrs Burton, 10 Woodhouse Road, Old Hunstanton, Norfolk PE36 6JW.
Tel: 01485 533286 E: mail@thekingwilliamsedgeford.co.uk
W: www.thekingwilliamsedgeford.co.uk
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THE RUSSET HOUSE, King’s Lynn

LE STRANGE ARMS HOTEL, Old Hunstanton

THE KING WILLIAM IV COUNTRY INN & RESTAURANT, Sedgeford
Bookings: Reception, The King William IV, Heacham Road, Sedgeford, Hunstanton, Norfolk PE36 5JU.
Tel: 01485 532380 W: www.deepdenehouse.co.uk
AA Gold Star Award (from 2014 to 2019). The Hotel is uniquely situated in the village of Old Hunstanton, one mile north of the traditional seaside town of Hunstanton. Whilst being on the edge of the village, the hotel is a short walk to the beach or town centre. Great for school residential & family reunions.
Phone per night: Dorm price Adults £30.00. Private 2 Bed from £50.00, 4 Bed from £95.00. Ensuite for family rooms and sole use. SCHOOL GROUPS full board available. £35 £25 per head with no breakfast.
Number of beds: 41 including 2 4-6 & 1 bed rooms available. some with en suite and some with WC.
Bedrooms: 60 bedrooms, 4 family (x)

STUART HOUSE HOTEL, King’s Lynn
Bookings: Stuarthouse Hotel, King’s Lynn, Norfolk PE30 5QL.
Tel: 01553 788377 E: reception@stuarthousehotel.co.uk
W: www.stuarthousehotel.co.uk
CAMA: ‘Good Beer Guider’ listed. A homely independently owned hotel, quietly situated within its own grounds just a short walk from the historic centre of King’s Lynn. All rooms are en-suite, have TV, free WiFi internet, and tea/coffee making facilities. The restaurant offers a superb international menu, and the bar boasts a range of real ales and fine wines. Regular entertainment and theme weekends.
S&B: from £50.00 to £100 ppn. Special rates: Winter breaks. Long stay discount available: Murder Mystery, Theme weekends.
Bedrooms: 4 en-suite (x), 6 double (e), 6 twin (e), 2 family (x)

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THE KING WILLIAM IV COUNTRY INN & RESTAURANT, Sedgeford

CALIEY HALL HOTEL & RESTAURANT, Old Hunstanton
Bookings: Calley Hall Hotel, Old Hunstanton Road, Old Hunstanton, Norfolk PE36 6HG.
Tel: 01485 532386 E: mail@calleyhallhotel.co.uk
W: www.calleyhallhotel.co.uk
Family-run Calley Hall Hotel provides superbly comfortable and beautifully decorated chalet-style rooms, many on the ground floor, some specially adapted and featuring a level access shower. The restaurant awarded restaurant serves a range of locally sourced, seasonal dishes throughout the day. Calley Hall prides itself on its relaxed friendly atmosphere, whilst maintaining attentive service.
Phone: S&B from £80. Half Board from £115.50. Special rates: available all year subject to availability, please phone for details.
Bedrooms: 24 doubles, 6 twins, 4 family (x)

HUNSTANTON BACKPACKERS, Hunstanton
Bookings: Head & Albion Sandersons, 15-17 Avenue Road, Hunstanton, Norfolk PE36 5BH.
Tel: 01485 533065 / 01711 804631 E: info@hunstantonbackpacker.co.uk
W: www.hunstantonbackpacker.co.uk
Affordable, large pair of Victorian houses. B&B, comfort or self catering for individuals, families or groups. Shared or sole use hire. Bunks, double en suite and family rooms. Guest lounge, kitchen, dining room, garden and classroom. 3 minutes walk to beach or town centre. Great for school residential & family reunions.
Price per night: Dorm price Adults £30.00. Private 2 Bed from £50.00, 4 Bed from £95.00. Ensuite for family rooms and sole use. SCHOOL GROUPS full board available. £25 £20 per head with no breakfast.
Number of beds: 38 including 2 4-6 & 1 bed rooms available. some with en suite and some with WC.
Bedrooms: 38 bedrooms, 4 family (x)

THE WHITE COTTAGE, Old Hunstanton

HUNSTANTON BACKPACKERS, Hunstanton

THE KING WILLIAM IV COUNTRY INN & RESTAURANT, Sedgeford

Hotels & Guest accommodation
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Bookings: Mrs D Clark, 58 High Street East, Liphook, Hampshire, GU30 3PZ.
Tel: 01483 620101 / 07568 805132
E: debbieclarklettings@me.com
W: www.debclarkelettings.co.uk
A bright, sunny property for 6 people, with south facing garden. 21 Dale End was recently completely refurbished. The open-plan contemporary ground floor features a brand new kitchen and underfloor heating. Lepansea is a spacious master bedroom with en-suite, two further double bedrooms, one bedroom with bunk and a family bathroom. The patio area features a large, landscaped garden. chocolates and bottles in the greeting basket. Short breaks available. Dogs welcome. Parking. No smoking. 
Prices per week: £465 to £695. 
Prices per break: £215. 
Special rates: Short breaks available off-season. 

Map 1: E4

NATURALLY NORFOLK, Docking
Bookings: Naturally Norfolk
Tel: 01485 518779
E: info@naturallynorfolk.com
W: www.naturallynorfolk.com
Three comfortable and refurbished properties, just 4 miles from the north Norfolk heritage Coast. Easy access to the nearby RSPB sanctuaries and nature reserve, the properties are a great base to explore all that north & west Norfolk have to offer. WiFi included. Short breaks available. Lavender and Bluebell Cottages are adjoining, and can be booked together; Mill House does not take dogs. 
Prices per week: £260-£410. 
Prices per break: £215 to £300. 
Special rates: Winter breaks 3 nights £190, 4 nights £215. 

Map 1: D2

SHEPHERD’S HUTS & CAMPING, Great Bircham
Bookings: Mrs D Clark, 58 High Street East, Liphook, Hampshire, GU30 3PZ.
Tel: 01483 620101 / 07568 805132
E: debbieclarklettings@me.com
W: www.debclarkelettings.co.uk
Two Shepherd’s huts and camp site are adjoined to Bricham Windmill - a superb location for beach, walking, bird watching. Windmill museum, bakery, and tearooms.
Prices: Huts from £35, campsite pitches from £19, additional children £3, additional adults £9.50.

Map 1: D3

PRIMROSE COTTAGE, Great Massingham
Bookings: Christine Riches, 21 Weasenham Road, Great Massingham, King’s Lynn, Norfolk PE32 2EY. 
Tel: 01485 282010
E: c.riches21@btinternet.com
W: www.christines-norfolk-cottages.co.uk
Prices per week: £250-£430. 
Special rates: Winter breaks 3 nights £130, 4 nights £190, 5 nights £215. 

Map 1: D4

CEDAR SPRINGS, Heacham
Bookings: Krickit House, Out Lodge, Jubilee Road, Heacham, Norfolk PE31 7JR.
Tel: 01485 518779 / 01485 518184
E: cedar springs@btinternet.com
W: www.cederSpringsHoliday.co.uk
Three spacious log cabins and two smaller lodges situated on a quiet chalet park. Two cabins with access ramp, three bedrooms to sleep five. One adult only cabin sleeps four in two bedrooms, Two bathrooms (one ensuite), Two lodges with two bedrooms. Pretty location five minutes walk from beach. Allocated parking outside all properties. Heated, linen, towels included. No pets.
Prices per week: Lodges £420 to £590. 
Log cabins £250 to £700. Log cabins Christmas & New Year £500 to £500. 

Map 1: E2

BROOK BUNGALOW, Holme-next-the-sea
Bookings: Mrs E Johnstone
Tel: 01485 518779
E: brook holme@gmail.com
W: www.brookbungalow.co.uk
This delightful holiday retreat is the ideal base to discover the beautiful North Norfolk coast and is equally well placed for walkers or cyclists alike. The beach and local pubs are both within a stones’ throw with plenty more to explore locally. Spacious with 3 double bedrooms (2 en suite), comfortable and well equipped with a sheltered courtyard providing a lovely suntrap and perfect BBQ location. 
Prices per week: £310 to £4100. 

Map 1: D3

CRON’S NEST & WADERS, Hunstanton
Bookings: Terry & Lesley Heads, Deepdale House, 29 Avenue Road, Hunstanton, Norfolk PE36 5BJ.
Tel: 01485 532340
E: deepdalehouse@btinternet.com
W: www.deepdalehouse.co.uk
Providing the perfect base for your holiday. Properties are located within easy walking distance of the sea front and town centre. 1 dog welcome. Parking available at both properties.
Both properties are rated 4 star gold award.
Cron’s Nest (1) is a first floor apartment with a large balcony.
Waders (2) is a large ground floor apartment with patio. Mobility Access Level 1.

Map 1: F4

FOXES CROFT, Ingoldisthorpe
Bookings: Christine Riches, 21 Weasenham Road, Great Massingham, King’s Lynn, Norfolk PE32 2EY. 
Tel: 01485 282010
E: c.riches21@btinternet.com
W: www.christines-norfolk-cottages.co.uk
Comfortable, warm, small detached bungalow in Ingoldisthorpe near Sandringham. The larger adjacent villages of Dersingham and Southerns have shops, pubs & restaurants at within 5-10 minutes drive to beaches of Snettisham (easy access to RSPB reserve), Heacham and Hunstanton. Adjacent villages of Dersingham and Southerns have shops, pubs & restaurants at within 5-10 minutes drive to beaches of Snettisham (easy access to RSPB reserve), Heacham and Hunstanton. 

Map 1: C3
**MALDIVYI, Old Hunstanton**

Bookings: Mrs Swift, Church Farm Houses, Waxton, Catfield, Cambridge CB11 9PE. Tel: 01223 290307 or 07466 715635. E: penso.north@gmail.com W: www.deepdalebackpackersparks.co.uk/roduyn

An old-fashioned Edwardian house providing a good base for a seaside holiday. A few minutes walk to sandy beaches, pub, shops, Norfolk Coastal Path. Well situated for bird reserves, stately homes, local pub and accommodation.Totally self contained with an open plan kitchen, lounge/dining room, bedroom and smart bathroom. (1) Double, open plan lounge sleeps 2. 1 bedroom sleeps 2 + double put-me-up in lounge sleeps 2. 1 shared bathroom.

Prices per week: from £300.00 low season to £450.00 high season.

**OYSTER COTTAGE, Thornham**

Bookings: Mrs G Tubbo, Oyster Cottage, Thornham, Norfolk PE31 9PL. Tel: 01328 862858

West Lodge is a pretty Edwardian gate lodge situated at the former entrance to Seadale Hall. It is in the conservation area of Cole Green overlooking a wooded valley set in its own garden with private parking. The lodge has a wide south facing veranda. The one double bedroom accommodation is well equipped for two people. The spacious sitting dining room has two sashes. Prices per week: from £300.00 low season to £450.00 high season.

**ST CRISPINS, Old Hunstanton**

Bookings: Lucky Lady, Waterhouse Road, Old Hunstanton, Norfolk PE36 6JG. Tel: 01485 534536. E: eccaglo2@hotmail.com W: www.stcrispinsoldhunstanton.co.uk

Quaint situated opposite a grassy path to the beach. Ground floor accommodation. Ideal for two adults. Small fenced garden and parking. Within 400-yards of three pubs, three restaurants, the village shop and beach accesses. Highly recommended by returning valued guests. Bargain breaks when available.

Prices per week: from £150 to £438. Special rates: 3 or 4 day bargain breaks when available, please phone for details.

**WEST LODGE, Seafield**

Bookings: Mrs G Tibo, Cole Green Cottage, Seafield, Hunstanton, Norfolk PE36 5LS. Tel: 01485 571270

West Lodge is a pretty Edwardian gate lodge situated at the former entrance to Seadale Hall. It is in the conservation area of Cole Green overlooking a wooded valley set in its own garden with private parking. The lodge has a wide south facing veranda. The one double bedroom accommodation is well equipped for two people. The spacious sitting dining room has two sashes. Prices per week: from £300.00 low season to £450.00 high season.

**LAZY DAYS, Heacham**

Bookings: Mrs J McCarron, 7 Tuller Ride, Deningham, Norwich, Norfolk NR11 6LX. Tel: 01263 826919 or 07914 873682. E: info@lazysdaysheacham.co.uk

Lazy Days is a large one bedroom caravan perfect for two people. It is dog friendly and is in a quiet site within walking distance of the beach, shop, bus stops and local village pub/restaurant. Outside, the caravan has an adjacent parking space and a wrap-around veranda which provides a secure space for dogs and a delightful area for alfresco dining. The bathroom has lots of storage and an en-suite bathroom.

Prices per week: from £300.00 to £420.00. Dogs £30.00. Short breaks available out of season.

**DEEPDALE BACKPACKERS AND CAMPING, Burnham Deepdale**

Bookings: Deepdale Backpackers and Camping, Deepdale Field, Burnham Deepdale, Norfolk, PE31 8SD. Tel: 01485 210256 or 07808 853752. E: info@deepdalebackpackersparks.co.uk W: www.deepdalebackpackersparks.co.uk

Deepdale is an award winning, friendly independent backpackers hostel and campsite located on the beautiful North Norfolk Coast. We offer comfortable self-catering accommodation for individuals and small groups, along with pitches for tents, campervans and motor homes. There’s a cafe, shop, free fire and visitor information centre onsite.

Prices: Camping from £2.8 per night. Backpackers hostel from £13 per night.
PLACES TO VISIT
Whatever your interests, west Norfolk offers a wealth of fascinating places to visit & enjoy.

BEERS OF EUROPE
Map 5: G5
 Britain’s biggest beer shop with some 2000 different craft beers, rare ales and books from over 60 countries. We stock over 2000 different craft beers, rare ales and books from over 60 countries. We stock over 2000 different craft beers, rare ales and books from over 60 countries. We stock over 2000 different craft beers, rare ales and books from over 60 countries. We stock over 2000 different craft beers, rare ales and books from over 60 countries.

THE WASH
Map 4: D4
Enjoy a wonderful day out with lots of fun activities including crazy golf, pitch & putt, foot golf and bowling. Visit us for information.

CREDACE ABBEY
Map 5: D3
Discover a beautiful food hall and café, an award winning tearoom, shopping boutiques, with everything from country clothing to antiques plus a fountain and a space for art.”

DOWNHAM MARKET
Map 5: E1
Downham Market offers a range of sports facilities including a spacious, modern fitness studio with a wide range of equipment. There is a 25 metre swimming pool with a varied timetable plus a programme of activities suitable for all ages and abilities.

GODFREY’S BREWERY & GARDEN
Map 5: E5
Traditional brewery and 4 acre garden. Café, Bar, Shop, Free Parking, Disabled Facilities, North Dock, Wisbech PE13 1UH.

HUNSTANTON MARTIAL TRIBE
Map 2: D2
Discover King’s Lynn’s history as a premier English sea port, the stories of its merchants, ship owners, sailors, fishermen, press gangs, ports and pubs which have been part of its history. This way marked trail starts at St. Mary’s Hard Fishermens Museum and goes through historic sites of the town.

HUNSTANTON SEA LIFE SANCTUARY
Map 4: B7
Visit the home of the Deepdale Woldy’s 31st August. Join us for a fun-packed day out to experience the wonders of the Deepdale Woldy’s 31st August. Join us for a fun-packed day out to experience the wonders of the Deepdale Woldy’s 31st August. Join us for a fun-packed day out to experience the wonders of the Deepdale Woldy’s 31st August. Join us for a fun-packed day out to experience the wonders of the Deepdale Woldy’s 31st August. Join us for a fun-packed day out to experience the wonders of the Deepdale Woldy’s 31st August.

HUNSTANTON RESORT AMENITIES
Map 4: B5
See listings for all new opening times and dates.

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IF YOU NEED MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
Tel: 01553 763044
www.hunstantonmartialtribe.co.uk

KING’S LYNN TOWN GUIDES
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ST JAMES POOL

St James Pool in King's Lynn has a 25m main pool in addition to a smaller learning pool and a programme ranging from family fun sessions to lessons. There is a modern fitness studio with a variety of equipment plus a timetable of classes.
Open: Daily
Tel: 01553 764888
www.stjamespool.co.uk

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A plant lover’s paradise, set in an old walled garden. Extensive display gardens and a sales area packed with choice plants. We grow a huge range of herbaceous plants, shrubs, alpines, ferns and climbers. Many are unusual or rare. Tumbleyhill Road, West Acre, King's Lynn PE32 2BW. Admission Free.
Tel: 01760 755962
www.westacregardens.co.uk

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Open: Daily, Mon-Sat 9am-6pm, Sundays & Bank Holidays 2pm-4pm.
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www.thewarehouseantiques.co.uk

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Located next door to Beers of Europe is the largest Steiff shop in East Anglia. Over 2500 different teddy bears/animals available in store. Ranges from keeping to jungle size, realistic & limited editions, so there is something for everyone. Also available are Brio, Ravensburger, Ipad & the superb Bagheera pedal or ride metal cars. Coachers welcome.
Open: Daily, Mon-Sat 9am-6pm, Sundays and Bank Holidays 10am-4pm.
Tel: 01553 813000
www.thesteifffshop.com

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Visit Welney Wetland Centre to get closer to nature and be amazed by 1300 acres of inspiring wetland wildlife. In summer discover rare breeding birds, dragonflies and wildflowers, explore nature trails and try pond dipping. In winter marvel at flocks of wintering swans, ducks and wading birds numbering thousands. Experience daily concentrated wild bird hides from the comfort of our heated hide. Start and end your day in our visitor centre with cafe, supermarket, a truly huge stock of fascinating, high quality goods and gifts: vintage, retro, stamps, silver, militaria, coins, models, books, jewellery, vinyl, loge toys, novelty, collectables, limited edition art work, prints, posters. Full disabled access & toilets. Ample free parking. Coachers welcome.
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Tel: 01553 813000
www.thewarehouseantiques.co.uk

SNAITISHAM PARK

Visit Snettisham Park and you can take a brilliant Safari ride to meet and feed our famous red deer herd. Experience lumber in March and April, bake bread from crops and visit our friendly farm animals. Visitors Centre, teashop and shop. Seasonal activities, including pony rides, and countryside trails. A brilliant day out for all the family.
Tel: 01485 534444/07831 321799
www.snettishampark.co.uk

THE WEATHERHOUSE CENTRE

A brilliant day out for all the family. Discovery of the stories of King's Lynn - home to seawarriors, explorers, mayors, merchants, magistrates and miscreants for over 800 years. Tour the old jail cells, try on Mayors robes, see the library, the chapel, and much more.
Open: Daily
Tel: 01485 74297
www.storiesoflynn.co.uk
A host of events and festivals take place throughout West Norfolk. From the range of festivals in the heart of historic King’s Lynn, to the Music Festival in Downham Market and the famous Sandringham Flower Show, there are events for all interests throughout the year. See below for a quick guide to events or check out many more details on www.visitwestnorfolk.com

THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER – MAY TO OCTOBER

Varied programme of guided walks exploring the history of King’s Lynn. Regular afternoon walks on Tuesday, Friday and Saturday (2pm start) May to October. Evening walks are also held during the summer. Look out for special King’s Lynn Festival walks. Details: Tel: 01553 763044 (King’s Lynn Tourist Information Centre)

JANUARY

2 - 8 March Swans awake WWT Welney, www.wwt.org.uk/welney
2 - 9 March Lamb Feeding & Lambing Live Church Farm, Stow Bardolph. www.churchfarmstowbardolph.co.uk
30 Chinese New Year Downham Market, Tel: 01366 387770

FEBRUARY

27 - 29 Feb King’s Lynn Festival Event – Coffee Concert with Benson Wilson, King’s Lynn Town Hall. www.kingslynnfestival.org.uk
28 - 29 Feb King’s Lynn Festival Event – Film: The White Crow St George’s Guildhall. www.kingslynnfestival.org.uk

MARCH

13 King’s Lynn Festival Event – Film - The White Crow St George’s Guildhall. www.kingslynnfestival.org.uk
13 King’s Lynn Festival Event – Talk by Felicity Aston MBE St George’s Guildhall. www.kingslynnfestival.org.uk
13 - 15 March King’s Lynn Film Festival www.lynnfilmfestival.com
27 - 29 Deepdale Hygge Burnham Deepdale. www.deepdalehygge.co.uk
27 - 29deepdale Spring Market Burnham Deepdale. www.deepdalebymarket.co.uk

APRIL

2 - 9 Active Easter Trail Pakefield House. Tel: 01945 583463
2 - 19 Giant Duck Trail WWT Welney. www.wwt.org.uk/welney
3 King’s Lynn Festival Event – Coffee Concert with Benben Wilson and Lucy Colquehoun, King’s Lynn Town Hall. www.kingslynnfestival.org.uk
9 - 11 Barefoot Roundups Burnham Market International Horse Trials Sussex Farm. www.musketeer.co.uk
10 - 13 Godfrey Easter Egg Hunt Pakefield House. Tel: 01945 583463
10 - 13 Easter Egg Hunt Church Farm, Stow Bardolph. www.churchfarmstowbardolph.co.uk
11 Creake Abbey Spring Gift Fair www.creakeabbey.co.uk
11 - 13 Sandringham Craft and Wood Festival www.sandringhamcraftandwoodfestival.co.uk
13 Morris Dancing on Easter Monday The King’s Morris dancing in the Burnhams & Wells area. www.kingsmorris.co.uk
14 - 19 Active Easter Trail Pakefield House. Tel: 01945 583463

JUNE

Coastal Walk Challenge Hunstanton. www.communitysportsfoundation.org.uk
King’s Lynn Lins Run Fun The Walks, King’s Lynn. Tel: 07980 370987
Water Ski Racing King’s Lynn. www.kingslynnfestival.org.uk
Outdoor Theatre at Sandringham - Romeo and Juliet www.sandinghamestate.co.uk
Run Sandringham www.runsandringham.co.uk
Sandringham Carriage Driving Trials www.sandinghamestate.co.uk/drivingtrials
Outlaw Half Triathlon Holkham Hall. www.outlawtriathlon.com
Sedgeford Historical and Archaeological Research Project (SHARP) www.sharp.org.uk
JULY

1 - 4 Rosary Picnic House, Tel: 01495 583463
1 - 4 Festival Too Opening Weekend King’s Lynn. Also see other dates in July. www.festivaltoo.co.uk
3 - 10 Hunstanton & District Open Bowls Tournament
Tel: 01328 730078
11 - 13 Festival Too King’s Lynn. www.festivaltoo.co.uk
11 - 13 The Burnham’s Flower Show & Carnival Tel: 01328 730778
14 King’s Lynn Race for Life Houghton Hall.
www.raceforlife.cancerresearchuk.org
17 - 18 Twelfth Night - Open Air Theatre Burnham Deepdale. www.dalegatemarket.co.uk
17 - 18 Festival Too King’s Lynn. www.festivaltoo.co.uk
18 World Snail Racing Championships Congham. www.uno1acing.net
19 - 1 Aug King’s Lynn Festival www.kinglynnyfestival.org.uk
24 - 26 Old Hunstanton Flower Festival Tel: 01485 533511
29 Sandringham Flower Show www.sandringhamflowershow.org.uk

AUGUST

2 Heacham Carnival Tel: 01485 572142
7 - 15 North Norfolk Music Festival www.northeastofmufestivals.com
8 Outdoor Theatre at Sandringham - Alice in Wonderland www.sandringhamhst.co.uk
8 - 9 Sandringham Food & Drink Festival www.sandringhamfoodanddrinkfestival.co.uk
15 Burnham Market Craft Fair www.thethurnhammarketcraftfair.co.uk
16 - 18 Norfolk Kites Festival www.kustlartnretory.org.uk
16 - 18 Scott Dunn Hunstanton Lawn Tennis Tournament www.hunstantonrotary.co.uk
22 Sherlock Holmes - Open Air Theatre Burnham Deepdale. www.dalegatemarket.co.uk
22 - 23 The King’s Morris Festival at South Wootton. www.kingsmorris.co.uk
29 Sandringham Open Air Concert - JoJo Holland www.sandringhamhst.co.uk
30 Sandringham Proms in the Gardens - English Symphony Orchestra www.sandringhamhst.co.uk

SEPTEMBER

5 - 6 North Norfolk Food & Drink Festival Holkham Hall. www.northnorfolkfoodfestival.co.uk
12 - 13 Sandringham Game and Country Fair www.sandringhamhst.co.uk
12 - 13 Burnham Market (2) Horse Trials Susses Farm. www.macleafer.co.uk
13 Heritage Open Day & Classic Car Event King’s Lynn. Tel: 01553 763044
13 Morris Dancing in King’s Lynn The King’s Morris & guest teams. www.kingsmorris.co.uk
18 - 20 Deepdale Festival Music Festival Tel: 01366 387770
25 - 27 King’s Lynn Poetry Festival www.lynnlitfests.com
25 - 27 Deepdale Festival Burnham Deepdale. www.deepdalefestival.co.uk

OCTOBER

1 - 31 Norfolk Walking & Cycling Festival www.deepdalebackpackers.co.uk
17 - 25 Half Term Autumn Picnic House. Tel: 01495 583463
30 Halloween Fun Day Downham Market. Tel: 01366 387770

NOVEMBER

1 - 27 Dec Evening Floodlit Swan Feeds WWT Welney. www.wwt.org.uk/welney
2 - 31 Dec Hans Walks WWT Welney. www.wwt.org.uk/welney
6 Fireworks in the Walls King’s Lynn. Tel: 01553 763044
20 - 22 Sandringham Christmas Craft, Food and Gift Fair www.livingheritagecraftshows.com
20 - 22 Sunny Hunny Soul Weekend Sealsies, Hunstanton. www.sunnyhunnyweekend.co.uk
27 - 29 Deepdale Christmas Market Burnham Deepdale. www.deepdalechristmasmarket.co.uk
28 - 29 Create Abbey Christmas Gift Fair www.createabbe.co.uk
29 December Christmas Lights Switch On Tel: 01366 387770

DECEMBER

12 - 20 Christmas Celebration Picnic House, Tel: 01495 583463
19 Create Abbey Special Christmas Market www.createabbe.co.uk
25 Christmas Day Swim Hunstanton. hunstanton815.wordpress.com
26 Morris Dancing on Boxing Day The King’s Morris at South Wootton. www.kingsmorris.co.uk

WHY NOT TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO

- Visit The Downham Market Music Festival to enjoy performances, workshops and a variety of free music events - 18-20 September.
- Choose from an excellent line up of performances and chamber music concerts at the 40th North Norfolk Music Festival - 7 - 15 August.
- Spend a great day out at the returned Sandringham Flower Show - 29 July.
- Head to Hunstanton for a day of family fun at the Hunstanton Kite Festival and Classic Car Rally - 21 August.
- Watch International stars at the Burnham Market International Horse Trials - 9 - 11 April and Houghton International Horse Trials 21 June.
- Enjoy some spectacular fireworks as Festeke in the Walls, King’s Lynn - 6 November.

King’s Lynn is proud of being recognised as a ‘Festival Town’. Taking place in the heart of this historic town, a range of festivals feature a fine selection of music, performance and literary events throughout the year.

KING’S LYNN FESTIVAL 19 JULY - 1 AUGUST

The 70th King’s Lynn Festival will feature international names from the worlds of classical music, jazz folk and literature. The Festival began in 1951 as a celebration of the restoration of St George’s Guildhall which remains an important venue. While classical music provides the cornerstones of the programme, a wide variety of other events include lighter music presented by international artists. The festival’s tradition of excellence draws audiences from all over Britain and abroad.

During the winter, the Festival stages a ‘Winter Season’ series featuring music, films and talks.

Details: www.kingslynnfestival.co.uk

FICTION & POETRY FESTIVALS 13-15 MARCH & 25-27 SEPTEMBER

The Fiction Festival and the Poetry Festival have both taken place in King’s Lynn every year since 1984. Both festivals include writers with international reputation together with new writers from all over the world. Festival goers are able to meet the authors, hear them read and discuss their work whilst having the opportunity to buy their books.

Details: www.lynnlitfests.com

FESTIVAL TOO

Opening weekend 4 & 5 July, then 10 & 11, 17 & 18 July

Festival Too, now in its 35th year is a festival of free music events. Organised with sponsorship and support from local organisations, it is still one of Europe’s largest FREE festivals. There are five evenings of entertainment spread over three consecutive weekends with an impressive fireworks display concluding the first evening’s entertainment. Huge crowds flock to Tuesday Market Place to enjoy exciting live entertainment featuring pop and rock stars, top-rated tribute bands and the best of local talent, free daytime street entertainment in the town centre on Saturdays provides fun for all the family.

Details: www.festivaltoo.co.uk

Details of all events are believed to be correct at the time of going to press. However, details and dates do change. Please check with event organisers or local Tourist Information Centres before planning your visit to an event.
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Tourist information centres

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KING’S LYNN

Situated in the magnificent Town Hall complex, the centre is well located between the old town, shopping centre and waterfront to help you discover and explore this historic town.

Open 7 days per week.

Stories of Lynn, Saturday Market Place, King’s Lynn PE30 5DQ

Tel: 01553 763044

E: kinglsynn.tic@west-norfolk.gov.uk

HUNSTANTON

Located at the top of The Green and overlooking the sea, the busy centre is very close to the beach and promenade, town centre shopping and the beautiful seafront gardens.

Open 7 days per week.

Town Hall, The Green, Hunstanton, PE36 6BQ

Tel: 01485 532010

E: tourism@hunstantontowncouncil.gov.uk

Online information

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