events schedule, please visit storiesoflynn.com

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Saturday Market Place, King's Lynn, PE30 5DQ

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and its people first-hand.

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Stories of Lynn – Museum and Old Gaol House

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to a great range of articles and ideas for your trip, the Visit West

accommodation listings, recommended attractions and events,

website resource of west Norfolk tourism information. From

All of the above apps are available now, free, from the Apple

Hall and estates (check for opening hours). The app will also tell

Rising Castle, Sandringham House, Houghton Hall and Holkham

historic attractions open to visitors in West Norfolk are Castle

other churches well worth visiting in West Norfolk. The main

have enjoyed visiting King's Lynn Minster, use the app to find

offer beyond the boundaries of King's Lynn town centre. If you

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the interactive app to enhance your tour of the Stories of Lynn

Lynn to bring the town's history vividly to life. You can also use

Lynn with audio and images. Follow the walking tours of King's

The Stories of Lynn app is a guide to the historic town of King's

Download an app to your Apple or Android device for a selection

of free digital guided walks of King's Lynn and West Norfolk.

town - including some of the restaurants, pubs and cates on

provide information for those wishing to explore beyond the

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Morfolk Records Office, and tells the stories of the town

is also home to the King's Lynn Borough Archives. This

original 18th-century gaol house and cells. The museum

cup, a wealth of magnificent mayoral regalia, and the

exhibition. Its treasures include the unique King John

brings history vividly to life through a fun, interactive

Located in the oldest part of the town, Stories of Lynn

Visit Stories of Lynn, Museum and Old Gaol House and

discover the history of King's Lynn on your holiday!

extensive store of original documents is part of the











queries, please use the contact details below. hosting school visits or large pre-booked groups. For will be closed to the public on days when we are

Due to current Covid-19 safety guidance, Lynn Museum

Admission is free for all from October-March.

for the final hour before closing only) £2.00

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Adult in a Family group £4.90; Twilight Ticket (available lavish Georgian Assembly Room, and Court Room. Adult £5.40; Concession £5.20; Child £4.60; complex, including the 15th-century Trinity Guildhall, of the historic rooms within the King's Lynn Town Hall Saturday, 10am-5pm, Sundays (April-September only) On Tuesdays and Sundays visitors can also tour some Market Street, King's Lynn, PE30 1NL. Tuesday to

(See no. 15 on the map overleaf)

(see no. 2 on the map overleaf)

flood. Of especial interest inside

high those tides could rise in a

bottom, dated marks show how

the time of the tides and at the

is an unusual moon clock to tell

monks. On the south-west tower

and the other for the priory and

had two roles. One tower was for

The two towers tell us the church

2011 by the Bishop of Norwich.

King's Lynn Minster in December

of St Margaret was dedicated as

1101, The Priory and Parish Church

of Norwich, Herbert de Losinga, in

monastery built by the first Bishop

very different from the modest

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the parish or local community,

Open daily for private prayer and visitors.

century chancel stalls and the Snetzler Organ.

a Victorian fairground. port of King's Lynn or view the magnificent gallopers of bone, imagine being a pilgrim in the thriving medieval Sedgeford Hoard of Iceni gold coins hidden in a cow browse around the 'West Norfolk Story', marvel at the circle that is the museum's stunning centrepiece. Plus, world of Seahenge, the astonishing Bronze Age timber West Norfolk. Step back in time as you walk into the Enjoy this delightful museum which tells the story of



King's Lynn Minster, St Margaret's Place, King's Lynn, PE30 5DL

are the two largest memorial brasses in England, the 14th-

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PE30 5DT

South Quay, King's Lynn, 10.00 am. Free admission.

Open 7 days a week from

for talks and events organised available for hire. See website the top floor is a lecture room and rebuilt over 900 years. On on how the town was built seating. Upstairs are displays restaurant/café with outside On the ground floor there is a

lower storey in stone to resist brick, but this example has a Ouse bank were rebuilt in of the warehouses along the Between 1550 and 1700 most 1580s and is listed Grade II*.

The building dates from the

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(see no. 11 on the map overleaf) King's Lynn, PE30 1JW

Tuesday Market Place,

performance days) from 9am). Closed Sun & Bank Holidays (except to 4pm (phone bookings

Box Office – Mon to Sat, 9a .smlñ seuod blockbuster, classics and ar showcases a variety of

and Cinema

Alive Corn Exchange Theatre

Borough Council and Heritage glory by a £4.3 million joint brought back to its former

There is a varied programme modern light interior in 1996

a high-status area for the Originally The Walks was exercise in the open spaces. area or do some invigorating explore the history of the to enjoy a relaxing stroll, centre and is a perfect place an easy walk from the town Lottery Fund restoration. It is

The Walks is a 17-hectare

King's Lynn Minster

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(see no. 16 on the map overleaf) out the majority of poorer people.

populated busy town, and gatekeepers were employed to keep from the dirt of the densely

wealthy to promenade away

18th-century park which was

The Guildhall auditorium will often ownership of the National Trust.

(see no. 10 on the map overleaf)

the Grade 1 listed Guildhall egroed it of Isabliu Probably built in the 1430s,

Saturday Market Place, King's Lynn, PE30 5DQ. King's Lynn Tourist Information Centre, Stories of Lynn, (see no. 1 on map overleaf) Regular walks: Adults £5; Children free

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last approximately 2 hours. Specialist and private tours are also available. All walks is available from King's Lynn Tourist Information Centre. check the leaflet 'Guided Walks around King's Lynn' which For details of all walks including starting points, please

Special walks take place during the King's Lynn Festival in are available during June and July starting at 7.00pm. on a Tuesday to Saturday whilst Thursday evening walks Easter to End of October. Afternoon walks start at 2.00pm explore the history of King's Lynn that take place from There is a varied programme of guided walks which

opportunity to see secret courtyards and hidden alleys. include medieval churches and guildhalls and have the historic core of King's Lynn. Discover buildings which of maritime and trading history that are preserved in the Let the King's Lynn Town Guides reveal over 900 years



King's Lynn Town Guides

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(see no. 13 on the map overleaf) St. Ann's Street, King's Lynn, PE30 1LT details bit.ly/2sWYGBP Please check website for opening

Fisherfolk Museum to learn more about their lives. community and this was their parish church. Visit True's Yard The Chapel also has strong links to the North End fishing which replaced religious statues after the Reformation. place of worship and you can see their fine family monuments Chapel and its links to the town. This was the merchants'

materials to tell the story of the ncluding improved facilities to saw extensive restoration works, from the Heritage Lottery Fund angel roof in East Anglia. A grant Nicholas' has perhaps the oldest Perpendicular architecture, St a spectacular example of early back to 1225. As well as being

mixed use venue, and interpretation allow the building to operate as a n England, with parts dating This is the largest 'chapel-of-ease'

St Nicholas' Chapel

. 01553 764864 (Alive Corn Exchange)

King's Lynn & West Norfolk

29 King Street, King's Lynn, PE30 1HA with the venue before setting out. Corn exchange be open to visitors during the day - check

an Arts Centre and placed in the saw the property transformed in between 1945 and 1950, which restoration project was launched history. Faced with demolition, a unique and continuous dramatic in England with a 600-year-old in 1593 make this the only building travelling actors who played here that Shakespeare was with the in England. Compelling evidence surviving 15th-century guildhall of St George is the largest

building at busy times in a bilgrims could go through the arrangement meant that ingenious staircase chapels in Europe. The There are only two octagonal Walsingham. the shrine of Our Lady of for pilgrims on their way to Chapel was a wayside chape The 15th-century Red Mount

one-way flow.

King's Lynn was one of England's most important ports

lisy's Lynn Maritime Trail

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purchased from the Tourist Information Centre or True's

fishermen, press gangs, porters and pubs which have

the stories of its merchants, shipbuilders, sailors,

of the town which the trail passes through. Discover

different illustrations representing four different areas

Warehouse. It features 27 pavement plaques with four

True's Yard Fisherfolk Museum and ends at Marriott's

A great way to explore the town is to follow the King's

and became a very important base for trade between

Starting with the town's early development in the 11th

fine merchants' houses and along cobbled lanes which

history, you can take a journey of discovery amongst

from as early as the 12th century. Steeped in maritime

century, the town quickly developed as a major port

Lynn Maritime Trail. This waymarked trail starts at

the local area and the cities of northern Europe,

the town's history as a premier English seaport,

The Maritime Trail guide costs 5op and can be

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Yard Fisherfolk Museum.

played key roles in this history.

through the Hanseatic League.

stretch down to the River Great Ouse.

(see no. 20 on the map overleaf)

King's Lynn to be awarded the Green Flag Award. War and 19 in WWII. The gardens was the second park in of 1921 which lists 569 King's Lynn men killed in the Great gardens is a War Memorial

for ships. Also within the

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ceiling decorated with quatrefoils. It is a Scheduled Ancient

(see no. 17 on the map overleaf)

features a fan-vaulted

The upper chapel of 1506

The Walks, King's Lynn, PE30 5EP

Monument and Grade I listed building.

was an essential seamark Reformation because it contains Greyfriars

1 listed tower survived the in King's Lynn, the Grade A key historical landmark a group of Franciscan Friars. established in the 1230s by remaining part of a friary Tower, the last significant adjacent to the Walks, Tower Gardens, which is

led Mount Chapel

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King's Lynn & West Norfolk
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overleaf)

(see no. 22 on the map

t. 01553 770479 www.truesyard.co.uk

Free Entry for Friends of True's Yard

Family Ticket £6.50, Groups £2.50

Winter opening times may vary

(see no. 12 on the map overleaf)

Fisheries Archive are available.

close knit community.

Morth Street, King's Lynn, PE301QW

interested in local history, the extensive Pat Midgley

A warm welcome is guaranteed in the traditional tea

browse local history books and unique gifts. For those

room and shop, were you can enjoy delicious cakes and

the North End (Wednesdays & Saturdays, June to Sept).

gallery. Summer activities also include guided tours of

summer (July and August) is transformed into an art

1904 fishing smack and the 'Old Smithy' which in the

original Victorian smokehouse, a restored and rigged

Explore the last two surviving fisherfolk cottages, an

to the Northenders who once lived and worked in this

Fisherfolk Museum. This heritage site stands in tribute

Discover Lynn's rich maritime heritage at True's Yard

rue's Yard Fisherfolk Museum

gallery & exhibition areas, conference rooms and office/

facilities for weddings and civil ceremonies, function rooms,

access by making the following available: wine bar & bistro,

Now privately-owned, the proprietors seek to increase public

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(see no. 6 on the map overleat)

business/studio space.

South Quay, King's Lynn, PE30 5GN

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Hanseatic League.

a medieval trading

King's Lynn was an

cartel known as the

mportant partner of

King's Lynn, PE30 5QH South Gate, London Road, Free admission. opening times. to check any available Contact King's Lynn TIC and duty on merchandise. used to help collect tolls of entry into King's Lynn but also as a key point role, not only as a detence learn about the story of its explore the 3 floors and fortifications. Visitors can

of King's Lynn's defensive

impressive remaining part

the South Gate is the most

Built in the 15th century,



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Discounts available for True's Yard Time Club Members park (see A on map) holiday hire by arrangement. St James multi-storey car Adults £3.50, Concessions £3.00, Children £1.50 and wheelchairs available for daily hire or longer-term West Norfolk Shopmobility offers a range of scooters Tuesday to Sat 10am to 4pm last admission 3:30pm) Museum, Hanse House and King's Lynn Minster. Partially accessible attractions - True's Yard Fisherfolk Warehouse, St Nicholas' Chapel, Lynn Museum. one small exhibition area), Corn Exchange, Marriott's Fully accessible attractions – Stories of Lynn (except Research Centre, Sound Archives and Eastern Sea

Accessible toilets - see plan inside. national bus information, Traveline: 0871 2002233. National Rail Enquiry Line: 0345 748 4950. Local & trains from Cambridge and London King's Cross. See map inside for train and bus stations. Mainline Public Transport

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in an alternative format, please

If you require this information

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King's Lynn TIC is situated in Stories of Lynn Tourist Information Centre (TIC)



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the front range into the fine Georgian house we see today. until they were sold in 1751 to a local merchant who remodelle by the German cities of Lubeck, Hamburg and Bremen jointly around a courtyard, these warehouses and offices were owned from 1475. Built ıeaddnarters, dating a Hanseatic business surviving example of This is England's only

















3 Thoresby College

4 Greenland Fishery

Fine Tudor building incorporating a beautiful

courtyard. Originally housed chantry priests.

Early 17th-century merchant's house, built by

a local rope merchant. In the 18th

century, as The Greenland

Fishery, it was an inn

used by King's

Lynn's whaling

community.















Welcome to King's Lynn

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.

The 12th-century King's Lynn Minster dominates the Saturday Market Place around which is some of the finest architecture in England. The Tuesday Market Place, one of England's grandest squares, houses the Corn Exchange, now a thriving concert hall.

King's Lynn's rich past has left it a magnificent heritage of buildings and stories. Today the town is also a major shopping centre with shops and restaurants throughout the older areas of the town and in the Vancouver Quarter.

An important Hanseatic town during much of its history, King's Lynn is a member of The Hanse, a modern-day association based on the old Hanseatic League of Traders.

King's Lynn is gateway to the beautiful Norfolk coast as well as the fascinating Fens. In the town itself, you can enjoy walks along the riverfront, amongst its historic streets, or through its urban parks, including the Walks and Tower Gardens, both winners of a prestigious Green Flag Award, given to some of England's finest parks. A Gold Award and Overall Winner (City category) in Anglia in Bloom 2019, you can enjoy excellent floral displays as you walk through town.

The Heritage Trail

The trail highlighted on this map takes you through some of the most beautiful and interesting areas of historic King's Lynn.

St James' Car Park (A), the railway station (B), and the bus station C all make good starting points. Follow symbols for the heritage trail.

Other historic trails to follow

King's Lynn's fascinating history can be discovered by following several self-guided trails. Leaflets are available from the Tourist Information Centre in Stories of Lynn (no. 1 on map). Explore King's Lynn's medieval trading heritage as part of the Hanseatic League by following the Hanseatic Trail. At the Tourist Information Centre, you can buy the Maritime Trail guide where you will discover centuries of history in King's Lynn. Retrace the steps of medieval pilgrims who passed through King's Lynn on their way to the Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham by following the Pilgrimage Trail.

Guided Walks

Discover more of King's Lynn's rich and fascinating history by joining one of the experienced Town Guides on a guided walk. See overleaf

Further Information

For much more information about King's Lynn, its history, places to visit and tickets for guided walks, visit the Tourist Information Centre at Stories of Lynn (see back cover for details). Alternatively visit our website www.visitwestnorfolk.com

Water Refill Stations



Points of interest

Some of the sites highlighted are not regularly open to the public. Look out for details of King's Lynn Heritage Open Day and Classic Car Event (which take place in September) when many buildings are open to visitors.

1 Stories of Lynn and the Town Hall

The magnificent Trinity Guildhall dates back to the 1420s and is the centrepiece of the Town Hall complex. It has impressive windows and distinctive flint chequerboard-patterned front, and a Jacobean porch and Victorian council chamber.

The Stories of Lynn museum is an exhibition about the seafarers, explorers, merchants, mayors, magistrates and miscreants who have shaped King's Lynn, one of England's most important medieval port towns, over more than 800 years of history. It is also home to the Old Gaol House, which was where, for over 400 years, King's Lynn's most notorious citizens were imprisoned. See overleaf

2 King's Lynn Minster

King's Lynn Minster, formerly St Margaret's Church, was founded in 1101. The church was partially re-built in 1741 after the spire collapsed onto the nave in a storm. Look out for flood level markings by the west door. Open daily. See overleaf

Key:

Public car parks Access via cobbled street

///// No drop kerb

Pedestrianised Swimming pool

Ewc Disabled toilet

Heritage trail

A St. James' multi-storey car park

Lynn Lumière projections

Discover Local Businesses

King's Lynn town centre is home to more than 500 businesses and boasts a vibrant mix of both high street chains and local independents. There truly is a little something for everyone! Tower Street and Norfolk Street are the main homes of the Independents, hosting an eclectic mix of small local businesses. Both streets have something different to offer to its visitors including local jewellery designers, toys and nursery goods, homeware, electrical goods and a mouth-watering array of food and drink.

in St James Street, which is home to a number of quality hairdressers, barbers and nail salons. Situated at the heart of the town centre lies the Vancouver Quarter. Adjacent to the bus station, this shopping complex offers a combination of national fashion and retail brands, such as TK Maxx and H&M, as well as several easy lunching options, and it is perfectly placed for visiting shoppers. The High Street, located just a stone's throw away from the Vancouver Quarter, plays host to

Great Oust

including M&S, Boots and Primark - not to mention some stellar independent eateries. For more dining options, a short stroll to the Quayside will bring visitors to three fabulous independent restaurants, The Rathskeller, Marriots Warehouse and Bank House. All three venues benefit from wonderful riverside views and who utilise great local, seasonal produce. For more information on the variety of businesses found in King's Lynn Town Centre, you can visit: www.discoverkingslynn.com/discover-local

5 Hampton Court

Built in the 14th-century as a house and warehouse by a wealthy merchant. Later wings added in the 15th and 17th centuries. Now restored as private housing.

6 Hanse House

Hanse House is a Grade I listed building and the only surviving Hanseatic warehouse in England. See overleaf

7 Marriott's Warehouse

Restored 16th-century warehouse, with displays on how the town developed over 900 years. See overleaf

8 Clifton House and Tower

Two medieval merchants' houses combined in a Tudor rebuilding and remodelled in the 18th century. Five-storey Elizabethan watchtower to rear.

9 The Custom House

Designed by Henry Bell and built in 1683, it opened as a merchants' exchange in 1685. Used as the town's Custom House from the early 1700s. Look out for Charles II's statue above the door and the nearby modern statue of explorer Captain George Vancouver.

10 St George's Guildhall

The largest surviving 15th-century

to a concert hall in 1996. See overleaf

Fascinating museum featuring two beautifully restored

14 Pilot Street Named for the pilots who guided the ships out

Restored Victorian Union Baptist Chapel, now home to Seahenge and the story of West Norfolk. See overleaf

guildhall in England. See overleaf

(11) Alive Corn Exchange Theatre and Cinema Corn Market Hall built in 1854. Converted

12 True's Yard Fisherfolk Museum

Victorian fishermen's cottages. See overleaf

(13) St Nicholas' Chapel

England's largest surviving Parochial Chapel. 15th-century wooden roof features a series of beautifully carved angels. See overleaf

to sea through the difficult channel, it was the 'High Street' of the North End fishing quarter. There is an information board to tell you more.

15 Lynn Museum

16 The Walks

The Walks are the only surviving example of an 18th-century town walk in Norfolk, and include the unique 15th-century Red Mount Chapel (see no. 18). Facilities include a children's play area, toilets and a café. See overleaf

17 Red Mount Chapel

Wayside 15th-century chapel for pilgrims to Walsingham. Grade I listed. See overleaf

18 St John the Evangelist Church

Gothic revival style church designed by Anthony Salvin and built in 1846. Open by arrangement via Church Office 01553 379142 or see the website.

19 The Library

Edwardian public library funded and opened by philanthropist Andrew Carnegie. Open Mon to Sat.

20) Greyfriars Tower and Tower Gardens

The 13th-15th-century tower of King's Lynn's Franciscan friary set in beautiful gardens. See overleaf

21) All Saints' Church

The oldest church in the town, with parts dating back to 1090. Beside the high altar is the anchorhold, the cell where medieval recluses known as anchorites were enclosed.

Open Saturdays 10am - 5pm - May to September, during daily services and by appointment. Visit www.southandwestlynn.org.uk

22 South Gate

Imposing Ancient Scheduled Monument and Grade I listed building which can be explored on 3 floors. Towards the southern outskirts of town, linked to London Road. See overleaf

23 Hardwick Road Cemetery

Opened in 1856 and in use until 1972. The monuments reflect the lives of these now permanent residents. Accessible via the southeastern outskirts of town, on Hardwick Road.

Town Centre

Situated right in the heart of historical King's Lynn, there's plenty on offer for all the family at the Vancouver Quarter Shopping Centre. Adjacent to the bus station and just a 5-minute walk from King's Lynn train station, the Vancouver Quarter offers a mix of fashion and retail brands alongside independent retailers creating a complete shopping experience.

If you're looking for a bite to eat, King's Lynn has a wide choice of restaurants, cafés and bars, plus a number of traditional and historic pubs. Why not combine this with a show at the Alive Corn Exchange?

With the combined opportunities for great shopping and the chance to explore the historic streets and buildings of the town and its beautiful parkland, King's Lynn town centre is a great place to visit. Be sure to visit the historic waterfront with its pontoons for visiting boats.

sailthewash.com

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Don't leave litter! Once waste is in a bin its chances of causing harm is reduced, especially from plastic items such as bottles.



All manner of hair and beauty needs can be satisfied a wide variety of familiar retail and dining chains,

Lynn Lumière

Launched in March 2015, King's Lynn's popular Lynn Lumière, has seen fabulous animated light shows projected onto some of King's Lynn's most prominent buildings. Projected daily from dusk, look for the 🛟 symbol on the map

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