

MARKET DAYS

There has been a market in Watchet since the 13th century and this tradition continues today with the lively and colourful Watchet Summer Market.

Today's market is situated on The Esplanade in brightly coloured gazebos and offers local crafts and produce, plants, books and a variety of gifts and clothes. There are also tea & coffee vendors and street food traders for you to enjoy alfresco eating overlooking the harbour and marina.

The market stalls are open from 9:30am to 3.30pm, every Wednesday from April until September.



STREET FAIRS

Street Fairs are held on the Esplanade on the first Sunday of the month from April to October. As well as a huge range of market stalls, there is usually live music, activities and entertainment for children and a selection of street food stalls.

Visit watchettowncouncil.org for more information about stall holders.
facebook.com/watchetstreetfairs

WELCOME TO WATCHET

Watchet's thriving community is host to a wide variety of shops open all year round, from traditional family run businesses to contemporary art galleries and everything in between... You can find it all here in Watchet. Visit our town centre and enjoy a mooch around our wonderful selection of independent shops & businesses.

While enjoying our lovely historic town you might like to take a step back in time and visit our three individual museums. Watch the boats bobbing on the water in our marina, take a trip on the steam train or even visit our local zoo... or just enjoy the relaxed, slower pace of life and incredible views that Watchet has to offer. Why not try our QR trail and discover our historic buildings?

The town retains many links to its maritime past, which are visible for those with a keen eye, including the bronze statue of Yankee Jack, Coleridge's 'Ancient Mariner' and the 'Standing Stones' of sculptor David Milton.

If you fancy more than just a day trip to Watchet (you might well need more than a day to do everything we have on offer), we have a fantastic selection of accommodation to choose from, whether it be a cosy coastal cottage, glamorous b&b or a luxury holiday home, visit our website for more details.



HOW TO GET HERE...

BY ROAD

For GPS - Town Centre - TA23 0AG

From the East: Leave the M5 at Junction 23 (Bridgwater) and follow the signs for Minehead (A39). After about 16 miles turn right following the signs to Watchet.

From the West: Leave the M5 at Junction 25 (Taunton) and follow the signs to the A358 towards Minehead. At Williton turn right and then left following the signs to Watchet (about 18 miles from the motorway).

From Exeter: Follow the A396.

BY RAIL

National Rail connection to either Bridgwater or Taunton then by bus.

Local steam and diesel trains to Watchet from Bishops Lydeard and Minehead on The West Somerset Railway.
west-somerset-railway.co.uk

BY BUS

From Taunton: Service No. 28 firstgroup.com

BY SEA

Tidal access twice a day. Mooring berths available by enquiry to Watchet Harbour Marina.

watchetharbour.co.uk

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WATCHET SHOPPER'S GUIDE



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SPECIAL EVENTS

Watchet plays host to many lively events throughout the year, with a carnival weekend, art trails, music festivals, a 1940's event, Watchet Summertime, a wheel barrow race, steam train galas, ghost trails, guided walks and more - you will be guaranteed to find something to keep the whole family entertained!

For a full list of events visit:
visit-watchet.co.uk/Events



TAKE A BREAK

When you've had your fill of shopping there are plenty of places to take a breather and recharge your batteries. Why not try some local cider at one of our CAMRA award winning pubs - you might even be lucky enough to catch some local musicians adding to the lively atmosphere!

You might be feeling peckish - an opportunity to try one of our excellent cafes serving food to cater for a wide range of tastes, remembering that most of our pubs also serve food. What about that traditional seaside food, good old fish and chips eaten on the harbour wall?



Watchet is a haven for artists and makers, so art lovers are well catered for here. Whether you are looking for a unique piece of art or a thoughtful personalised gift, you're sure to find something special that you've been looking for.

LOCAL CRAFTS



If interiors are your thing then you'll be in heaven in Watchet, with a number of shops selling beautiful accessories for your home.



FOR THE HOME



FOR SOMEONE SPECIAL

Treat yourself or a loved one to the perfect pressie from our fabulous gift shops. You are sure to find that special gift for even the most difficult to buy for.



FOR ALL AGES

The youngest visitors aren't forgotten either, be tempted with an adorable outfit, a cute cuddly toy or a beautiful wooden toy or puzzle.

Find individual present ideas and hand crafted items in many of our shops.



ONE OF A KIND



Some of the more quirky offerings include a specialist lego shop. Alongside things you might remember from the recent past, there are treasures to be found in the most unlikely places.

HIDDEN TREASURES



FOOD & DRINK

For such a small town, Watchet has an amazing number of top quality places to eat and drink, from cafes & takeaways to atmospheric pubs and restaurants, you'll be spoilt for choice



ANTIQUES & BOOKS

An amazing assortment of traditional antiques, vintage collectables, prints and books.

Hunting and fishing enthusiasts are well served with specialist shops to provide you with all the gear and accessories you need. Fishing trips available on our two long established charter fishing boats which leave the harbour regularly.

OUTDOOR SPORTS



Quality local produce available from our finest local suppliers. Freshly prepared food to eat in or take away.



DELI DELIGHTS



FASHION

You might be surprised at the variety and quality of the clothing and accessories that are just waiting to be discovered. Treat yourself to a fabulous new scarf, bag or beautiful piece of jewellery.



ART LOVERS

With several galleries and shops to browse, there is something to suit every taste, whether contemporary or more traditional.