

Uppingham



Uppingham Market.

Uppingham is a small and very pretty English market town which is packed with honey-coloured buildings and interesting features. There are some wonderful historic buildings within the town, and it is the site of one of the most prestigious public schools in England.

At the heart of the town lies the Market Place, a fitting focal point and home to local events and regular markets.

A number of eateries and cafes can be found around the town, catering for a range of tastes and pockets, and there are plenty of good restaurants, traditional inns and cosy tea rooms.

The buildings situated in the High Street reflect the traditional unspoilt character of the town and it is where a wide range of architectural styles can be found; from the early 17th century to a wonderful fountain from the Victorian age.



There are a number of classic English bars and cafes around the town.

The Market Place

Uppingham's historic Market Place dates back to the 13th Century, when the sale of farmers produce and livestock became the mainstay of the town. The range of goods on sale included flour from the two town windmills, cakes and pies. Cattle for sale were penned on Beast Hill, pigs were situated at Hogs Hill and sheep were in the High Street. Once these were sold, horses would be tethered for sale and a tethering ring can still be seen on the wall of Uppingham Sports & Books. Today, a weekly market takes place every Friday with a Farmers' Market on the first Saturday of every month.

Uppingham School

Established in 1584 by Archdeacon Robert Johnson, Uppingham School is an attractive place of gateways and quadrangles set in 120 acres of beautiful countryside. Since the 17th Century, academic success has secured pupils places at Oxford and Cambridge. Former pupils include TV chef Rick Stein and actor and comedian Stephen Fry. Whilst not open to the public, organised groups are taken on tours during school holidays. The original school building can be found behind the church.

Queen Street (Horn Lane)

When the southern direct route was opened in c1750, the London Mail and other coaches were unable to negotiate Scale Hill (or Church Lane) to the West of the church. Horn Lane (now named Queen Street) was so named, as coaches would take this road into the town in order to avoid the steep hill and would sound their horns to alert the Falcon Hotel of their arrival; where food and a change of horses would be waiting. The arched doorway of the Falcon Hotel used to be where coaches would enter.

Church of St Peter and St Paul

Noted for its stained glass window and standing on the south side of the Market Place is the Church of St Peter and St Paul. No churches in Uppingham are mentioned in the Domesday Book but it is widely believed that this church was one of three attached to the royal manor of Ridlington. The existing building dates back to the 14th Century although many alterations have been made since then. Four pieces of late Saxon sculpture are all that now remain from the earliest church to occupy the site.

Art and Antiques

Uppingham is well known for the range of specialty shops and traditional retailers found here and many shops are still family owned and run. It is a magnet for those with an interest in art; there are several excellent galleries to browse round featuring inspiring pieces worth large sums of money. Uppingham is also well known for its excellent antiques shops, there are several selling a vast array of antique goods and collectables.



One of the fantastic antiques shops in Uppingham.

Markets and Events

Uppingham has a long history in entertainment, being the centre of activity in years gone by. There was bear dancing, cock fighting and an elephant house in the town. Nowadays the popular events are less controversial and include Uppingham Feast Day, a family fun event held in June as part of Rutland Festival Fortnight, Uppingham Fatstock Show, a traditional event in late November/early December - the only one of its kind to still be held in the town centre, and the Uppingham Christmas festivities are always a favourite, showcasing local crafts and providing family entertainment to get you feeling festive.

Uppingham has always been a location for markets and fairs, and that still continues today with the weekly Friday market, the Farmers' Market on the first Saturday of every month and the Christmas Market in December.



One of the traditional shops and cafes to be found on the High Street.

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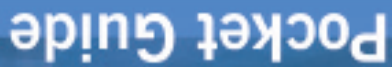


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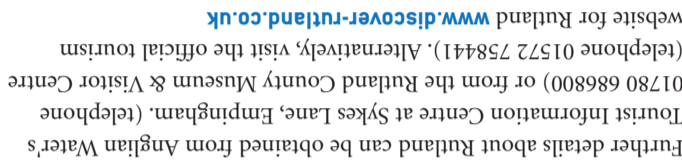
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Uppingham market day with the Church of St Peter and St Paul behind.



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The historic towns of Oakham, Melton Mowbray and Stamford lie within 15 miles of Uppingham. The cities of Leicester, Nottingham and Peterborough are less than 30 miles away.

There are many attractive villages close by, such as Stoke Dry, Bishopcleeke, Wing and Lyddington, where you will find Lyddington House. Originally the late medieval wing of a palace belonging to the Bishops of Lincoln, then converted into an almshouse. Situated next to the village church, it is regarded as one of the prettiest architectural compositions in Rutland.

A picturesque view of Rutland Water, featuring a large orange sailboat in the foreground, a small boat in the distance, and a building on the shore reflected in the water.

Rutland Water

to the reserve now have access to an assortment of hides overlooking a variety of habitat types including no less than eight lagoons at the Eggleston reserve alone.

The recent Habitat Creation Scheme at Rutland Water has had a hugely positive effect on Rutland Nature Reserve; it now boasts a brilliant array of habitats for all species from birds to mammals to water to an ever increasing population. meadows, ditches, scrapes and islands as well as a brand new sand

Anglian Water is enormously proud of Rutland Water, regarded as the outdoor playground of the East Midlands. Visitors can enjoy many activities including fishing, sailing, cycling, birdwatching and water sports. Rutland Water is also a vitally important water resource, helping Anglian Water provide drinking

Map & Key

- 1 The Market Place
- 2 High Street
- 3 Uppingham School
- 4 Church of St Peter and St Paul
- 5 Queen Street (Horn Lane)
- 6 Childrens' Play Area & Skateboard Park
- 7 Beast Hill

