

In the heart of the Test Valley

The Stockbridge Pocket Guide



Shopping guide, Eating out, Places to visit
Beautiful walks, Where to stay.

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Prepared by Test Valley Borough Council
in conjunction with Stockbridge Business Association

Introduction

Lying in the heart of Test Valley, the wide picturesque High Street reflects its early role as part of a drovers road where it was common to see flocks of sheep or herds of cattle being driven through the town en route from Wales. Seek out the Drovers House and you can still spot a sign in Welsh. The town of Stockbridge, with its long and varied history, has inspired many poets over the years and there is a trail of ten poems, set in stone, metal plaques and etched glass, for you to follow as you wander through the town, discovering its treasures.



A brief history



The River Test flows through this delightful Hampshire town. Its wide street has an abundance of eateries and independent retailers including outdoor pursuits, fashion and gift shops.

Stockbridge means, literally, a bridge over the river. On a causeway of compressed chalk laid down in the remote past to cross the River Test, Stockbridge is almost midway between Andover to the north and Romsey to the south. The river is shallow and divides here into five streams which thread their way through the marshy meadows and under the main road.

There were settlements on Stockbridge Down from at least the second millennium BC; within a short distance are the impressive earthworks at Danebury, Meon Hill and Woolbury. Two ancient roads meet and cross at Stockbridge, one running east to west between Winchester and Old Sarum, later Salisbury, and the other running north and south along the valley of the Test. The prosperity of Stockbridge has always stemmed largely from the roads which pass through it.

The valley here is wide enough to have provided a river crossing since earliest times and a posting station in Roman times on the road from Winchester to Sarum. The 'town' (actually little more than a single row of buildings on each side of the wide main street) grew in importance when Welsh drovers rested there with their flocks on their way to various sheep fairs and markets in the South East. A thatched cottage known as 'Drovers House' has the message in Welsh painted on the wall: 'Seasoned hay, tasty pastures, good beer, comfortable beds'.

Stockbridge has a 12th century chapel, now known as St Peter's, which was served by the 'head-minster' at King's Somborne, as were other chapels in the 'hundred'. Thus, although Stockbridge became a flourishing small borough, which eventually gained parliamentary representation, it never had a parish church of its own until 1848. Its inhabitants were duly christened, married and buried, but in a chapel served from King's Somborne.

Did you know?
The Prince of Wales, Edward VII, used to nip down to Stockbridge for the races bringing his mistress, Lillie Langtry, with him

Events at a glance

Trout n About

Held on the first Sunday in August, come and experience the best of local food, produce and crafts on Stockbridge high street.

www.tnastockbridge.co.uk

Stockbridge Christmas and Small Business Saturday

A chance to visit all our wonderful independent shops on the High Street to get you into the festive spirit and do your Christmas shopping.

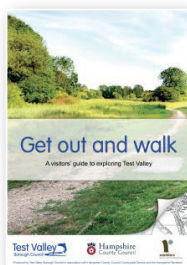
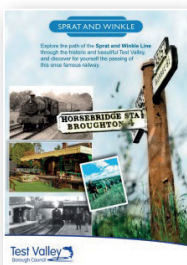
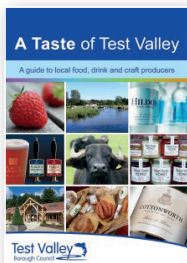
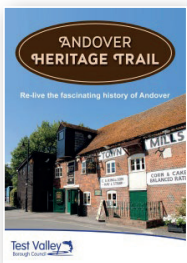
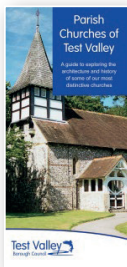
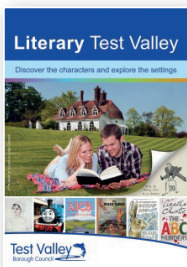
Daffodil Run

This annual event takes place in April. Hundreds of vintage cars gather in Stockbridge on their spring run to the New Forest. These beautiful cars are decorated with daffodils.

Open Gardens Weekend

Taking place in the Summer, this event features gardens situated in the western end of the village. Tickets can be purchased from St Peter's Church.

Get the most from your day out



The **Stockbridge** Pocket Guide is one of a series of leaflets designed to promote the local attractions and shops and help encourage more visitors to come and explore the historic towns and villages in the Test Valley.

Check out the rest of the leaflets in the family, which cover the many different facets of Test Valley's personality.

These guides are a must for any visitor.

For further information visit www.testvalley.gov.uk/tourism

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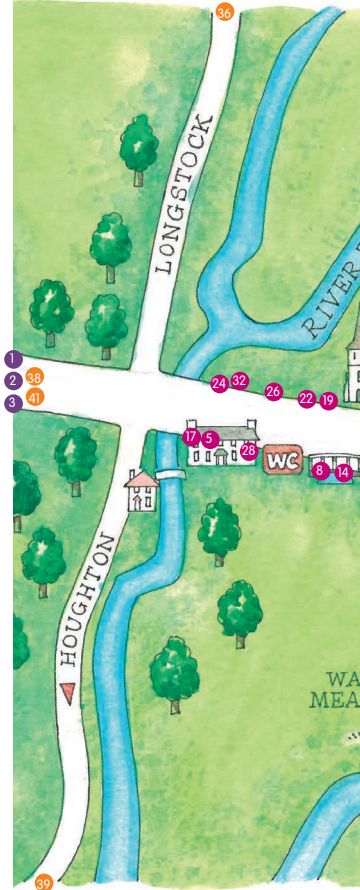
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Circa 1904



Map of Stockbridge



Did you know?
 In the 1700s, Stockbridge was a 'rotten borough' and the Town Hall was given to the local voters as a bribe.



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Walks and trails

Stockbridge lies at the heart of the beautiful Test Valley and features many circular walks for the casual walker, some of which link into longer distance routes. Wonderful features are close at hand: Stockbridge Marsh, which walkers can reach direct from the High Street and Stockbridge Down, with its panoramic views across the valley, are both owned by the National Trust. Just up the hill towards Salisbury is one of the most famous Iron Age hill forts in England - Danebury. The Sprat and Winkle Line, once a railway line linking Southampton and Andover, is now part of the Test Way long distance footpath and runs through Stockbridge. For further information visit: www.testvalley.gov.uk/communityandleisure/tourism/visiting-test-valley

Stockbridge to Mottisfont Walk

Using the old railway line, the path passes through Stockbridge Common - a quiet world of reedbeds and waterfowl. Here, beside the water, the Clarendon Way (which stretches from Winchester to Salisbury) crosses the valley just before you reach the ancient crossing point of Horsebridge. Continue past one of the few remaining old railway stations (now privately owned). On to Lower Brook, cross the meadows and finish this section on grass tracks at the famous Mottisfont Abbey, a National Trust property whose walled kitchen garden holds the national collection of old-fashioned roses. www.3.hants.gov.uk

Testway Walk

This 44-mile long-distance walking route takes you from its dramatic start, high on the chalk downs at Inkpen, to follow much of the course of the River Test to Eling where its tidal waters flow into Southampton Water. This is without doubt Hampshire's longest and finest chalk stream, world famous for its superb trout fishing (not for public use).

www.3.hants.gov.uk

There are many other visitor attractions within easy-striking distance of Stockbridge and even more picturesque villages around the area to explore. It has three churches and like many of the beautiful villages in the Test Valley, these are celebrated in a leaflet and book called *The Churches of Test Valley*. Also look out for the Test Valley Visitor Guide available from the Visitor Information Centre in Romsey.

1 Mottisfont

Mottisfont, nr Romsey SO51 0LP
Tel: 01794 340 757



THE NATIONAL TRUST

Ancient trees, bubbling brooks and rolling lawns frame this lovely old house. Crafted from a medieval priory, it is full of surprises, with art that intrigues and delights. Come back throughout the year to see different exhibitions in the gallery. Carpets of spring bulbs, a stunning walled rose garden, rich autumn leaves and a colourful winter garden make Mottisfont a feast for the senses all year round.

www.nationaltrust.org.uk

3 Danebury Iron Age Hill Fort

On A30, West of Stockbridge SO20 6LQ



Danebury Iron Age Hill Fort is 2,500 years old and is both a nationally important Scheduled Ancient Monument and A Site of Special Scientific Interest.

The site is open all day, every day and has free entry with free parking. Telephone to check for occasional closures for essential works or unforeseen emergencies.

www.hants.gov.uk/thingstodo/countryside/finder/danebury

2 Army Flying Museum

Middle Wallop, Stockbridge SO20 8DY
Tel: 01264 784 421



Celebrating over 100 years of the British Army in the air, the Museum of Army Flying provides a fun day out for all the family. Open daily and with 35 aircraft in the collection, flight simulators, rifle ranges, interactive displays and more, the Museum is a great place to learn all about the history of flight in the British Army. The Apache Cafe is also open daily serving breakfast, lunches and snacks with enviable views across the active Army airfield next door.

www.armyflying.com

Businesses on the High Street

4 Beccy's Greengrocers

High Street, Stockbridge
Tel: 01264 810650



Quality fruit and vegetables. Local: free range eggs, honey, watercress and more. Fresh cut flowers. A great selection of herbs and spices! All with a friendly traditional service.

Open: Monday to Saturday

6 Bobbins

The Vine Yard, Stockbridge High Street.
Tel: 07786 405213



Bobbin is a little haven tucked within The Vine Yard where you can indulge your creative passions for sewing and crafts. Our speciality is to offer small and friendly workshops and courses in our lovely studio from tutors with a wealth of experience in dressmaking, home furnishings, bag making, patchwork and other textile related pastimes. Our timetable is varied and we always love sharing our skills with others. We also have a tiny haberdashery area should you need a pin or button for some mending.

www.bobbinsewingschool.com

5 Barber Shop

High Street, Stockbridge
Tel: 01264 810285



We are a family run walk-in barber shop, specialising in both modern and traditional men's haircuts and styling.

Tuesday to Saturday

7 Clos du Marquis

Nomads House, Stockbridge
Tel: 01264 810738



A french restaurant offering quality food, service and ambience.

Opening January 2021

www.closdumarquis.co.uk

Businesses on the High Street

8 Broughton Crafts

High Street, Stockbridge
Tel: 01264 810513



Broughton Crafts is a gift and craft shop selling a lovely wide range of gifts and goodies Fabulous stocking fillers and unusual presents are available along with cards, gift wrap, stationery, ceramics, wood ware, toys, games, gadgets, hats, scarfs, jewellery, cushions, rugs, blankets, socks and so much more!

Monday to Saturday 9.30am - 5pm
Bank Holidays 11am - 4pm

www.broughtoncrafts.co.uk

10 Co-operative Stockbridge

High Street, Stockbridge
Tel: 01264 810519



Supermarket chain selling groceries and household goods, with a focus on ethical practices.

Monday to Sunday 7am - 11pm

www.thesouthernco-operative.co.uk

9 Cleverly Wrapped

High Street, Stockbridge
Tel: 01264 810003



Cleverly Wrapped curates a hand picked edit of scarves, cashmere, accessories and clothing from lesser known brands. The Cleverly Wrapped style is fashion led but not dictated and focuses on items that will be your friends for years to come. All purchases arrive beautifully wrapped in our bespoke packaging and on-line orders are always dispatched on the same day as receipt.

Monday to Saturday 10am - 5pm
Sunday Closed / Online 24 Hours

www.cleverlywrapped.com

Businesses on the High Street

11 Food Forager

The Old Police House,
High Street, Stockbridge SO20 6HE



Open Tuesday to Saturday 9am - 5pm
Sunday and Monday - Closed

13 George Clark

High Street, Stockbridge
Tel: 01264 811044



George Clark sells contemporary, decorative home accessories and gifts. Sitting in the middle of Stockbridge High Street, you will find it's shelves packed with beautifully sourced pieces from around the world.

Monday to Saturday 10am - 5pm
www.georgeclarkstockbridge.co.uk

15 John Robinson

High Street, Stockbridge
Tel: 01264 810609



We supply a full selection of prime quality meat, seasonal game, sausage and faggots made on the premises, bacon cured on site. Displayed cooked meats/salmon for collection. FREE delivery on Saturdays.

Tuesday to Friday 7.30am - 5.30pm
Saturday 7.30am - 5.00pm
Closed for lunch 1.00pm - 2.00pm

jrbutchers@btconnect.com

www.johnrobinsonbutchers.co.uk

12 Mokaya Cocoa

High Street, Stockbridge
Tel: 01264 811440



A traditional sweetie shop, selling a wide selection of cards, gifts and delicious chocolates.

Open Monday to Friday 10am - 5pm
Saturday 9am - 5pm
Sunday 12 Midday - 4pm

14 Orvis

High Street, Stockbridge
Tel: 01264 811019



Our two Orvis stores in Stockbridge sell a great range of mens and ladies clothing, everything for your dog and tackle for fly anglers.

Open 7 Days a week
www.orvis.co.uk/stockbridge

16 Newmans Decorative Living

High Street, Stockbridge
Tel: 01264 810717



A fusion of Antiques and Local Artisans. Services, Restoration and Workshops available.

Open 7 Days a week
www.newmansliving.com

Businesses on the High Street

17 Prego Deli

High Street, Stockbridge
Tel: 01264 811482



An intimate restaurant, deli and coffee shop. Specialising in Italian foods. A large selection of imported goods including panettone, pasta, oils and specially selected wines direct from the vineyards of Lake Garda. Private dining with bespoke menus available at the weekends and evenings.

**Monday Closed / Tuesday to Friday
9am - 5pm / Saturday 10am - 5pm
/ Sunday 10am - 4pm**

www.pregodeli.co.uk

19 Robjent

High Street, Stockbridge
Tel: 01264 810829



Robjent's offers a diverse range of high quality shooting and fly-fishing equipment, clothing and accessories.

Open Monday to Saturday 9am - 5pm

www.robjents.co.uk

21 Misho Hair Studio

Unit 5 Vine Yard, High Street, Stockbridge
Tel: 01264 811009



www.mishohairstudio.co.uk

18 Roxtons

High Street, Stockbridge
Tel: 01264 811482



Our beautiful shop on the High Street offers our customers a forever changing and inspiring shopping experience. We pride ourselves on sourcing unique and different collections of womenswear, menswear and gifts from quality brands across Europe and beyond, many exclusive to Roxtons in the UK. Our customers enjoy finding something different, something new and appreciate a more personal shopping experience with the help of our friendly and knowledgeable staff.

Open Monday to Saturday

www.roxtons.co.uk

20 Stocks

High Street, Stockbridge
Tel: 01234 567890



We are bedecked in high quality and unusual gifts for all ages. Many have an ethical and Fair Trade basis like our felt slippers for Nepal or chocolate in packaging designed by adults with learning difficulties. We also have recycled plastic in the forms of rugs, throws and dog beds! Pop in to see what provides medical help and educates 130 children in Burma! Our incredible cashmeres, silk top and dresses draw loyal repeat customers from far and wide.

Open Monday to Saturday

www.shopatstocks.com

Businesses on the High Street

22 The Bookmark

High Street, Stockbridge
Tel: 01264 811529



An independently curated bookshop for new books across all subjects. Something for everyone!

Tuesday to Saturday 10am - 5pm
www.thebookmarkstockbridge.co.uk

24 The Greyhound on the Test

High Street, Stockbridge
Tel: 01264 810833



Here at The Greyhound on the Test Hotel, we endeavour to appeal to all requirements; from light lunches to shooting dinners, to fishing breaks in the countryside. Our 10 rooms demonstrate quality, style and luxury. Roaring fires in the winter and a riverside garden in the summer makes The Greyhound on the Test Hotel a perfect choice all year round.

Open 362 days a year, 8am till late.
www.thegreyhoundonthetest.co.uk

23 The Grosvenor Hotel

High Street, Stockbridge
Tel: 07543 658694



Nestled in the idyllic Test Valley, at the very heart of Stockbridge's high street is an iconic Georgian Hotel. Beautifully refurbished with a stunning walled garden.

Monday to Saturday 9am - 11pm
Sunday 9am - 10.30pm

www.grosvenorstockbridge.co.uk

25 The Little Whisky Shop

Lillies, High Street, Stockbridge
Tel: 07707 679330



The Little Whisky Shop is an independent specialist selling predominately Whisky from all around the world. We also sell some gin, rum and other spirits and liqueurs as well as some wine from local producers and exclusively from Montodmaine in the Loire. Our prices are exceptionally competitive.

Tuesday to Sunday 1am - 5pm
www.thelws.co.uk

Businesses on the High Street

26 The Owl and The Pussycat

High Street, Stockbridge
Tel: 01264 811533



Boutique Ladies Clothing, Jewellery, Accessories & Gifts for home and your whole family. This enchanting shop also features 'The Little O&P' - A hidden gem for gorgeous Baby & Children's Clothes, Toys and Gifts from Newborn to 12 years. A beautiful shopping experience awaits you with friendly faces providing excellent customer service and a wealth of knowledge to help you find exactly what you are looking for. We look forward to meeting you!

Monday to Friday 10am - 5pm
Saturday & Sunday 11am - 4pm
www.theowlandthepussycat.shop

27 The Stockbridge Osteopathic Practice

High Street, Stockbridge
Tel: 01264 810028



Integrated healthcare for all the family in the heart of the Test Valley. We offer Osteopathy and Cranial Osteopathy, Women's Health, Sports therapy and taping, Massage and Reflexology, Nutrition, Pilates, Homeopathy and Counselling.

Monday to Friday 8.30am - 7pm
Saturday 9am - 1pm
www.the-sop.com

28 The Three Cups Inn

High Street, Stockbridge
Tel: 01264 810527



Our exquisite coaching inn dates back to the fifteenth century. Set in the ancient Hampshire town of Stockbridge in the heart of the beautiful Test Valley, The Three Cups Inn is ideally situated for you to enjoy a truly relaxing, memorable stay. A family run business, Lucia Martinez looks forward to extending a warm welcome to you.

Open Monday to Sunday
www.the3cups.co.uk

Businesses on the High Street

29 The Wykeham Gallery

High Street, Stockbridge
Tel: 01264 810364



Welcome to The Wykeham Gallery. The gallery is one of country's leading contemporary art galleries exhibiting paintings of all media as well as an extensive selection of bronze sculptures, ceramics and glass.

Monday to Saturday 10am - 5pm

www.wykehamgallery.co.uk

31 Thyme & Tides

High Street, Stockbridge
Tel: 01264 810101



Thyme & Tides is a popular deli, bistro & fishmongers in Stockbridge, Hampshire.

Monday to Thursday 7.30am - 5pm

Saturday 7.30am - 5pm

Sunday 9am - 4pm

www.thymeandtidesdeli.co.uk

30 Vine Pianos

High Street, Stockbridge
Tel: 01264 810410



At Vine Pianos we offer a selection of new and second hand pianos to suit your budget and musical ambitions. A family business delivery services including: piano tuning; restoration; hire; valuations, piano music and gifts. Lessons and events take place to encourage and celebrate musicians and the piano! ... such a fun little shop trickling beautiful music.

Monday by appointment

Tuesday 9am - 5.30pm

Wednesday to Friday 10am - 3pm

Saturday ?

www.vinepianos.co.uk

32 Wilds Catering

High Street, Stockbridge
Tel: 01264 810833



Wilds is the boutique events company specialising in outdoor catering for weddings, private parties and country pursuits. Founded by Lucy Townsend, who personally oversees each and every event from start to finish, Wilds offers a bespoke service. Lucy and her team know that every event is different and requires a tailored approach.

Monday to Sunday

www.wilds.catering

Businesses on the High Street

33 Wine Utopia

High Street, Stockbridge
Tel: 01264 525080



Wine Utopia, Stockbridge is a local independent wine & spirits merchant with an extensive collection of wines from around the world with a penchant for local wines, beers & spirits.

Tuesday to Saturday 10am - 6pm

www.wineutopia.co.uk

34 White Hart

High Street, Stockbridge
Tel: 01264 810663



The White Hart offers a family friendly atmosphere and boasts great real ales, good wine, outstanding food served all day and great service. A traditional 16th century coaching inn set in the heart of Stockbridge offering 24 beautiful bedrooms with a mix of double/twin and family rooms. A great place to stay in Hampshire.

Breakfast 7.30am - 10am (Mon-Fri)

Breakfast 8am - 10am (Sat-Sun)

Food All Day 12 Midday - 9pm (Mon-Fri)

Food All Day 12 Midday - 9.30pm (Sat-Sun)

www.whitehartstockbridge.co.uk

Other local businesses

35 Access Care

Goodworth Clatford, Andover SP11 7RG
Tel: 0800 980 3958



Access Care is a family-run business and arranges live-in carers to come and literally live-in with you.

24 Hours, Monday to Saturday

www.access-care.co.uk

37 Vectis Accountants

Sandydown, Near Stockbridge



www.vectisaccountants.co.uk

36 Eastwood Fine Art

The Barn Upper Manor Farm,
Stockbridge SO20 6DR
Tel: 01264 810817



A recently built new art gallery, exhibiting paintings, ceramics, sculptures and garden art sourced during Josie's 25 years in the art world, and travels throughout the UK to studios, unearthing talent. We work with both private clients and interior designers, and advise on sourcing, placing and hanging art. Hosting regular interior pop-ups. Please give us a call, follow us on Instagram.

Open during exhibitions, dates on website.
Fridays during term-times, and in between by appointment.

Tel: 07957 232353

www.josieeastwood.com

Other local businesses

38 Danebury Vineyards

Danebury House, Stockbridge
Tel: 01264 781851



Danebury Vineyards is a long established family owned vineyard producing premium sparkling and dry still white wines. Our vineyard is nestled on the chalk downs just outside of Stockbridge where we follow organic principles in the vineyard and minimal intervention in our winemaking. We produce small batches of finely balanced elegant wines from our single vineyard which are supplied by local wine merchants and available in top establishments in Hampshire and beyond.

Please see our website for dates and booking details of our Cellar Door Day when we are open to the public. Admission by ticket only.

www.danebury.com

40 Orchid Furniture

The Old Barn, Sandydown,
Near Stockbridge SO20 6BY
Tel: 01264 811111



Open by appointment:
Monday, Wednesday and Saturday
10.00am - 3.00pm

www.orchidfurniture.co.uk

39 Studio Yoga

Stockbridge
Tel: 07764 949317



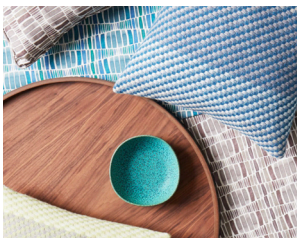
Learn Yoga, Pilates, Barre and Mindfulness at Studio Yoga. Classes for all levels from beginners to advanced and 1:1 tuition with experienced teachers. Specialist courses, including Yoga for Healthy Lower Backs. Weekend workshops and masterclasses. Full equipped studio in a peaceful, rural location. On-site parking.

Open Monday to Thursday 9am - 9pm
Friday 9am - 6pm / Saturday 9am - 1.30pm
Afternoon workshops only
Sunday: Workshops only.

www.studioyoga.co.uk

41 Claire Gaudion

High Street, Stockbridge
Tel: 07748 983736



Claire Gaudion is an artisan textile design company creating rugs, cushions and fabrics inspired by nature. The brand is driven by the knowledge that characteristics of design can make a positive difference to everyday living. In particular, that nature-inspired colours, patterns and textures can bring balance and wellbeing to home interiors.

Monday to Friday 9am - 6pm

www.clairegaudion.com

Useful information

Surgeries

Stockbridge Surgery

New Street
Stockbridge

Tel: **01264 810 524**

Veterinary Services

Hawksdown Veterinary Centre

Windover Farm
Longstock Road
Stockbridge

Tel: **01264 810 281**

Churches

St. Peter's Church

The Rev. Jonathan Watkins
The Rectory

11 Trafalgar Way
Stockbridge

Tel: **01264 810 810**

St. Thomas More Church

High Street
Stockbridge

SO20 6HD

Tel: **01962 852 804**



Travelling to Stockbridge

By Road

Stockbridge is situated on the A303 London to the Southwest between Winchester and Salisbury. **PARKING IS FREE OF CHARGE.**

Please park between the roundabouts on the A3057 or on the highstreet.

By Train

8 miles from Andover Station, 9 miles from Winchester Station.

10 miles from Romsey Station Telephone 0845 748 4950 for National Rail Enquiries or go to www.nationalrail.co.uk for train times.

By Bus

Regular services from Andover and Winchester:

Stagecoach **0845 121 0190** or www.stagecoachbus.com

Wheeler's **023 8047 1800** or www.wheelerstravel.co.uk

Service from Romsey at school times (school days only):

Wilts and Dorset **01983 827 005** or www.wdbus.co.uk

Carshare scheme for pre-booked passengers from Wherwell, Chilbolton, King's Somborne and Houghton on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays:

01962 846 786 or www.hants.gov.uk/taxishares

Free bus on Sundays and public holidays May to September from Romsey via Timsbury, Kimbridge, Mottisfont and Houghton operated by: Test Valley Community Services www.threeriversrail.com

Facilities

Toilet (including disabled access) are situated in the High Street.

Further Information

Visitor Information Centre, 13 Church Street, Romsey, SO51 8BT.

Tel: **01794 512987** Email: romseytic@testvalley.gov.uk

www.testvalley.gov.uk/tourism

www.visit-testvalley.org.uk

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