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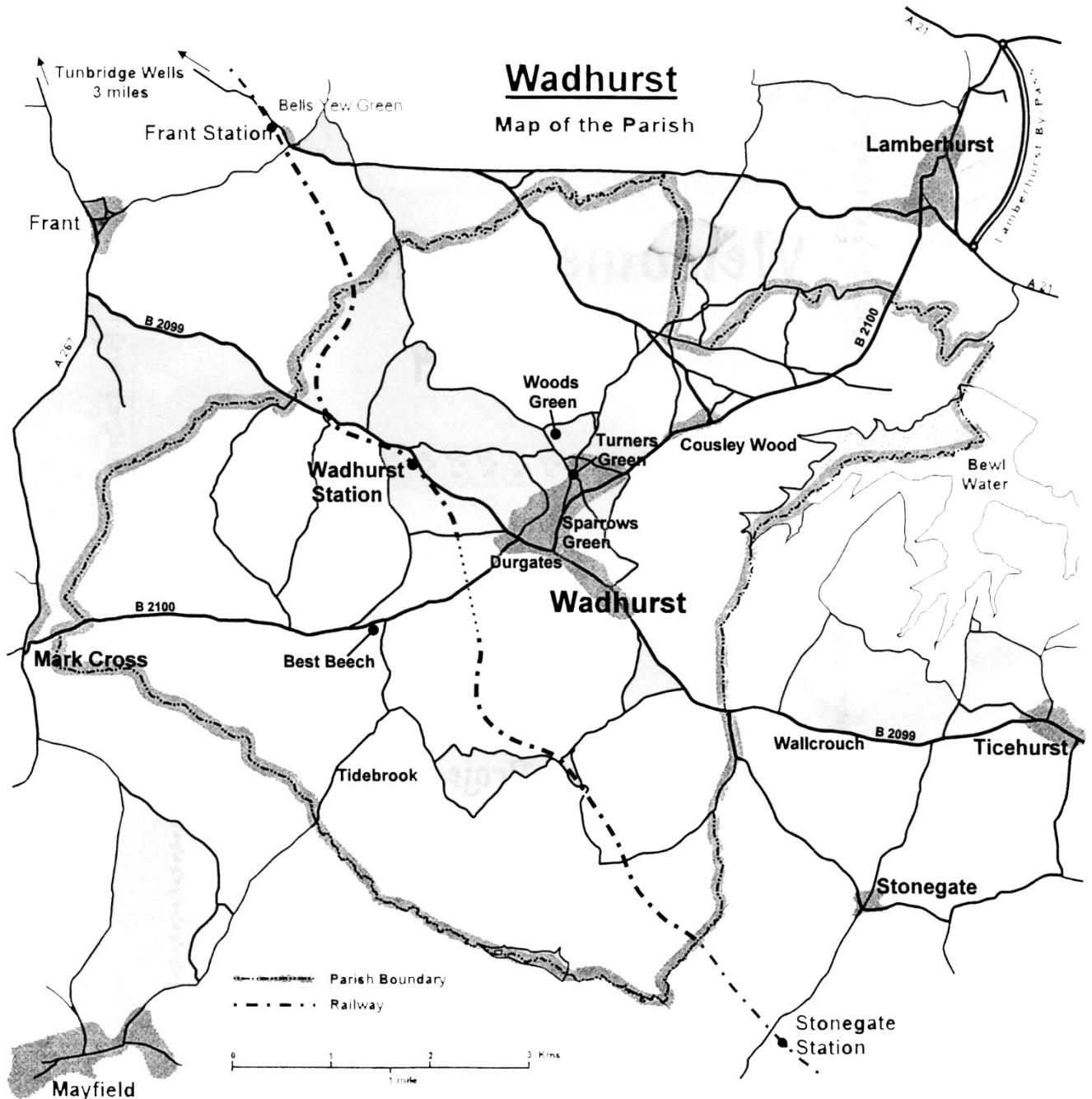


Welcome to Wadhurst

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Carillon Cottage has produced this leaflet to give newcomers and/or those thinking of moving to Wadhurst an introduction to the village and its amenities. We hope you will find this information useful. If you have any questions about Wadhurst please feel free to contact us.



Wadhurst

Wadhurst is a historic market town with a charter dating from 1253. It was one of the centres of the Wealden Iron Industry and its Parish Church houses the finest collection of iron memorial slabs in England dating from 1617-1799.

In Victorian times the majority of the working population was employed on the land. Sheep, cattle, hops and timber were the main occupations. Agriculture has severely declined although there are still a few dairy cows, several suckler herds and plenty of sheep.

Wadhurst is twinned with the town of Aubers in Northern France. Twenty-five

men from the Parish died there in 1915 during the battle for the Aubers Ridge. Books giving more information about this and the history of Wadhurst are available in Barnett's book shop in the High Street.

Wadhurst "Village" is a vibrant community, well served by its local shops, cafes, schools, churches and a monthly Farmers market. Many activities take place for all residents, drama, music groups and sport and over 40 clubs and societies.

Wadhurst Commemoration Hall (<https://wadhurstcommemorationhall.org>) in the centre of the village, is the location of many community activities such as amateur dramatics, film club and farmers' market. Have a look at the website to find out what is happening there.

Wadhurst Library, open Wednesday & Saturday mornings and Monday & Friday afternoons, also houses local information and internet access. For more information visit <https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/libraries/local/locations/wadhurst>.

The Parish Church of St Peter & Paul is located in the centre of the village. Details of services and events here, and at Stonegate and Tidebrook churches, can be found on the Benefice website www.wadhurstchurches.org.

The Sacred Heart Catholic Church can be found in Mayfield Lane, TN5 6DQ. www.sacredheartchurchwadhurst.org.uk.

Volunteer organisations include:

Carillon Cottage (<https://www.carillon-cottage.org.uk/>) - Carillon Cottage, owned by Wadhurst Parish Church, is a community information and assistance hub in Wadhurst High Street. Open every morning Monday – Saturday, residents and visitors are welcome to drop in for free-of-charge general advice and practical help.

Services include a volunteer driving service, hearing aid maintenance sessions, wheelchair loan, jigsaw library, ticket sales for local events, help with form filling and on-line applications, office services and meeting room hire.

The Cottage is staffed by volunteers and services are free. Opening hours are Monday to Saturday from 0930 – 1230.

CAMEO (Come and Meet Each Other) – a weekly Lunch Club for older people. Run by Wadhurst Parish Church the club meets each Wednesday from 11am to 3pm for a hot lunch, activities and chat. Lifts can be arranged. To find out more contact Carolyn Harrison on 07956 377519 or Carillon Cottage on 01892 785658.

Jellybeans Pre-school Parent & Toddler Group. Meets Thursday during term time. 9.30 to 11am in Wadhurst Parish Church. For 0 to 4-year olds and their parents or carers. Free to attend, come along for play, art, stories, songs, refreshments and a chance to connect with others.

Tuesday J Club. A free after-school club for 5-11s at Wadhurst Parish Church with fun activities based around Bible stories, songs, crafts and games. A 'Walking bus' is available from Wadhurst Primary School and a light tea. Contact Kat Fisher on 07395 874396 or kat.wadhurstchurch@gmail.com for more information on activities for children and young people organised by Wadhurst Parish Church.

Wadhurst Warriors (<https://wadhurstwarriors.co.uk/>) - A group who organise community events such as the Fireworks display, Christmas decorations and Santa ride throughout the village for the children.

More volunteers are always needed by the above organisations. If you would like to get involved, please get in touch with the named contact or pop into Carillon Cottage who can pass on your details.

Focus Magazine. A monthly community magazine for Wadhurst, Tidebrook and Stonegate is edited by Wadhurst Parish Church. It contains details of all Church and community activities for the month ahead. It also includes a very useful directory of trades and services available in the local area. A free copy is available from Carillon Cottage for all new Wadhurst residents.

If you would like to subscribe you can have it delivered or collect from Carillon Cottage each month. The cost is £1 per single copy or £7 for the year.

Wadhurst village is connected to London and Hastings by train. Bus number 1066 runs to Tunbridge Wells or Hastings hourly. There are also services to Lamberhurst and Crowborough less frequently. Timetables can be found online or are available from Carillon Cottage.

Wadhurst is in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty with numerous walks and views to be found nearby. Nearby places of interest include:

Royal Tunbridge Wells

provides a varied range of scenic and historic places of interest, including the celebrated Pantiles with its shops and cafés. The Royal Victoria Place shopping centre, with indoor parking, can be found in the centre of town.

Bowl Water stretches between Wadhurst, Lamberhurst and Ticehurst and is the largest inland water in Southern England. Car parking is available next to the Visitor Centre where there is an exhibition about the reservoir, a shop and a cafe.

Bayham Abbey, lying between Lamberhurst and Tunbridge Wells, is a fine example of a Prae-monstratensian Abbey: its ruins and grounds are open to the public.

Scotney Castle, owned by the National Trust, is at Lamberhurst. It is of exceptional interest with its moat, gardens and architecture of many generations.

Other Attractions

Within a 15-mile radius of Wadhurst are *Bodiam Castle*, *Sissinghurst Castle and gardens*, *Bateman's* (the home of Rudyard Kipling) and *Penshurst Place*.

The *National Pinetum* at Bedgebury is also a pleasant place to visit, with the conifer collection of Kew Gardens and Forestry Commission plots.

