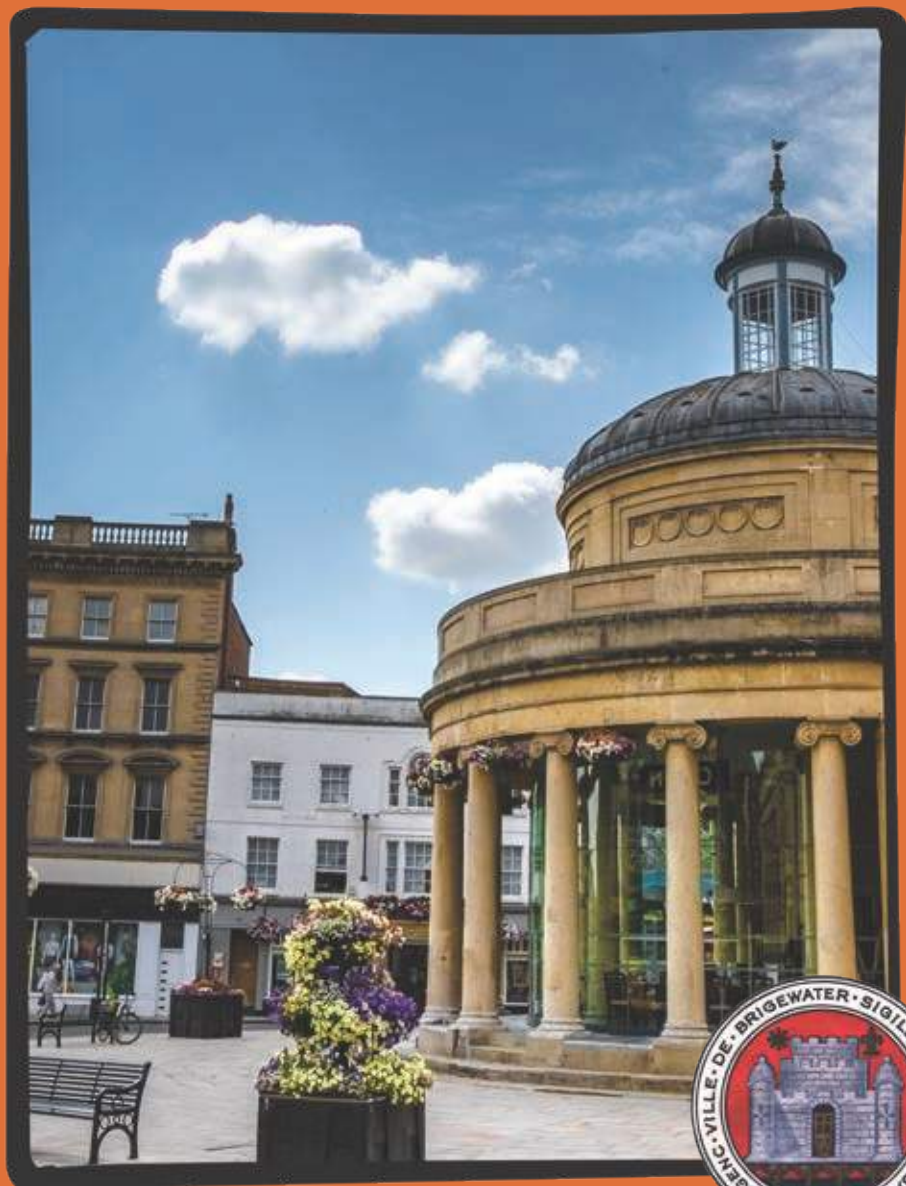


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Welcome

"Hi, I'm Diogo and I'm the Mayor of Bridgwater. "

We change Mayors every year, and my personal focus is on Youth, Culture and Tourism. So that's why I'm pleased to be launching this new publication about all that the town has to offer.

I'd like to welcome you all to Bridgwater. It's a friendly place with a lot going for it. It's the home of the biggest Carnival in Britain, site of the Battle of Sedgemoor - the last pitched battle in England - and resplendent with maritime heritage, from our ancient docks to the peaceful meanderings of our canal.

Then there's our dramatic river Parrett, which rises and falls courtesy of a small tidal wave -

the Bridgwater Bore - that brings the sea into our town centre, and which you can watch from our quayside cafés, bars and restaurants.

With new hotels in the town, Bridgwater is booming, and an exciting destination for tourists. So if you're looking for a jumping off point to visit Somerset with its hills, moors, beaches, historic towns and quaint villages, there's no better place.

Wishing you a lovely time and hoping you'll come again,

Diogo

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A Journey Through Historic Bridgwater



Blake Museum

The history and heritage of Bridgwater is all around us to this day. A settlement has existed on this narrow crossing of the River Parrett since 1200, when a castle and bridge were built.

The castle was destroyed in 1645 in a violent siege by Oliver Cromwell during the English Civil War, but sections still remain, built into the modern townscape, most notably the Watergate on the river frontage with its three Norman arches.

Bridgwater is a town of historic non-conformity in religion, which partly explains its rebel history. The spectacular spire of St Mary's Parish Church dominates but isn't the only place of worship. A short wander around the

town brings you to St John's Church, the Baptist Church of 1600 and the Unitarian Chapel of the late 17th century.

In the 18th century, the British Empire generated wealth for the privileged classes and fashionable cities like Bath sprung up as showcases. Here in Bridgwater we have the Georgian Castle Street, built in the grounds of the old castle and used as film sets over the years. Today, it's home to the Bridgwater Arts Centre - the country's very first Arts Centre!

Also, in this special heritage area you can find King Square on the site of the old castle keep and surrounded by the 'upstairs downstairs' homes of master and servant so evocative of the period.

Along the riverside you can find Lions House, built in 1730 by Benjamin Holloway, the builder employed by the Duke of Chandos.

Bridgwater was the birthplace of one of the country's most famous sea captains. Robert Blake, Cromwell's 'General at Sea' and victor over the French, Dutch and Spanish navies in the mid-17th century, was born in what is today

the Admiral Blake Museum. This is the ideal starting point for a history tour of Bridgwater.

In the 19th century, Bridgwater grew rapidly with its major industries of brick and tile-making, its docks and its railway connections. Evidence of that growth can still be seen today in the town's many Victorian streetscapes with terraces that housed the growing workforce.



The Squibber

Brick pits surround the town, now transformed into attractive ponds and lakes such as Browne's Pond and Dunwear Pits, while the last surviving Brick Kiln is now the Brick and Tile Museum on Wylds Road. Bridgwater Docks, although some ten miles from the sea and on a tidal river, still retain their industrial character and are among Somerset's hidden gems.

Twentieth-century Bridgwater saw the townspeople engaged internationally, with many of them dying in the two World Wars. Their names are engraved on the town's war memorial in King Square, a unique masterpiece designed by John Angel.

King Square



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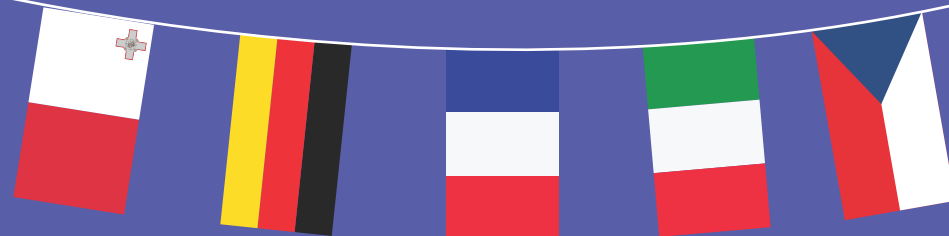
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International Links

As a seafaring town of some note, Bridgwater has a tradition of internationalism stretching back for centuries.

In recent years, the town has seen a growing population from around Europe and across the globe, relishing the many cultures that have chosen to make Bridgwater their home. Whether you're Polish or Portuguese, Czech or Chinese you'll find a welcome in Bridgwater.

Our current Mayor, Diogo Rodrigues, is the first Portuguese-born Mayor of a British town.

Bridgwater also has a proud tradition of twinning, and has regular exchange projects with our five partner nations – France, Germany, the Czech Republic, Malta and Italy.

Each year, the Town Council hosts a Twinning Week and also a Bridgwater Together event, which both celebrate cultural diversity and support the regular events staged by our international community.

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Walk This Way

*Bridgwater has a wealth of history and heritage,
and what better way to explore it than on foot?*

BLUE PLAQUES

Did you know that Bridgwater has 26 Blue Plaques? You can walk in the footsteps of Franciscan Friars on Silver Street, known in the 14th Century as "the way from church to the house of Friars Minor" or visit Clare Street, where Isolda Parawastel once resided, following her escape from Jerusalem after being captured during her pilgrimage in 1365. From there, move on to Watergate, used for bringing goods into and out of the castle circa 1200. Then why not enjoy a coffee at the White Feather Coffee Co or a refreshing beverage at one of the oldest public houses in Bridgwater, The Fountain Inn, established in 1744?



THE ROPE WALK

The Rope Walk leads along the River Parrett to the Town Centre, commemorating Bridgwater's shipbuilding heritage. East and West Quay on opposite banks were once lined with ships loading and unloading cargo. The last ship to be built in Bridgwater, the 'Irene', was launched in May 1907, and is still sailing the seas.

Walk over the Black Telescopic Bridge, built by Isambard Kingdom Brunel in 1871 to carry a railway line along the Clink and link the Railway station to the historic Bridgwater Docks. There you can find the Bascule Bridge and historic lock gates, vintage cranes and winding equipment, as well as modern houseboats and longboats.



Crane, West Quay

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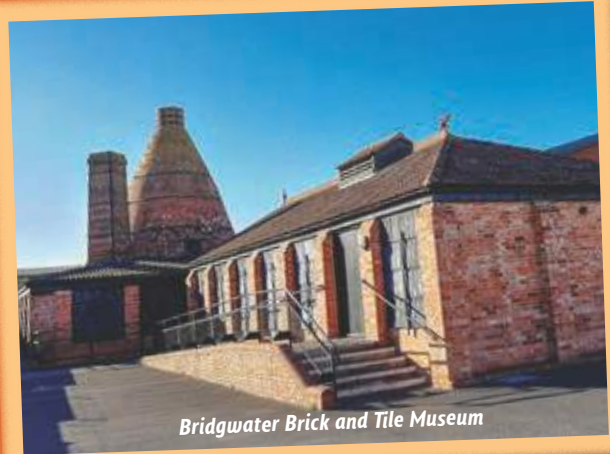
Walk This Way

THE SOMERSET BRICK AND TILE MUSEUM

Further downstream, you will find the Somerset Brick and Tile Museum. The kiln and drying shed were once part of the Barham Brothers brickyard, evidence of Bridgwater's industrial past. Wander at your leisure.

THE ENGLAND COAST PATH

The England Coast path runs into Bridgwater. The paths on either side of the River Parrett take you to the open sea, whether it's to the busy resort of Burnham-On-Sea to the right or the wilds of the newly formed Steart Marshes on the left. Take in the many 'pill boxes' from World War Two when the area was included in the Country's 'Stop Line'.



Bridgwater Brick and Tile Museum

THE SOMERSET SPACE WALK

Take the Somerset Space Walk along the Bridgwater and Taunton Canal, which uses the 14-mile towpath to display a model of the sun and its planets in their proportionally-correct sizes and distances apart. The route takes you on a serene meander, skirting the Somerset Levels and Moors where you can walk or cycle. If that's too much, drop in by car to the Maunsell Lock, enjoy a cream tea at the café or take to the water by canoe, kayak, self-drive motor boat or a chartered narrowboat courtesy of Somerset Boat Centre.

THE CANAL AND THE MEADS

When you're exploring the town's waterways, don't forget that along the canal path is the new Eco Park. This area, known as 'The Meads', is a publicly-owned space resplendent with flora and fauna that brings a little of the Somerset Levels into the heart of the town.



Blake Gardens

HISTORY WALKS

Find out about Lady Christabella Wyndham, who took a pot shot at Oliver Cromwell during the Siege of Bridgwater in 1645, and could have changed the history of England. She missed!

Discover Bridgwater's proud claim to be the first town to petition against the African Transatlantic Slave Trade in 1785. Visit the exhibition of contemporary drawings by the petition's architect and town councillor John Chubb on display at Bridgwater Museum

There's always the option to take a walk around Bridgwater in the company of an experienced local guide. Our guides bring the town's history to life with stories and anecdotes you won't easily find in books.

Visit the 19th century town hall and learn about the time when brick workers went on strike in 1896 and besieged the Town Council inside its walls. The Mayor had to be rescued by troops of the Gloucestershire Regiment with a bayonet charge along the High Street.

Learn about how Bridgwater became the only town in the country to reject the 1938 Munich Agreement with the election of Independent MP and popular journalist Vernon Bartlett.

.... and much more.



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Space Walk

Our Maritime Tradition



Bridgwater-Taunton Canal

Built as a port on the River Parrett, Bridgwater town centre once bristled with ships. In the 18th century, visitors travelling from Bristol could identify it by the tall masts peeking up from the flat moors around them. A modern dock was built in the 19th century and connected to Taunton by a canal.

The River Parrett, which fills twice a day thanks to the tide, brings sea water to the heart of the moors and the centre of Bridgwater from the Bristol Channel, which has the second highest tidal range in the world after the Bay of Fundy, Canada.

Today Bridgwater wants to revitalise its ancient maritime tradition, and with the coming creation of a Parrett Tidal Barrier - which will be a tourist attraction in itself - we want to give people a sense of that seafaring history.

The Town Bridge, newly lit up at night, can be seen from waterfront cafes and restaurants and is lapped by the highest tides.

To find out more about Bridgwater's maritime history, drop into the Blake Museum.



Town Bridge

Bridgwater Docks



Visit Bridgwater

A Coast Full of Surprises

The River Parrett that runs through Bridgwater opens out into the Bristol Channel, known in Tudor times perhaps more romantically as the Severn Sea. A long-distance walking route has been created, stretching along this coast from Minehead to Brean Down and including the banks of the Parrett as far as Bridgwater and back out towards the sea again.

Eventually, the route will join sections beyond Brean to form a path around the whole of the UK - the England Coast Path. The Somerset Coast harbours many secrets, from the number of over-wintering waders it attracts, to piers, lighthouses, a shipwreck and a salt marsh. It has a fascinating geology and amazing wildlife, and as well as the 58-mile trek there are a number of circular walks available to download from the website www.visitsomerset.co.uk



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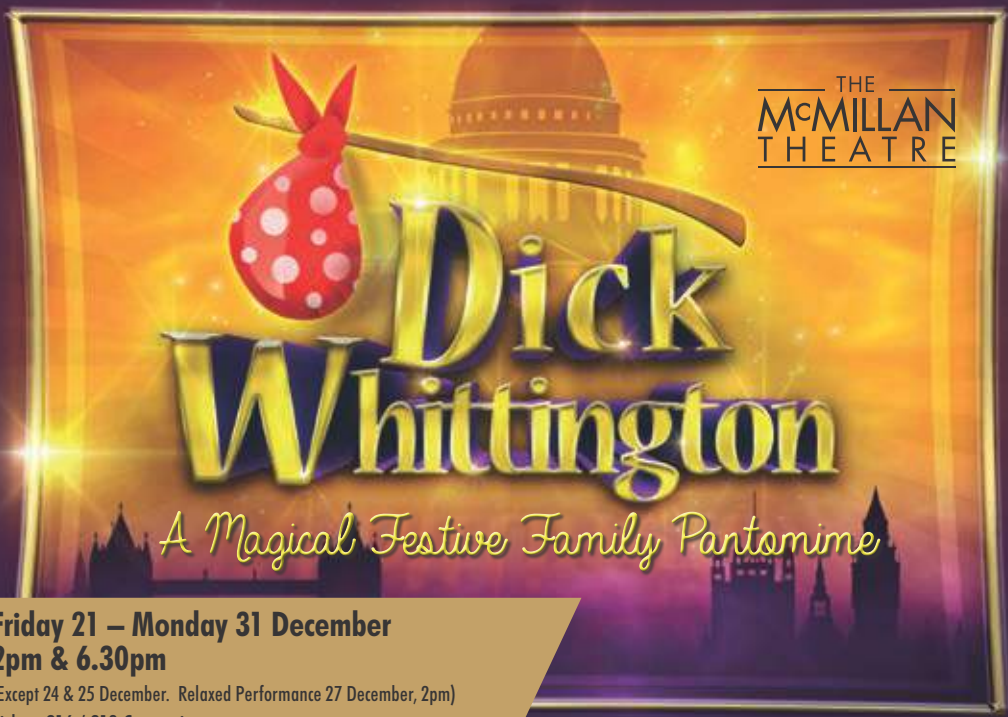
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Vibrant culture

Probably because of its rich history of carnival and the inherently rebellious nature of the people, Bridgwater has a unique take on culture and the arts. The Guy Fawkes Carnival has grown year-on-year into the magnificent spectacle which takes to the streets of Bridgwater each year in early November.

Bridgwater boasts the first Arts Centre in the country, funded by the Arts Council and opened in 1946. It's also home to the Somerset Film and Video Centre at the Engine Room, kick-started with a fundraising gig by Clash frontman Joe Strummer, who loved the area so much he moved here, saying 'this is a Clash town'. The spirit of the alternative has long had a home in Bridgwater.

Visit Bridgwater

Today, the town has a Cultural Partnership which brings together all of these creative outlets, capturing and releasing the innovative talents of the townspeople, whether it's in rock music, film-making, dance, performance or the visual arts.

The spectacular Quayside Festival sees the town spring to life in midsummer, balancing the winter lights of the carnival with a vibrant procession and its breathtaking firework display.

Whether it's Carnival concerts, operatic and drama groups, rock bands, belly dancing or majorettes, Bridgwater has it all.

Quayside Festival

Every summer, the centre of Bridgwater is transformed with live music, theatre, dance, circus and puppetry. The Quayside Festival brings local and national artistes to Blake Gardens, West Quay, Fore Street and Angel Place to celebrate the culture and diversity of Bridgwater, once among the top ten ports in the UK.

Organisers FUSE work with the Bridgwater Cultural Partnership to put on this free summer festival that recalls Bridgwater's fabulous heritage. A diverse array of musicians perform sea shanties, jazz, folk and rock alongside mermaids and pirates.

With archery, circus and carnival arts, inflatables and medieval games, there are fun activities for all the family. Enjoy the wide variety of food and drink from local producers and watch a parade through riverside streets adorned with flying fish, giant pineapples and silver streamers.

Saturday 20th July 2019 will be a date to remember in the town's cultural calendar.



Bridgwater Guy Fawkes Carnival

Carnival sums up the spirit of Bridgwater in so many ways – it's full of fun and energy!

The world-famous Bridgwater Carnival takes to the streets on the first Saturday in November every year, and is widely recognised as the largest, most spectacular illuminated parade in Europe. Little wonder, when 50 carnival carts parade through the town, each lit by tens of thousands of lights, and many of them up to 100ft in length, 11ft wide and 16.5ft high. They're joined by marching bands, groups of masqueraders and individuals, who together make up a huge procession which takes over 2 hours to pass any one spot on the 1.7 mile carnival route.

But there's more to Bridgwater Carnival than a parade. On the eve of carnival, one of the largest firework displays in the south west takes place in St Matthew's Field. What's more, on carnival day itself the town centre comes alive with music to suit all tastes, and street



theatre and other entertainment for the whole family.

The Bridgwater Carnival experience reaches its climax immediately after the parade with a squibbing display involving over 170 fireworks, which are lit simultaneously to create an amazing spectacle which is unique to Bridgwater.

The carnival's origins date back to the Gunpowder Plot of 1605, when King James I declared that the failure of the conspiracy was to be celebrated with bonfires and fireworks. Although the town's bonfires are a thing of the past, Bridgwater still knows how to celebrate the event in style!

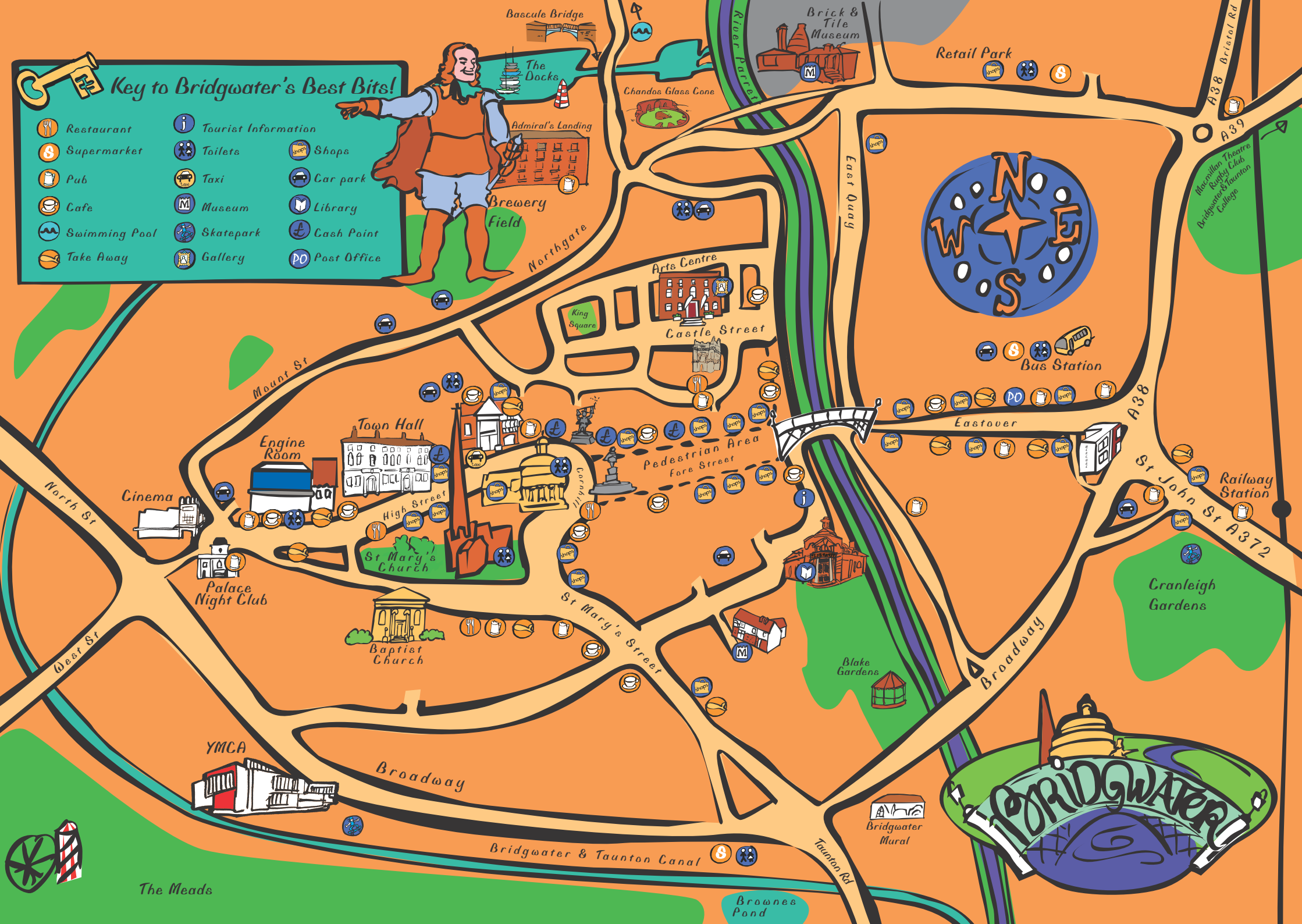


Squibbing on Town Bridge



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| Take Away | Gallery | |



Shopping

With a pedestrianised main street and quayside, green spaces and buildings of historical interest, Bridgwater understandably attracts many independent traders, and is a comfortable town to walk around to do your shopping.

CASTLE MARKET

As a historic market town, Bridgwater continues this tradition every Friday with its Castle Market, well-known in the area for its quality, variety and experienced and friendly stall holders.

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The Avenue

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THE CORNHILL INDOOR MARKET

The Cornhill has always been the historic centre of the town. The pineapple, which is the crowning piece on top of the dome, is a symbol of welcome. It's now home to a shabby-chic furniture shop, a butchers, a boutique, a traditional sweet shop, and you can pick up some delicious cupcakes at 'Nice Buns'!

EASTOVER

The Eastover area, along the East bank of the river, features a range of independent shops and restaurants once you cross the town bridge. If you follow the yellow brick rope (carved into the pavement) you come to Bridgwater Retail Park, home to several major outlets such as Sainsbury's, Lidl, Argos, Next, M&S Food Hall and Currys. Alternatively, leave your car at the expansive parking zone and follow the rope back into the town!



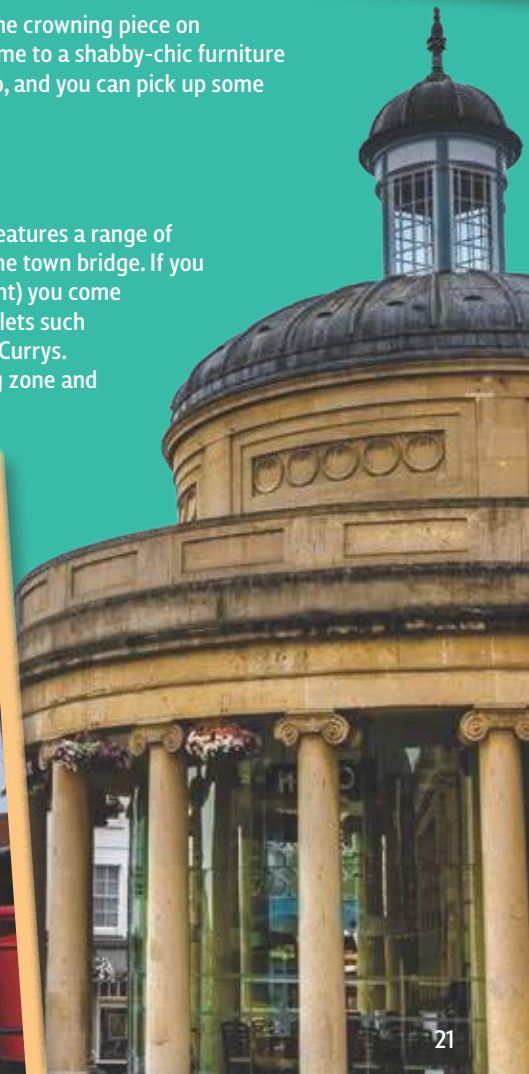
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You can't visit Bridgwater without trying a Bridgwater Manchip. The name comes from the Norman word 'manchet', used to describe a cross between a lardy cake and a fancy pastry. Put simply, it's a jam-filled rolled pastry - and if you want to sample the best, head to Judith's Bakery on St John Street!



COFFEE STOP

Bridgwater has a multitude of coffee shops and cafes! Take a seat in one of the many cafes along the River Parrett and watch the world go by - or grab a take-away coffee and continue exploring!



that pubs and cafes now rub shoulders with Mediterranean, Indian, Italian, Turkish, Portuguese and Thai cuisine. Check out the What's On Guide for details of Bridgwater's annual Food and Drink Festival.

DRINK

Whether you're looking for a sophisticated cocktail or G&T, a traditional Somerset cider or locally-brewed ale, then head to one of the town's many pubs or wine bars. And if you don't want your evening to end, why not move on to one of the three local nightclubs?!

DINING OUT

Sit back and relax for a while - dine in one of our many restaurants. Local menus have been joined by international flavours, so



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FANCY A BREW?

We chat with Holly Buckingham, founder of The White Coffee Co., to discover more about the delicious coffee they serve each day...



Tell us more about the White Feather Coffee Co?

Following the passing of my husband in October 2015, aged just 30, I handed in my notice for the stable middle management position I held at the local College and followed my husband's advice to "open a coffee shop." I started up with a Citroen 2cv converted into a coffee van and worked a few events before opening my first coffee shop at Somerset Energy Innovation Centre on the outskirts of Bridgwater in February 2017. 6 months later I opened my second coffee shop in a beautiful grade 1 listed building in the centre of Bridgwater. Just 18 months into the business I couldn't be happier with the way in which it has flourished!

The ethos behind The White Feather Coffee Co. stemmed from a love of good food and excellent coffee and the notable lack of either of the two in the local area at that time. There are 5 core values at the centre of the business:

- Sourcing produce from local suppliers
- Providing every customer with excellent service
- Offering the highest quality, freshly produced food and beverages
- Supporting other small, local businesses through collaboration, supply and distribution
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The National Cycle Network is a series of safe, traffic-free paths and quiet on-road cycling and walking routes. In Somerset this often follows the route of the old railway lines that were taken up in the 1960s and 70s.

To get to Bridgwater by bike, you cycle along canal towpaths, alongside beaches, up hills and across moors and wetlands and riverbanks, through car-free tunnels and charming villages.

The canal towpath run (NCN3) also has the added incentive of a scale model of the solar system along its 14-mile route.

Visit Bridgwater

Bridgwater is an ideal base for touring around the historic county of Somerset. Within a few miles of our town you can find the entire history of Britain.

Explore Somerset



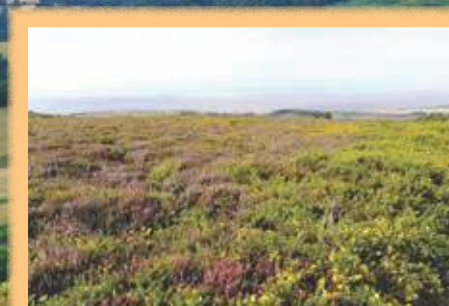
GLASTONBURY

The Vale of Avalon includes Glastonbury with its majestic Tor, the apocryphal 'green hill' of biblical times, where legend says Jesus once walked (or at least his uncle Joseph of Arimathea) and where it's said that the legendary King Arthur and his Knights are buried awaiting the call to return at England's behest. There's also the famous Abbey, where Saxon kings were interred, and which was partly destroyed during Henry VIII's dissolution of the monasteries.



SOMERSET LEVELS

The Somerset Levels saw the last pitched battle on English soil, the Battle of Sedgemoor in 1685, which brought an end to the Duke of Monmouth's campaign to become King. They also witnessed the first battles in English history, when King Alfred the Great hid out on the Athelney marshes. There he built up an army to overcome the Vikings, forcing them to a peace treaty at nearby Wedmore and baptising their leader, Guthrum, at Aller before going on to unite the first English state.



QUANTOCK HILLS

Less than ten miles from Bridgwater and you're in the dramatic Quantock Hills, with their spectacular views across the Bristol Channel and over the moors.

The hills are home to ponies running free, heath gorse and heather, and were the setting for the poetic wanderings of Coleridge and Wordsworth. You can visit Coleridge Cottage in Nether Stowey, and Fyne Court, home of Andrew Cross and his experiments with lightning that were said to have influenced Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*!



CHEDDAR

Just 30 minutes from Bridgwater sit the Mendip Hills which drop down to the village of Cheddar, known for its cheese, strawberries and caves, through an imposing Gorge home to wildlife including birds of prey, wild mountain goats and sheep.



The Somerset coastline takes in the Medieval Dunster Castle, the ancient port of Watchet, the dramatic Brean Down peninsula pointing out to the islands of Steep Holm and Flat Holm, and the holiday resort of Burnham-on-Sea.

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A short drive across the moors and you come to the cathedral city of Wells with its medieval market square, its moated Bishop's Palace and the charming 12th century Vicars' Close.

Bridgwater is the ideal base for checking out not only snapshots of British history but some of the country's most beautiful scenery.



Vicar's Close, Wells

What's On 2018

02 Nov	GRAND FIREWORKS DISPLAY <i>St Matthew's Field, 7pm</i>
03 Nov	BRIDGWATER GUY FAWKES CARNIVAL <i>Town Centre, Activities from 10am & Procession at 7pm</i>
11 Nov	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY <i>King Square, 11am</i>
23 Nov	SNOWFLAKES & SHOPPING AND CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON <i>Town Centre, 6pm</i>
24 Nov	BRIDGWATER HISTORY DAY <i>Bridgwater Arts Centre, 10am-4pm</i>
24 - 25 Nov	ACTS YOUTH THEATRE SCHOOL CHARITY PERFORMANCE <i>Bridgwater Town Hall</i>
01 Dec	HANDEL MESSIAH BY BRIDGWATER CHORAL SOCIETY <i>St Mary's Church, 7:30pm</i>
07 - 08 Dec	DUNSTER BY CANDLELIGHT <i>Dunster</i>
09 - 11 Dec	HANSEL & GRETEL (FAMILY THEATRE) <i>Bridgwater Arts Centre</i>
14 - 15 Dec	HANSEL & GRETEL (ADULT PANTO) <i>Bridgwater Arts Centre, 8pm</i>
15 Dec	CHRISTMAS PARTY NIGHT <i>Bridgwater Town Hall</i>
21 Dec	MAD DOG MCREA LIVE ROCK BAND <i>Town Hall, 7pm</i>
21 - 23 Dec	DICK WHITTINGTON BY BRIDGWATER PANTOMIME SOCIETY <i>McMillan Theatre, 2pm & 6pm</i>
26 - 31 Dec	DICK WHITTINGTON BY BRIDGWATER PANTOMIME SOCIETY <i>McMillan Theatre</i>

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~ 2019 DATES ~
Grand Firework Display

1st November ~ 7.30pm
St Matthews Field

Bridgwater Carnival Concerts

30 September to 12 October

Bridgwater Town Hall

BRIDGWATER CARNIVAL

Saturday 2 November

Live Entertainment from 10.00am

CARNIVAL PARADE ~7.00pm

Squibbing Display – 10.45pm (approx.)

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18 - 26 Jan	DICK WHITTINGTON BY BRIDGWATER PANTOMIME SOCIETY Bridgwater Town Hall
2 Feb	TRIBUTE BANDS NIGHT Bridgwater Town Hall
7 Feb	KEXP SEATTLE INTERNATIONAL CLASH DAY Tune in from 2pm UK time for a full days Clash
27 Apr	BRIDGWATER FOOD & DRINK FESTIVAL Bridgwater Town Centre and Town Hall, 12pm
21-23 Mar	OLD FOLKS VARIETY SHOW Bridgwater Town Hall
2 Apr	BLAKE MUSEUM SUMMER OPENING
11 May	SOMERSET DAY
11 May	BRAHMS BY BRIDGWATER CHORAL SOCIETY St Mary's Church
17 May	BRIDGWATER MAYOR MAKING Bridgwater Town Hall, 7pm
2 Jun	BRIDGWATER DOCKS GALA (25TH ANNIVERSARY) Bridgwater Docks, 11am-4pm
8 Jun	WORLD CUP CRICKET: AFGHANISTAN VS NEW ZEALAND Taunton County Cricket Club
9 Jun	SUMMER FAIR Victoria Park, 11am-4pm
12 Jun	WORLD CUP CRICKET: AUSTRALIA VS PAKISTAN Taunton County Cricket Club
17 Jun	WORLD CUP CRICKET: WEST INDIES VS BANGLADESH Taunton County Cricket Club



Bridgwater Fair

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26-30 Jun	GLASTONBURY FESTIVAL	
20 Jul	BRIDGWATER QUAYSIDE FESTIVAL <i>Town Centre, 11am-5pm</i>	
2-3 Aug	SOMERROCK MUSIC FESTIVAL <i>Bridgwater & Albion RFC</i>	
14-18 Aug	CIRCUS WONDERLAND <i>St. Matthews Field</i>	
23-24 Aug	BRIDGWATER FLOWER SHOW <i>Bridgwater Town Hall</i>	
25-28 Sep	BRIDGWATER FAIR <i>St. Matthew's Field</i>	
30 Sep - 12 Oct	CARNIVAL CONCERTS <i>Bridgwater Town Hall</i>	
5-12 Oct	NATIONAL LIBRARIES WEEK <i>Bridgwater Library</i>	
12 Oct	BRIDGWATER TOGETHER <i>The Engine Room</i>	
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