

Vale of Pewsey & Marlborough

The Vale of Pewsey and Marlborough are located in a beautiful area in the eastern half of Wiltshire.

It is a walking and exploring landscape, studded with pretty and unspoilt villages, forming the western extent of the North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and in the heart of the Great West Way©.

Archaeological digs across the Vale indicate settlements from 3000BC. Much more recent history, with the opening of the Kennet and Avon canal in 1810 and the Great Western Railway in 1862, transformed Pewsey into a bustling community. Pewsey continues to be a quaint village that retains a charming character, is a hotspot for crop circle enthusiasts and, in September, hosts the oldest carnival in Wiltshire.

The Vale's life blood is the Kennet & Avon Canal linking attractions such as Wilton Windmill, Crofton Beam Engines and the Crop Circle Exhibition, the village of Pewsey with its wharf, and the White Horse hillside carvings in Pewsey and Alton Barnes.

The spectacular and varied landscape of the Vale is ideal for walking, cycling, riding, paragliding, canoeing, paddle-boarding and boat trips. Immerse yourself in history with charming thatched cottages, country pubs, quirky local landmarks, Churches dating from Saxon times and nostalgia from the 'no bones, no stones' Heritage Centre in Pewsey.

On the northern edge of The Vale sits the ancient market town of Marlborough. Dreamily unspoilt, it manages to retain its enviable historic charm and yet prides itself on its lively chichi buzz. A multitude of thriving shops, restaurants, pubs and cafes line its picture perfect High Street and a network of cobbled yards and alleyways leading off it promises even more gems beyond. All this and a packed calendar of events provides a vibrant compliment to the sleepy charms of the historic Pewsey Vale.

Marlborough and the Vale of Pewsey - two great locations from which to explore world-renowned sites such as Stonehenge, Avebury and Bath. The area has mainline stations at Pewsey and Bedwyn which offer services from and to London and the West Country.



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