

Where to eat drink and stay



Beyond Design

Quality coffee & beverages, light lunches, high teas & home made cakes & scones. An eclectic inclusive unique coffee shop. Dog friendly. Open 7 days a week 10 – 4pm
2 - 4 Marine Drive. 07506 585576

Molly's At The Beach

Fully licensed – serving a variety of hot & cold food, drinks & ice cream, outside & inside seating with wheelchair access. Stunning sea views. Open daily from 8.30am
Undercliff Walk. 01273 309322



Open Art Café

Breakfasts, light lunches, cakes & small batch coffee. Local arts & crafts for sale. Outside seating, dog & wheelchair friendly. Open daily 9 - 4.30pm, Sun 10 - 3.30pm
6 Nevill Road. 01273 965364

Smugglers

Family fish & chip take away & restaurant, just up from the sea front. Pies & many more delights. Open Weds - Fri 12 - 2.30pm & 5-9pm, Sat 12 - 9pm, Sun 12 - 4pm
36 High Street. 01273 309477



The Coach House

Family run comfortable traditional 'Free House' pub with function room & balcony. Open lunch hours & evenings (closed Mon). Serving a variety of freshly cooked food.
24 High Street. 01273 301945

Trellis Restaurant

Home cooked roasts, fish, steak & kidney pies, jacket potatoes, toasties, ploughmans & salads. Seating in pretty front garden. Open 10 – 6pm closed Weds & Thurs.
39 High Street. 01273 302837



The White Horse Hotel

An exclusive hotel with 25 en-suite bedrooms & a large raised terrace overlooking the sea. A wide range of hot & cold beverages & cooked food served from 8 – 11pm.
High Street. 01273 300301

Ye Olde Black Horse

Friendly atmosphere with traditional pub fayre, seasonal gastro & fish dishes served for lunch & evening dinner. Regular entertainment, events & quiz nights. Open all week 11 – 11pm.
65 High Street. 01273 300491



Antiques, Collectables & Gifts.



Arthropod Arts

Arts & crafts, science gifts, materials, kits & toys including beach paraphernalia. Award winning work shops & birthday parties. Open 10 – 6pm Tue – Sat, 11 – 4pm Sun.
20 – 22 High Street. 07701 072761

Chapel Collectors Centre

With over 25 stallholders, one is bound to find something of interest such as Art Deco items, jewellery, memorabilia or just an old book. Open 7 days a week 10 – 4.30pm
29 Park Road. 01273 390020



Elif Köse

Haute Couture & Bridal & Ready to Wear. Elegant women's fashions & accessories. Also bespoke dressmaking service. Open 10 – 6pm Mon – Sat
86 High Street. 01273 911431

High Tides

A fascinating antiques & collectables shop at the A259 village junction, where browsers are welcome to call in. Open during normal business hours & all day on Sat.
46 High Street. 07901 976152



Madwaxcandles.co.uk

Candles, incense & gifts – unusual presents for friends, loved ones or simply to brighten or refresh your home. Open 10 – 5pm Mon – Sat & on Bank Holiday Sundays
57 High Street. 01273 911512

Martlets Charity Shop

A great range of quality clothes for men & women, new beautiful costume jewellery & accessories. All shop profits support Martlets Hospice. Open Mon - Sat. 9.30 - 5pm
98 High Street. 01273 309415



Parc Charity Shop

Men's, women's & children's clothes - toys, books, collectables, bric-a-brac, jewellery & china etc - saleable donations welcome. Open 10 – 3pm Mon – Sat, 11 – 4pm Sun.
42 High Street. 01273 308886

Rottingdean Frames

Bespoke picture framing service at highly competitive prices, also local prints including Rottingdean, together with ready made frames. Open normal hours – closed Wed & Sat pm
10 Marine Drive. 01273 303287



Places to stay in Rottingdean

A list of places to stay in Rottingdean is at www.rottingdeanvillage.org.uk/accommodation

Eating & drinking

There are numerous interesting places to eat & drink in the village, including cafés, restaurants, public houses and an hotel. There are also many beautiful spots to picnic on The Downs, The Green, Kipling Gardens, cliff top or beaches.

www.rottingdeanvillage.org.uk/eating-drinking

Shopping

A mixed array of independent shops serve locals and visitors with antique curios, bakers, butchers, charity goods, fashion, florists, greengrocers, gifts & cards, hardware, pet supplies, jewellery & accessories, chemist, picture framing, tailoring & alterations and wedding wear. There are also convenience stores, galleries, hairdressers, beauty salons, health club, gym, a veterinary, natural health clinics and dentists.

www.rottingdeanvillage.org.uk/shopping

Services

The village provides the visitor with a range of services, ATMs, Bank, Building Society, Post Office etc. For further details visit www.rottingdeanvillage.org.uk/directory

The arts

Rottingdean has long been associated with the arts and still has a thriving and vibrant artistic community. Venues include The Terraces Stage, the Village Public Hall, The William Nicholson Gallery at the Grange, St.Margaret's Church, the Whiteway Centre, and the Bistro Gourmand cafe.

For information visit www.rottingdeanarts.org.uk, www.rwc.org.uk

The Whiteway Centre

The community centre provides a range of daytime and evening Adult Education and Leisure classes. All rooms are available for hire, including birthday parties and wedding receptions. For information visit www.rwc.org.uk

Rottingdean Parish Council

Rottingdean is the only Parish Council within the City of Brighton and Hove and it was the thought of being a very small part of this new large unitary authority that was an incentive for seeking a local level of democracy. It meets every 1st Monday of the month other than Bank Holidays.

www.rottingdean-pc.gov.uk

Annual Key Events

January

- Drama Society Pantomime – Village Hall – 8 performances over 2 weeks

March

- Rottingdean Arts Spring Music Festival

April

- Drama Society play – 5 performances – Village Hall

May

- St. Margaret's Church Fair – early May Bank Holiday
- The Windmill – open every third Sunday, May to September inclusive plus National Mills days.

- Brighton Festival – Artists Open Houses

- Cricket Club Car Boot sale – late May Bank Holiday

June

- Rottingdean & Saltdean Lions Club Fayre – Village Green, Saturday after second Monday

- Our Lady of Lourdes Church Summer Fair – church grounds

- Rottingdean Arts weekend performances to late August – Terraces Stage

- Kipling Festival – mid June to early July

July

- Drama Society play – 5 performances – Village Hall

- Summer Smugglers Events – The lower Terraces and Undercliff Walk

August

- Village Fair – 1st Saturday – Village Green

- Cricket Week – Village Cricket Ground

- Rottingdean Jazz Festival – Bank Holiday weekend – various venues

- Cricket Club Car Boot Sale – Bank Holiday Monday

September

- South & South East in Bloom and Brighton & Hove City in Bloom Awards

October

- Drama Society play – 5 performances – Village Hall

- Rottingdean Arts Autumn Concert – Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church

November

- Remembrance Day services at the War Memorials

- St. Margaret's Church Market – Village Hall

- Christmas Craft & Gift Fair – Village Hall

December

- Smuggler's Night – 1st Saturday also

- Lions Club Auction in The White Horse Hotel

- Inter 'Pubs' Sporting Trophy – Boxing Day – outside Ye Olde Black Horse and at the village pond

Further information

For up to date information on village events and activities visit www.rottingdeanvillage.org.uk/diary

All listed buildings in the village can be found at www.britishlistedbuildings.co.uk/england/brighton+and+hove/rottingdean



Visit historic

Rottingdean

A fascinating Sussex village by the sea



Near the City of Brighton and Hove

Once visited - never forgotten

www.rottingdeanvillage.org.uk

Rottingdean

is a unique downland Parish nestled between the South Downs National Park and the sea, with an absorbing story to tell, being only 4 miles to the east of Brighton and its main line railway station and bus terminal. www.rottingdeanvillage.org.uk

Village history

The village developed from neolithic times around the pond opposite the church as a small farming community. The village's name translates as 'the valley of Rota's people'. After the Battle of Hastings, Rottingdean was given as a reward to William de Warenne, the Lord of Lewes in acknowledgement of his support to William the Conqueror.

Famous residents

At the end of the 19th century, writers, artists and public figures began to settle here. Residents have included Sir Edward Burne-Jones, William Black, Lord Carson, Rudyard Kipling, Lady Baldwin, Sir William Nicholson, Sir Roderick Jones, Alfred Noyes, Enid Bagnold, Angela Thirkell, Fred Perry and the contemporary, famed folk singing family, the Coppers.

1 Beach & Sea

The beach is backed by chalk cliffs and a life guard service operates in summer. There are rock pools to explore and the remains of tracks for Magnus Volk's extraordinary 'Daddy Longlegs' Railway can be seen. The only train ever to have a lifeboat attached, it ran from 1896-1901. There is a recently restored building containing public toilets and a cafe. www.rottingdeanvillage.org.uk/around-about/history-environment



2 The Gap, Cliffs & Undercliff

The long undercliff walk from Black Rock to Saltdean was built between 1930 and 1935 as part of the sea defences to reduce the erosion of the chalk cliffs. The Gap is a natural valley in the cliffs allowing access to the village.



3 Rottingdean Terraces

Rottingdean terraces, situated between the White Horse Hotel and the seafront have recently been converted into a multi-purpose outdoor performance stage and auditorium. For forthcoming performances go to www.rottingdeanarts.org.uk



4 The Old Customs House

During the heyday of smuggling in the 17th and 18th centuries the Rottingdean Gang was active. The customs house in the High Street, opposite the Trellis restaurant, was established in 1760 to help prevent further smuggling.



5 Our Lady of Lourdes Church

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, consecrated in 1958, is situated in Whiteway Lane. The catholic presence in the village began with the arrival of the dispossessed Sisters of St. Martha from France in 1903 who established the convent of Our Lady of Lourdes, now situated on the west side of the Green. www.ourladyoflourdesandstpatricks.co.uk



6 The Grange, Gallery, Museum & Library

Originally the Vicarage and renamed by Sir William Nicholson, The Grange now contains a Public Library, an Art Gallery and a local Visitor Information Point. There is a Museum of Rottingdean and its famous residents and a garden café. www.rottingdeanpreservationsociety.org.uk



7 The Green & village pond

The Green, in front of St Margaret's Church has been the focus of village activities since the Stone Age. The pond, once fed by a spring, provided the only source of drinking water during Neolithic and Saxon times both for humans and livestock. It is a place for calm reflection and enjoyment



8 North End House

A blue plaque identifies the former holiday home of Sir Edward Burne-Jones. Later residents included the author of National Velvet, Enid Bagnold and her husband, head of Reuters, Sir Roderick Jones. www.mybrightonandhove.org.uk



9 The Elms & Kipling Gardens

Rudyard Kipling wrote some of his most famous works whilst living at The Elms between 1897 and 1902. Formerly within the grounds of The Elms, Kipling Gardens are open every day to the public and contain a walled rose garden, an area of ornamental grasses, a chalkland wild area and a croquet lawn. The gardens have been awarded the prestigious Green Flag for at least ten consecutive years. www.rottingdeanpreservationsociety.org.uk



10 St Margaret's Church

The Parish Church was originally built during the Saxon era with a tower being added by the Normans. In 1377 villagers sought refuge from French pirates and most died when the church was torched. It contains many stained glass windows from the 19th century including 7 designed by Burne-Jones. www.stmargaret.org.uk



11 Challoners and Little Challoners

The old manor house of Rottingdean dates back to 1450 but only the cellars remain of the original building. Thomas Challoner built the manor but it later passed into the hands of the Beard family. Extensions were built right up to the 19th century and one distinctive feature is the Solarium window. The present building, with its hidden smugglers tunnels, dates back to the late 16th century.



12 Beacon Hill Nature Reserve

Adjacent to the Windmill is a Neolithic long barrow dating back to at least 4000 years BC, discovered in 1995 by an aerial survey. The Local Nature Reserve on Beacon Hill is looked after by a Working Group to preserve the flora, fauna and ecology of the Downs. www.rottingdean-pc.gov.uk/beacon_hill



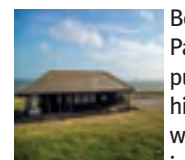
13 The Windmill

The windmill is situated on Beacon Hill. It is open to the public on National Mill days and every 3rd Sunday from May to September between 2.00-4.30pm. Any other opening times will be published on the web site below. www.rottingdeanpreservationsociety.org.uk



14 Beacon Hub Brighton

Beacon Hub Brighton has now taken over the Pavilion and adjacent car park for educational purposes engaging learners of all ages in science, history, health and well being and arts and crafts, with the added facility of a refreshment kiosk inside. beaconhubbrighton.org



Location

Rottingdean is situated in East Sussex on the south coast of England between Brighton and Newhaven.

HOW TO FIND US - A short ride from Brighton city centre, just over 45 minutes from Gatwick Airport and 90 minutes from London by road.

BUSES - Frequent buses along the A259 coast road from Brighton, Newhaven, Seaford and Eastbourne serve Rottingdean. The Coaster 12 route runs up to every 10 minutes between Brighton and Eastbourne. Routes 12/12A, 13X, 14/14C, 27 and 47 link Rottingdean with Brighton Station. The 2/2A take a scenic route from the city over The Downs at Brighton's Race Course and Woodingdean terminating in Rottingdean. www.buses.co.uk/travel/services.aspx

BY TRAIN - Brighton Station has regular trains to London and all other major towns in the region www.nationalrail.co.uk

CARS - From Brighton follow the coast road east past the Marina and Roedean. From the A23, take the A27 towards Lewes, exit at Sussex University for Falmer following B2123 south towards the A259. There are 3 Pay & Display Car Parks (see map).

CYCLISTS & WALKERS - Access Rottingdean from the coast on the undercliff or the picturesque cliff top path, which is Route 2 of the National Cycle Network www.sustrans.org.uk/ncn/map/route/rottingdean-to-shoreham-port

Windmill with sheep by Mick Borsley