

# Welcome!

Winchelsea is an historic town situated on the beautiful Sussex coast. Positioned on Iham Hill it has spectacular views to the sea and inland across the Brede Valley. It is one of the best preserved medieval bastide towns in Britain founded in the late thirteenth century as a port by Edward I. The new town replaced 'Old Winchelsea' which was lost to the rising sea.

## WINCHELSEA MUSEUM

The Court Hall Museum contains displays and exhibits that illustrate the history of Winchelsea. The museum is housed in a single large room on the first floor of the Court Hall in the High Street. Exhibits include maps, models, pictures, local pottery and items relating to daily life in the town and its surrounding area. Staffed by volunteers, the museum is regularly open from Spring to Autumn. Information about opening times can be found at [winchelsea.com](http://winchelsea.com)

## WINCHELSEA CELLAR TOURS

The cellars of Winchelsea are an important part of the town's medieval history. You can easily identify the cellar entrances at ground level, but the size, scale and beauty of what lies below can only be appreciated by a visit underground. Built around 1300, thirty-three accessible medieval cellars still exist and the sites of another seventeen are known. Only Norwich, Southampton and Chester have similar numbers. Volunteers lead regular tours of a selection of the cellars from Spring to Autumn. Visit [winchelsea.com](http://winchelsea.com) to read more about their history and to book a tour

**For everything you need to know  
about the history and life  
of Winchelsea  
go to**

**[winchelsea.com](http://winchelsea.com)**



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## TRAVEL AND TOURIST INFORMATION



Winchelsea is well connected with regular bus services to and from Rye and Hastings. The railway station is a mile from the centre and is served by trains on the Marshlink Line between Ashford International and Eastbourne.

TRAVELINE - NATIONAL PUBLIC TRANSPORT ENQUIRIES  
[traveline.info](http://traveline.info) [travelinesoutheast.org.uk](http://travelinesoutheast.org.uk)  
0871 2002233

## TOURIST INFORMATION

Staff in nearby tourist information centres can help you get the best out of your visit. For more information on accommodation, travel, local attractions and events throughout the area, contact

RYE HERITAGE CENTRE  
01797 226696 [ryeheritage.co.uk](http://ryeheritage.co.uk)

HASTINGS  
01424 451111 [visit1066country.com](http://visit1066country.com)

## USEFUL WEBSITES

[visit1066country.com](http://visit1066country.com)  
[eastsussex.gov.uk/leisureandtourism](http://eastsussex.gov.uk/leisureandtourism)  
Rye Harbour Nature Reserve - [sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk](http://sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk)  
[nationaltrust.org.uk](http://nationaltrust.org.uk)  
[highweald.org](http://highweald.org)  
[winchelsea.com](http://winchelsea.com)

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## VISITOR MAP



## WHAT TO SEE AND WHERE TO STAY

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# The Ancient Town of Winchelsea



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to Hastings

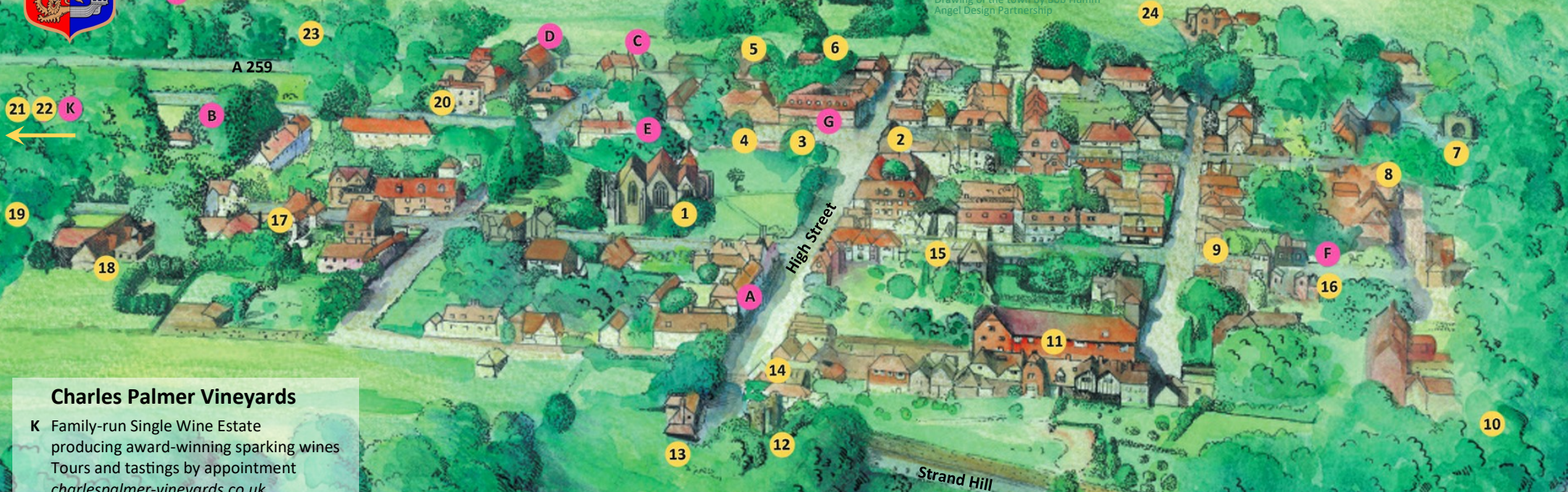
## Sites of Interest

- 1 St Thomas' Church [winchelseachurch.co.uk](http://winchelseachurch.co.uk)  
and Spike Milligan's grave
- 2 Court Hall and Museum [winchelsea.com](http://winchelsea.com)
- 3 Millennium Town Sign
- 4 Wesley's Tree
- 5 Wesley's Chapel [whmc.btck.co.uk](http://whmc.btck.co.uk)
- 6 Blackfriars Barn

- 7 Pipewell Gate
- 8 Five Houses
- 9 Salutation Cottages
- 10 Spring Steps and Queen Elizabeth's Well
- 11 Barrack Square
- 12 Strand Gate
- 13 The Lookout *Sea views to Dungeness*
- 14 Tower Cottage *Ellen Terry's House*
- 15 Town Well and The Armoury

- 16 Malcolm Saville's House
- 17 Ford Madox Ford's House
- 18 St Thomas' School
- 19 Greyfriars
- 20 Mariteau House
- 21 St John's Hospital
- 22 to the New Gate via Wickham Rock Lane
- 23 Deadman's Lane and site of St Giles' Church
- 24 Millennium Beacon *Brede Valley views*

Drawing of the town by Bob Hamm  
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## Charles Palmer Vineyards

- K** Family-run Single Wine Estate  
producing award-winning sparkling wines  
Tours and tastings by appointment  
[charlespalmer-vineyards.co.uk](http://charlespalmer-vineyards.co.uk)

## Local Facilities

- A** Winchelsea Farm Kitchen *Convenience Store*  
**B** Public Toilets in Monk's Walk  
**C** Cricket Ground  
**D** Winchelsea New Hall [winchelsea.com](http://winchelsea.com)  
**E** Bus Stops *Buses to Rye or to Hastings*  
**F** Black Cat Gallery *Art and Antiques*

## Accommodation

- G** The New Inn [newinnpubwinchelsea.co.uk](http://newinnpubwinchelsea.co.uk)  
**H** Strand House Guest House [thestrandhouse.co.uk](http://thestrandhouse.co.uk)  
**J** The Lodge at Winchelsea and Restaurant  
[thelodgeatwinchelsea.co.uk](http://thelodgeatwinchelsea.co.uk)  
**K** Wickham Manor Farm [wickhammanor.co.uk](http://wickhammanor.co.uk)



You will find QR codes  
at many sites in the town  
giving access to further  
information. This one  
will take you to the  
Town Trail pages at  
[winchelsea.com](http://winchelsea.com)

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