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

**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 to read more about their history and to book a tour.

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.

**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

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Rye Harbour Nature Reserve - sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk
nationaltrust.org.uk
highweald.org
winchelsea.com
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.