

What can we do for you?

Tourist Information Centre

General Information

- Tourist information, including maps, attractions, events and accommodation
- Travel/public transport information
- Local business information
- Holiday brochures (by county)
- Information packs for new or prospective residents
- Accommodation booking service
- Local clubs, organisations and societies information



SWTIC

Find us at 1 Market Place,
next to the Town Hall

Events & Tickets

- Event information, including the 'What's On' magazine
- Box office service, in association with saffrontickets.com
- Box office for Saffron Screen, Saffron Hall, Words in Walden and numerous other local events



Bandstand

Find the bandstand
in the beautiful
surroundings of
Jubilee Gardens, off
Hill Street

Gifts & Souvenirs

- Souvenirs, including prints, publications, food, clothing, postcards, greeting cards, DVDs, and Saffron Walden gift wrap
- Uttlesford District Council garden refuse & kitchen waste bags
- Photocopying service



The Town Full of History...

Saffron Walden is a delightful medieval market town located in north-west Essex. The name Saffron comes from the valuable *Crocus sativus* crop, which was cultivated here between the 15th and 18th centuries and was used as a dye, flavouring and medicine. Farming continued to be important into the 19th century, but the Saffron industry was superseded as the town's main source of prosperity by the malting and brewing industries.

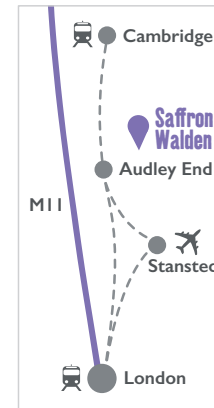
The town has long-established links with the Quakers, and it was one of the town's wealthiest Quaker families, the Gibsons, who proved to be great benefactors, being instrumental in the founding of the museum, the library, the building opposite the library and the hospital.

A decorative moulded plasterwork, known as pargeting, is typical of this part of the country and can be seen all over the town. The Old Sun Inn in Church Street has a particularly fine example.

The Old Sun Inn...



... reputed to be the headquarters of Oliver Cromwell in 1647.



Getting Here...

By Road: (Sat Nav CB10 1BX) Saffron Walden is easily reached from London via the M11 (exit junction 8, initially follow the signs for A120 Hertford, then B1383 for Saffron Walden).

Travelling from Cambridge, exit the M11 at junction 10 and follow the signs to Saffron Walden (A505, A1301, B184). NB: Junction 9 of the M11 has restricted access.

By Bus: Citi 7 and 132 buses link Cambridge with Saffron Walden. Village Link 6 and 301 buses link Stansted Airport with Saffron Walden.

By Rail: Fast trains run between Cambridge and London Liverpool Street stations. Audley End station is located on this line and is 2 miles (3km) from Saffron Walden. A train service also connects Stansted Airport with Audley End, Cambridge, and Birmingham. Bus services 301 and 59 connect the station with the town, and there are usually taxis waiting at the station.

By Air: Many airlines fly to London Stansted. Saffron Walden can be reached in 30 – 60 minutes by car, train or by bus (Village Link 6 or 301).

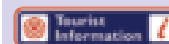
Further Details



For further information about how to get here, places to visit, where to stay, local events and activities, contact:



Saffron Walden
Town Council



Saffron Walden Tourist Information Centre

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Monday to Saturday 9.30am to 5pm
Bank Holidays 10.30am to 1pm
(April to August only)

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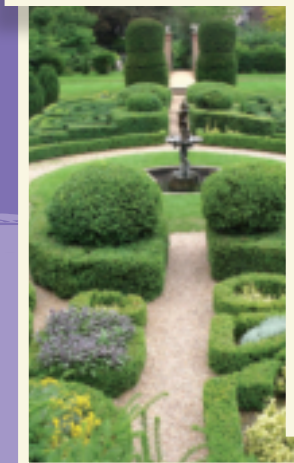
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Saffron Walden

Market Town Since 1141



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The Market

A market has been held here since 1141, and market days are Tuesdays and Saturdays. Shoppers enjoy browsing and buying goods from a wide range of market stalls which include:

Fresh fruit and vegetables	Plants and flowers
Fresh fish	Groceries
Olives and other Mediterranean foods	Household items, both practical and decorative
Cheeses	Jewellery
Health foods	Footwear
Bread and cakes	Framing services
Clothes	Fabrics

Shopping

In and around the Market Place in Saffron Walden, there are many independent shops and eating places to choose from. Many small business premises are located in the Rows, which were the town's shopping centre from medieval times onwards. The town is also well known for its art galleries and antique shops.

Did you know?

Market days are Tuesday & Saturday



Places to Visit...



Audley End House

Audley End House, including service wing, stable block and gardens, is one of the most spectacular Jacobean mansions in the country, set in an outstanding Capability Brown landscaped park.

Audley End House is approximately 1 mile from Saffron Walden and hosts numerous events during the summer.

www.english-heritage.org.uk/audley

Audley End Miniature Railway

A delightful 1.5 mile ride through attractive woodland on a private 10¼" gauge miniature railway.

Winner of Best Small Attraction in the 2014 Essex Tourism & Hospitality Awards.

www.audley-end-railway.co.uk



Bridge End Garden

A beautiful, recently-restored Victorian garden of great charm, located on the north side of town, including a wonderful yew hedge maze, kitchen garden & sunken Dutch garden.

A new visitor centre is planned for 2015.



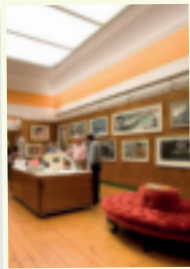
Bird's eye view of the yew hedge maze at Bridge End Garden



Fry Art Gallery

Opened in 1987, the Fry houses an impressive number of works by artists of the 20th century and the present day, in particular those who settled in Great Bardfield from the 1930s onwards, such as Edward Bawden and Eric Ravilious. *Seasonal opening times, check website for details.*

www.fryartgallery.org



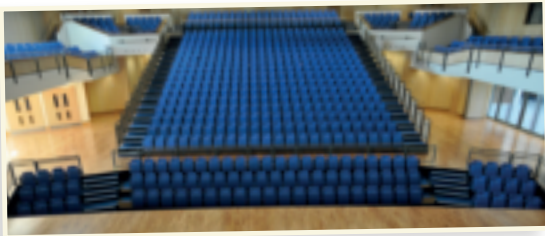
One Minet Skatepark

Voted one of the top five skateparks in Europe, this park opened in June 2007 and is located to the rear of the Lord Butler Leisure Centre in Peaslands Road. The main skate park has three deep bowls and a street section. The mini skate park is suitable for beginners and younger users.

www.oneminetpark.co.uk

Saffron Hall

Saffron Hall is an award-winning, 730 seat performance space within the grounds of Saffron Walden County High School. Saffron Hall hosts an annual season of concerts and events featuring local, national and international artists.



Opened in November 2013, the £10 million hall has a much-praised flexible acoustic and state-of-the-art facilities that surpass those of more established venues.

www.saffronhall.com

Saffron Screen

Saffron Walden's independent, not for profit cinema, open every Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday, with additional screenings in school holidays. The cinema shows a range of mainstream, independent, art-house and children's films, as well as a wide range of live special events.

Opened in 2006, it has a comfortable 200 seat auditorium with a wide screen and full surround sound, refreshments and free parking.

www.saffronscreen.com



Saffron Walden Museum

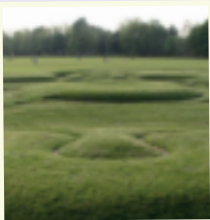
Displays of local history, archaeology, geology, natural history, costume and needlework, dolls and toys, ceramics, glass and 'Worlds of Man'. *Closed Mondays.*

www.saffronwaldenmuseum.org

St Mary's Church

St Mary's Church is the largest and one of the most beautiful parish churches in Essex. The earliest parts of the church date from 1250, with the majority being rebuilt between 1470 and 1525. The spire was added in 1832. The church is also the venue for various local music concerts.

www.stmaryssaffronwalden.org



Turf Maze

Located on the Common, this turf maze, or labyrinth, is of great importance and antiquity (it is thought to be around 800 years old). It is Europe's largest surviving ancient turf labyrinth.