

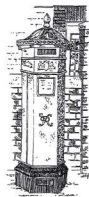
Historic Haslemere

The oldest part of the town centres around the High Street, where there are several buildings dating back to the 14th and 15th centuries. Take a look at **Half Moon House** behind the Town Hall at the top of the High Street, one of the town's oldest buildings, **Tudor Cottage**, next to the Georgian House Hotel and the three-gabled **Lloyds Pharmacy** building – inside the shop there is an



inscription dated 1613 on a beam above the perfume counter. The **Town Hall** built in 1814 was originally open with arches on the ground floor

for market stallholders and is today used by Haslemere Town Council. The council chamber on the first floor with its ornate ceiling contains a copy of the Queen Elizabeth I charter to the town and the town twinning charters. Another site of historic interest is the **Penfold Post Box** located under the chestnut tree next to the Georgian House Hotel. This type of green letter box was in use in 1866 and designed by local architect, John Penfold.



Finish your morning by browsing the welcoming shops offering a wonderful variety of independent boutiques and stores. Stop for lunch in a café, pub or restaurant where local produce is often on the menu!

Spend the afternoon enjoying the great outdoors and take in the sights and scents of **Swan Barn Walk** - a charming walk through field, farm and woodland where you can see an ancient restored orchard, pond, and hedgerows full of wildlife. Located just off Haslemere High Street, from the end of Well Lane - don't miss the old **Town Well!** Afterwards why not treat yourself to a cup of tea and a slice of cake in one of the many cafés, giving you the opportunity to take a well-deserved break!



To round off the day, why not visit **Haslemere Hall**, the centre for shows and entertainment for the town with a wide variety of opera productions, plays, films and other events.



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A day out in the historic market town of Haslemere



Haslemere is a charming town steeped in history and the perfect place to spend the day and enjoy being part of a traditional town atmosphere.

Start your morning with a visit to the award winning **Haslemere Educational Museum**. This fascinating museum, founded in 1888, moved to its present site on the High Street in 1926, where it has become a popular landmark. A variety of remarkable and rare collections are on display. The beautiful gardens are a must and include a pond and gazebo - look out for the observation beehive too! Don't forget to visit the museum shop which sells a range of gifts and souvenirs for everyone!



Opposite the museum is the **Town House** with an attractive Queen Anne façade – it was once owned by General Oglethorpe, founder of the American colony of Georgia and subsequently by the Victorian artist Josiah Wood Whymper and his son, Edward, the famous mountaineer who in 1865 was the first person to climb The Matterhorn. Continuing around the town, take a short stroll to **St Bartholomew's Church** rebuilt in 1870 on the site of a much older building. The imposing interior includes a memorial window to Alfred, Lord Tennyson, the poet laureate to Queen Victoria, who lived on Black Down near Haslemere for nearly 30 years.



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