



MOVE TO... CRANBROOK

GOUDHURST

With the distinctive white weatherboards on many of the houses and the medieval layout of its streets and alleys, Goudhurst has maintained its wonderful history, while growing into a bustling village in the heart of the Kentish Weald.

Close proximity to the A21 and Tunbridge Wells means Goudhurst is a popular choice for London buyers, who don't feel too isolated when making that initial move out of the capital. The village is also just five miles from Marden Station, which has regular mainline services to London Bridge and London Victoria.

Good local pubs and restaurants include Goudhurst Inn, Green Cross Inn, or The Globe and Rainbow at Kildown.

FRITTENDEN

The pretty village of Frittenden has always been very popular as it is off the beaten track, yet so close to everything.

It's the smallest parish in the Borough of Tunbridge Wells and its existence can be traced back to at least 804, when it is mentioned in a Saxon charter.

In the village is a pre-school, primary school, memorial hall, village shop, and St Mary's Church, a pretty 11th century church.

BENENDEN

Benenden is a beautiful village in the heart of the Kent countryside centred around a green where cricket has been played in the summer months since the 18th century.

Like many of the villages in the Weald of Kent, Benenden has an interesting history and it was mentioned in the Domesday Book of 1086.

The village has a thriving local community with many clubs and societies, and it benefits from a village shop, post office, butcher and pubs. At the top of the green is the parish church of St George.

HANDSOME AND HISTORIC

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Cranbrook is a handsome and historic market town, characterised by its weather-boarded and oak-framed buildings in the classic Kentish vernacular. The renowned Cranbrook School is an important focus of life here, and is the major draw for buyers moving to the area. As you would expect, family houses are the main attraction in Cranbrook's property profile.

The town itself has a variety of houses; in the surrounding villages the choice of styles ranges from half-timbered hall houses and handsome Georgian farmhouses to Victorian villas and contemporary homes.

As the ancient 'capital' of the Kentish Weald, Cranbrook is surrounded by some of the finest scenery in the county, a glorious landscape of woods and gently rolling farmland; further afield, around Rye, is the atmospheric Romney Marsh.

Mainline rail services from Staplehurst run into London Bridge and Charing Cross in just over an hour. There are also stations at Headcorn and Marden. Ashford provides a high speed service to London King's Cross St Pancras with a journey time of 37 minutes together with Eurostar links to Paris. The A21 provides fast links to Tunbridge Wells and Sevenoaks and connects with the M25, the M20 and other road networks.



VILLAGE FOCUS



WHAT'S ON THE MARKET



Great Nineveh Oast, Benenden, £1,395,000



Coach House, Goudhurst, £1,075,000

CRANBROOK HOTSPOTS – DRINK, DINE OR HANG OUT

- A wealth of popular heritage sites nearby include Sissinghurst Castle, with its famous garden created by Harold Nicolson and Vita Sackville-West; and Smallhythe Place, home of the fabled actress Ellen Terry.
- Bedgebury Forest is ideal for cycling, walking, running and riding, adventure play and Go Ape. The National Pinetum is one of the world's finest conifer collections, perfect for walks and picnics.
- Bewl Water is the largest stretch of open water in the south east. The 800 acre site offers a fantastic range of leisure and recreational activities, including fishing, cycling and boating, on and around the reservoir, with a centre, conference venue, restaurant and café on the shoreline.
- The West House restaurant in Biddenden, near Ashford, is a Michelin-starred restaurant.



Cranehurst, Cranbrook, £1,295,000

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