



MOVE TO... MID SUSSEX



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The allure of Mid Sussex lies in its excellent schools, the pretty surrounding countryside and picturesque villages, and its excellent commuter links.

London is readily accessible with direct trains from Haywards Heath to London Bridge and London Victoria in less than 45 minutes.

Gatwick Airport offers national and international air links, and the M23 links to the M25 and on to the national motorway network.

A wealth of affluent and very attractive villages in the area are hubs of active, family-focused communities. There are plenty of boutique shops, acclaimed restaurants and excellent leisure and sporting facilities in the area.

Above all, the area offers diversity, from the sophistication of Glyndebourne Opera House, the cosmopolitan City of Brighton & Hove on the coast to the beautiful countryside, steeped in history and offering architectural gems to suit all tastes from medieval to modern.

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VILLAGE FOCUS

LINDFIELD The popular and picturesque village of Lindfield is an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and is well known for its historic lime tree-lined High Street, large village common and duck pond; the name 'Lindfield' means open land with lime trees. The village has a good range of local shops including bakeries, butchers, greengrocers and chemists alongside more contemporary shops, together with amenities including a variety of restaurants, public houses, a health centre, well regarded primary schools and churches.

HORSTED KEYNES The pretty village of Horsted Keynes has always been very popular, being 'off the beaten track' yet within easy reach of Haywards Heath and its amenities. There is a pretty village green on either side of which are the two village pubs; there is also a shop, primary school and an 11th century church, St Giles. The Bluebell Railway, a working steam railway running through some of Sussex's most beautiful countryside, stops at the old railway station on the outskirts of the village.

DITCHLING Nestled at the foot of the South Downs, in the South Downs National Park, the historic village of Ditchling dates back to Saxon times. Today the village is renowned for its thriving artistic community; there are a number of exhibitions throughout the year and local artists run Open Houses during the Brighton Festival in May. There are two well regarded pubs, shops and a primary school, and the 12th century Church of St Margaret overlooks the walled village green and pond, home to the Ditchling Museum of Art+Craft.

FLETCHING The sought-after village of Fletching is known for its Norman church, in which Simon De Montfort kept an all night vigil on his way to the Battle of Lewes. The village reputedly got its name as the soldiers 'fletched' (feathered) their arrows here on the eve of the Battle in 1264. The village boasts the award-winning Griffin Inn, together with a second pub, café/shop and primary school. Superb walks and off road riding can be enjoyed on the nearby Ashdown Forest (a permit is required for riding).





WHAT'S ON THE MARKET



*Brookwish House, Furner's Green
Guide £2.45m*

MID SUSSEX HOTSPOTS – DRINK, DINE OR HANG OUT

- Ashdown Forest, known the world over as the 'home' of Winnie the Pooh, is in the heart of the High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The forest is a great place for walking and enjoying spectacular views over the Sussex countryside.
- Jeremy's Restaurant at Borde Hill Gardens on the northern outskirts of Haywards Heath offers award-winning modern British cuisine in an idyllic country location, serving local produce.
- The Griffin, Fletching is a 16th century inn offering exquisite food, exceptional style, and panache, with a great open fireplace!
- The City of Brighton & Hove on the south coast is known for being one of the most vibrant cities in Europe, with a fantastic mix of famed nightlife, award-winning restaurants, theatre culture, festivals and events.
- Located just north of Ardingly, Wakehurst Place is a beautiful National Trust-owned botanic gardens, managed by Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew. Set in 465 acres of country estate, Wakehurst boasts ornamental gardens, woodlands, a nature reserve and an Elizabethan mansion, and it is home of Kew's Millennium Seed Bank.



*Pepper Hall, Wivelsfield Green
Guide £1.395m*



*Forge Cottage, Maresfield
Guide £895,000*

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