

The town of New Alresford is situated off the A31 between Winchester and Alton, seven miles from Winchester. Follow the brown and white tourist signs to the Watercress Line. There is a long stay pay and display car park at the railway station.

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## THE NEW ALRESFORD POCKET GUIDE



### By steam railway

10 miles from Alton Station. **Tel: 01962 733 810** or go to [www.watercressline.co.uk](http://www.watercressline.co.uk) for running times.

### By Bus

Regular services from Winchester, Southampton, Alton and Petersfield. **Tel: 0845 121 0190** or go to [www.stagecoachbus.com](http://www.stagecoachbus.com) for information. Cango (rural bus service): **Tel: 0845 602 4135** or go to [www.cango.hants.gov.uk](http://www.cango.hants.gov.uk).

### Facilities

Toilets (including disabled) in Station Road • Pay and display parking at the railway station is free on Sundays and some Bank Holidays • Pay and display parking at Perins Community School, accessible from Jacklyn's Lane and Winchester Road • **Take advantage of our 160+ free on-street parking with time limits**

### Further information

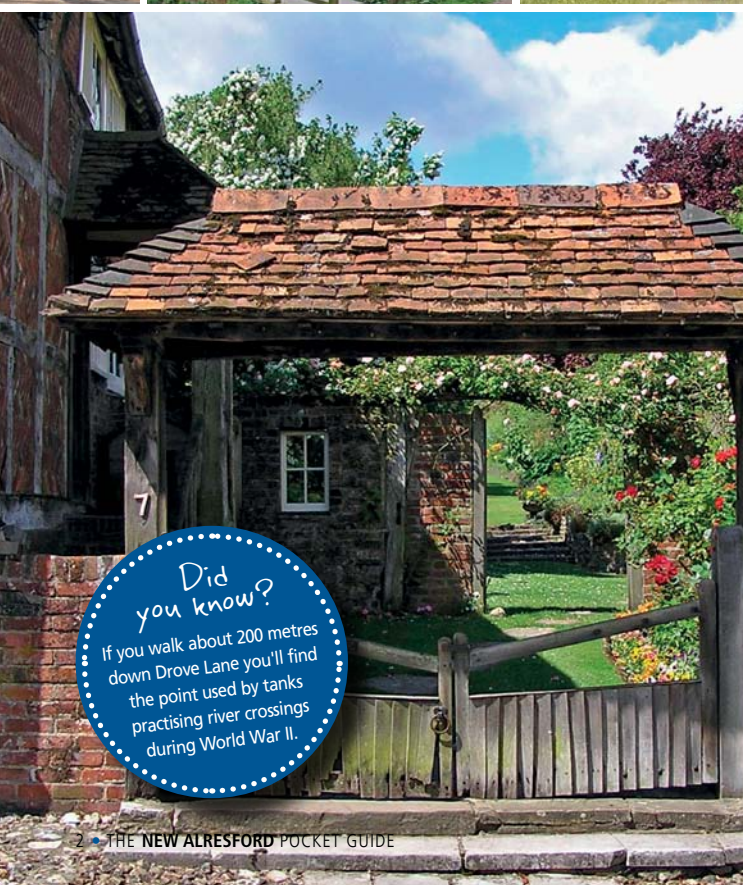
Winchester Tourist information centre, Guildhall, High Street, Winchester Hampshire SO23 9GH. Tel: 01962 840 500 | Fax: 01962 850 348 Email: [tourism@winchester.gov.uk](mailto:tourism@winchester.gov.uk) | [www.visitwinchester.co.uk](http://www.visitwinchester.co.uk) [www.alresford.org](http://www.alresford.org) | [www.alresfordchamber.co.uk](http://www.alresfordchamber.co.uk) | There are also visitor information points at Alresford Station car park, Perins Community School car park and at both bus stops on West Street.

If you would like to receive this leaflet in another format, Tel: 01962 840 500 or email: [marketing@winchester.gov.uk](mailto:marketing@winchester.gov.uk)

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**A** handsome Georgian town, Alresford (pronounced 'Allsford') is the perfect place to spend a weekend. Ideal for gentle strolling, there is plenty to see in the town and by its picturesque riverside. Voted Country Life's 'Favourite Market Town' in the South East, Alresford is known for its specialist shops, old-fashioned inns, smart bistros and traditional tea rooms. It is also known as the UK's capital of watercress farming and as the home of the Mid-Hants Steam Railway – the Watercress Line. Why not spend a weekend in Alresford and enjoy our beautiful town?



**Did you know?**  
If you walk about 200 metres down Drove Lane you'll find the point used by tanks practising river crossings during World War II.



**Alresford's clear chalk streams have attracted people for many centuries with evidence of Neolithic, Bronze Age, Iron Age and Roman occupation on numerous sites in the area.**

Henri de Blois, brother of King Stephen and Bishop of Winchester, is credited with the idea of building the Great Weir or dam and designing the town of Novum Forum, which soon became New Alresford. He died before the completion of the project and Godfrey de Lucy, his successor as bishop (1189-1204), finished Alresford's T-shaped town centre as we see it today.

**Did you know?**  
There are actually two Alresfords, the original settlement of Old Alresford to the north of the river and the town of New Alresford to the south. New Alresford is not as young as its name suggests, having been established as a new town by Bishop de Lucy during the Middle Ages.

During the reign of Henry VIII, clothiers, dyers and tanners were recorded as living here and fulling and corn mills operated. A fine example of a 13th century fulling mill straddles the River Arle (sometimes spelt Arle). Follow the riverside walk to discover this pretty thatched and timber-framed building, now a private residence.

The town's history is punctuated with fires despite the abundance of water in the area. The buildings you see today rose from the ashes of a series of great fires in the 17th century.

Watercress has always grown wild in the chalk streams and ditches in and around the town, and was probably picked and eaten by local people for centuries. It was far too perishable to be transported by horse and cart and so only became a commercial proposition when the railway arrived in the 1860s. You can still ride the Watercress Line today – hop on board one of the powerful steam locomotives for the 10-mile trip to Alton, or simply take in the sights, sounds and smells of the superbly restored station.

For more information on Alresford's fascinating past, visit [www.alresford.org](http://www.alresford.org)

**A**lresford provides plenty to see and do all year round but if you're looking to discover the town's true character, why not time your visit to coincide with one of its annual special events, offering everything from a critically-acclaimed opera festival to a fun-packed celebration of our local salad leaf? Don't forget, you can keep up to date with everything that's happening in the town by clicking on [www.alresford.org](http://www.alresford.org)

## Watercress Festival (May)



The UK's capital of watercress farming plays host to the annual Watercress Festival each May. Feast your senses and your taste buds at the fabulous watercress-themed farmers' market, meet the watercress farmers and tour the beds, or pick up a culinary tip or two by watching the celebrity chef cookery demonstrations on this wonderful day out for the whole family. [www.watercressfestival.org](http://www.watercressfestival.org)

## Grange Park Opera (June)

Fast acquiring cult status, Grange Park Opera is staged in the crumbling splendour of one of the finest neo-classical buildings in Britain. Northington Grange is an early 19th century Greek revival house set in beautiful and unchanged countryside. Each performance includes a 100-minute interval when guests are invited to dine or picnic in the grounds. [www.grangeparkopera.co.uk](http://www.grangeparkopera.co.uk)



## Alresford Music Festival (June)



The annual Alresford Music Festival provides the perfect platform for local musicians to perform alongside professionals and bring an entertaining day of fantastic live music of many styles for all ages. [www.alresfordmusicfestival.com](http://www.alresfordmusicfestival.com)

## Alresford Show (first Saturday in September)

BOB EATON



One of the region's most important agricultural fairs, the Alresford Show promises everything from displays of horses, livestock, dogs and vintage farm machinery to exhibitions of rare-breed poultry, bee-keeping and ferret-racing! If you're looking for an unusual gift, try the rural craft marquee for over 60 local handmade crafts including ceramics, jewellery, contemporary glass, knitwear and toys, or sniff out the finest local fare in the farm and produce tent. [www.alresfordshow.co.uk](http://www.alresfordshow.co.uk)

## Alresford Fun Fair in Broad Street (October)

For one night only, on the Thursday after the second Tuesday in October, Broad Street comes to life with a full-size fun fair, thanks to a charter granted by King John and later confirmed by Edward II. Originally a traditional market, the event has evolved into a fun fair over the years. Local legend has it that the right to hold the fair fails if it does not take place every year. [www.alresford.org](http://www.alresford.org)



## Rotary Club Fireworks Display (5th November)



Follow the torch-lit procession from Broad Street to Arlebury Park and join in with the 'ooooohs' and 'aaaahs' at Alresford's annual fireworks display. [www.alresford.org](http://www.alresford.org)

## Late Night Christmas Shopping (December)

Offering more than just extended opening hours, Alresford's late night Christmas shopping evening is a truly festive occasion. Browse the traditional fayre at the Christmas Market, enjoy the street entertainment, warm your cockles with a glass of mulled wine, or simply soak up the party atmosphere. Check our website for this year's date. [www.alresford.org](http://www.alresford.org)



## Market Day (Thursdays, all year round)



Alresford's small provisions market takes place in Broad Street on Thursdays. On the same morning, you can pick up homemade goodies at the 'Women's Institute Country Market in the Community Centre. Sunday market – first Sunday of each month. [www.towntrust.org.uk](http://www.towntrust.org.uk)

**A**lresford's beautiful riverside setting amidst rolling chalk downland makes it perfect walking territory for everyone from the casual post-pub-lunch stroller to the seasoned long-distance walker. Most leaflets mentioned are available from outlets around the town, the Goods Shed information point at the Mid-Hants Railway, or from Winchester Tourist Information Centre. You can also check out the walking pages at [www.alresford.org](http://www.alresford.org) and also [www.hants.gov.uk/walking](http://www.hants.gov.uk/walking)

## Millennium Trail and Alre Valley Trail

If you want to find out more about Alresford's history, inhabitants and wildlife, pick up a free copy of the Millennium Trail and Alre Valley Trail, two self-guided walks that link together footpaths with illustrated boards around the town. The Alre Valley Trail branches off the Millennium Trail, rejoining it about one and a half miles later. It lets you



appreciate at closer hand Alresford's idyllic countryside setting. The route also takes you past the Eel House, one of the last remaining buildings of its kind, and once used to trap young eels as they set out to breed. The Eel House is currently in need of major restoration work to save it from collapse. To find out how you can help, visit [www.alresford.org](http://www.alresford.org)

## The Winchester Watercress Tour



Pick and choose your stops from this free self-guided trail through the Itchen and Meon Valleys, the home of the watercress industry for many years. Take in scenic views of rivers, watercress beds and villages, with the opportunity to sample tasty local food along the way.

## Itchen Valley Churches Trail

This leaflet explores the landscape, history and local culture of the Itchen Valley and outlines self-guided trails for walkers and cyclists. It focuses on the architectural and historical identities of the unusual and varied styles of church along this pretty river valley.



## Wayfarers' Walk



More beautiful countryside is on offer along the 72-mile Wayfarers' Walk, which follows some of the old tracks used by shepherds driving their animals to sheep fairs in Farnham and Alresford. For something more manageable, try any one of the five circular walks (between four and six miles long) signposted from the main route.

## The Itchen Way

Following the River Itchen from its source near Hinton Ampner all the way to the busy port of Southampton, the 27-mile Itchen Way takes you through Hampshire's countryside at its very best. If you fancy a shorter stroll, try one of the individual circular walks that allow you to explore the river at a more leisurely pace. For more detailed information and maps go to [www.eastleighramblers.hampshire.org.uk](http://www.eastleighramblers.hampshire.org.uk)



## St Swithun's Way



The 34-mile St Swithun's Way runs between Winchester and Farnham, weaving its way east through the picturesque Itchen Valley. From Farnham, the route continues to Canterbury as the North Downs Way National Trail. St Swithun's Way waymarks are based on the shell, a common symbol of pilgrimage, and two croziers, representing St Swithun and St Thomas à Becket. A walker's pack is

available at [www.hants.gov.uk/longdistance/st-swithuns-way](http://www.hants.gov.uk/longdistance/st-swithuns-way)

Other long-distance walking paths which pass close by to Alresford include the Clarendon Way, the South Downs Way and the Pilgrims' Trail. More information on these can be found at [www.hants.gov.uk/walking](http://www.hants.gov.uk/walking)

**A**lresford's attractions are evident from the moment you arrive in the town. Colour-washed houses nestle alongside eye-catching specialist shops, whilst the clear chalk streams provide the perfect setting for scenic riverside walks. Delve a little deeper and you will find houses, churches and gardens to visit, as well as one of the country's best-preserved steam railways.

## 1 Hinton Ampner House and Garden

Bramdean, near Alresford  
Tel: 01962 771 305



Discover a homely country manor and garden that blends seamlessly into the glorious South Downs landscape. Enjoy all year round access and experience Hinton Ampner throughout the seasons. Tea-room and gift shop. Open all year round, March to end of October 10.00am-6.00pm, November to end February 10.00am-4.00pm. Closed Christmas Eve & Christmas Day.  
[www.nationaltrust.org.uk](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk)

## 2 Historic Broad Street



A contender for the county's most beautiful street, tree-lined Broad Street combines a feast of Georgian colour-washed buildings with interesting shops and hostellers, still following Bishop de Lucy's medieval town plan.  
[www.alresford.org](http://www.alresford.org)

## 3 The Watercress Line

The Railway Station, Alresford  
Tel: 01962 733 810



Let off steam as you travel through 10 miles of beautiful Hampshire countryside where stations with period charm await you at this heritage attraction. Family events and dining trains throughout the year.

[www.watercressline.co.uk](http://www.watercressline.co.uk)

## 4 Northington Grange

Northington, near Alresford  
Tel: 01962 868 888



Early 19th century neo-classical mansion. Exterior viewing only, home to Grange Park Opera in high summer.

[www.grangeparkopera.co.uk](http://www.grangeparkopera.co.uk)

## 5 Riverside Walk



The riverside walk is a delight and, straddling the River Alre, you will see the thatched timber-framed Fulming Mill, built in the 13th century. Walk can be muddy in wet weather.

[www.alresford.org](http://www.alresford.org)

## 6 Old Alresford Pond



Formed in the 12th century as part of a project to dam the Alre stream, today it is home to wildfowl and otters. The sluices, called the 'shettles', have been recently restored and can be seen down the path to the right of The Globe or from the pub garden. It is said that this was a landing place for the Bishop of Winchester on his travels to and from his palace at Bishop's Sutton.

[www.alresford.org](http://www.alresford.org)

## 7 Jane Austen's House Museum

Chawton, near Alton  
Tel: 01420 83262



Jane Austen spent the last eight years of her life in this house at Chawton. Visit us and let us tell you the story of Jane, her writing and her family. Closed 24th, 25th and 26th December.

[www.jane-austens-house-museum.org.uk/](http://www.jane-austens-house-museum.org.uk/)

## 8 St John's Parish Church

West Street, Alresford  
Tel: 01962 732 105



The parish church of New Alresford stands on a site where Christian worship has continued since 1200. The church is here to serve the needs of Alresford and its visitors, and is open every day for prayer and for people to admire its mix of styles from the 11th century to the present.

[www.stjohnsalresford.org.uk](http://www.stjohnsalresford.org.uk)

## Did you know?

“The pretty nearby village of Cheriton was once the scene of a ferocious Civil War battle fought in 1644.”

## 9 Gilbert White & The Oates Collections

High Street, Selborne  
Tel: 01420 511 275



Discover three fascinating stories about explorers of the Natural World. Explore the home of Gilbert White, the pioneering 18th century naturalist, set in 25 acres of magnificent parkland with restored gardens. Learn about Captain Oates and his epic journey to the South Pole. Free entry to our award winning Tea Parlour and Gift Shop.

[www.gilbertwhiteshouse.org.uk](http://www.gilbertwhiteshouse.org.uk)

## 10 Avington Park, near Winchester

Tel: 01962 779 260



Privately owned stately home in beautiful secluded grounds, open May to September, Sundays, Bank Holiday Mondays and Mondays in August from 2.30pm-5.30pm – last tour at 5.00pm. Tea bar serves homemade cakes and locally made ice cream. Open all year round for weddings, meetings, private parties, group visits and corporate events.

[www.avingtonpark.co.uk](http://www.avingtonpark.co.uk)

**E**legant Alresford is awash with art galleries, specialist food stores, antiques and interiors shops as well as top-notch boutiques recommended by the likes of Vogue magazine, TV style gurus Trinny and Susannah and designer-to-the-stars Ben de Lisi. Jostling for attention are all the traditional shops you would expect to find in a small market town, including butchers, fishmonger and a baker. Long-stay parking is available at the station so take your time and browse to your heart's content. And when you're ready for a pit-stop, put down your bags and rest your feet at one of the town's tempting array of cafés and tea rooms.

## 11 No.42 West Street

42 West Street, Alresford  
Tel: 01962 733 242



Discover a gorgeous mix of clothes and colourful accessories, which you won't find on the High Street. No.42 stock contemporary and affordable brands that offer a bit of luxury and style for any age group.

[www.42weststreet.co.uk](http://www.42weststreet.co.uk)

## 12 Delilah Boutique

34 West Street, Alresford  
Tel: 01962 738 470



A stylish and individual womenswear boutique with a personal touch. Brands include Masai Clothing, Out of Xile, Ilse Jacobsen, Cream, Amazing Woman and much more including fabulous accessories.

[www.delilahboutique.co.uk](http://www.delilahboutique.co.uk)

## 13 The White House

22 West Street, Alresford  
Tel: 01962 738 608



An exciting new addition to West Street. The White House is a beautiful bridal boutique, with a fantastic range of bridal dresses and accessories. The boutique offers a wonderful collection of both vintage-inspired and more contemporary styles from some of London's leading bridal designers.

[www.whitehousebrides.co.uk](http://www.whitehousebrides.co.uk)

## 14 Alresford Linen Company

Livingstone House, 7-9 Broad Street, Alresford  
Tel: 01962 734 221



Fantastic emporium of gifts for your home, and gifts for friends and family of every taste and age. Excellent Dry Cleaning service carried out on the premises with care and attention to detail.

[www.alresfordlinen.co.uk](http://www.alresfordlinen.co.uk)



## 15 Hair Art

17 East Street, Alresford  
Tel: 01962 736 398

At Hair Art we have a holistic approach to your well-being. We use only Aveda organically sourced products which are sustainable. All our staff have been chosen for their skill and professionalism.



## 16 Studio 49 Nail & Beauty Clinic

26 The Dean, Alresford  
Tel: 01962 738 683



Modern and relaxed salon, offering an extensive and innovative range of beauty treatments to suit everyone. Dermalogica face and body, Creative and Orly nails. Gift vouchers available.

[www.studio49alresford.com](http://www.studio49alresford.com)

## 17 Design Realities

36 West Street, Alresford  
Tel: 01962 732 507

Prepare to be inspired and enticed by things to make your home truly beautiful including bespoke sofas and chairs, hand-painted furniture, lighting, unique gifts and accessories. Design Realities also offers wallpaper, paints, curtain making and a full interior design service.

[www.design-realities.co.uk](http://www.design-realities.co.uk)

## 18 Moda Rosa

35 West Street, Alresford  
Tel: 01962 733 277



Women's designer fashion in the heart of Hampshire. Relaxed day, special occasion and evening wear by Armani, Paule Ka, Temperley, Paul Smith, Jenny Packham, DVF, Marc Cain, Fabiana Filippi, Philip Treacy, Joseph and Valentino Red. Vivien Sheriff and Philip Treacy hats. Mon-Sat 9.30am-5.30pm.

[www.modarosa.co.uk](http://www.modarosa.co.uk)

## 19 Hêtre

39 West Street, Alresford  
Tel: 01962 733 312



Step into this unique shop offering shoes, handbags and accessories. Anya Hindmarch, Rupert Sanderson, Paul Smith, Van Peterson, Candice Cooper, Penelope Chilvers, The Jacksons and so much more.

[www.hetre.co.uk](http://www.hetre.co.uk)





Information maps are positioned at the bus stops on both sides of West Street, and also at Perins car park, accessible from Jacklyns Lane.

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## 20 Sole Butchers

5 Broad Street, Alresford  
Tel: 01962 735 221



Come and say hello to the local butcher and game dealer. Award-winning watercress, pork and ale sausages made from local produce. Award-winning pies. Ready meals. A variety of game when in season. Local freshly baked cakes.

[www.solebutchersofalresford.co.uk](http://www.solebutchersofalresford.co.uk)

## 21 Ragamuffin

2 Bakehouse Yard, West Street, Alresford  
Tel: 01962 734 488



A beautiful children's store with clothing from birth to 12 years. Designs from across Europe and beyond. Always a friendly and helpful service. Open Monday – Saturday from 9.30am-5.00pm.

[www.ragamuffin-uk.com](http://www.ragamuffin-uk.com)

## 22 Matheson Optometrists

3 West Street, Alresford  
Tel: 01962 732 336



Offering the best service and products at competitive prices. Designer and own brand frames - Contact Lenses - latest diagnostic equipment. Specialists in Dry Eye, Macula Disease and Glaucoma. Macular Society Optometrist of the Year.

[www.matheson-optometrists.com](http://www.matheson-optometrists.com)

## 23 Alresford Chiropractic Clinic

49 West Street, Alresford  
Tel: 07973 777 451

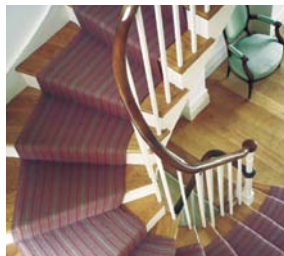


We are an established clinic known for quality service and reliable, fast results. Evening and weekend appointments. Safe parking, easily located on West Street, beside the Co-operative.

[www.alresfordchiropractor.co.uk](http://www.alresfordchiropractor.co.uk)

## 24 Eddolls Carpets Ltd.

30 Broad Street, Alresford  
Tel: 01962 735 715



The choice of flooring is huge; so we start by agreeing what will work best for you. We then make sure that the project is handled with professionalism, top quality service and is fun!

[www.eddollscarpets.com](http://www.eddollscarpets.com)

## 25 Laurence Oxley Ltd.

17 Broad Street, Alresford  
Tel: 01962 732 188



We have a wonderful choice of picture frames and provide a very quick service. Restoration of books and pictures undertaken. You will find hundreds of books, art materials and paintings here. Do come and see our range of antique maps of Britain and other countries.

[www.laurenceoxley.co.uk](http://www.laurenceoxley.co.uk)

## 26 Spirit of the Andes

4 Broad Street, Alresford  
Tel: 01962 734 325



Exclusive Limited Edition Alpaca knitwear, accessories, nightwear and luxurious Pima cotton tops in a huge range of beautiful colours, combining style with comfort made in Peru and Bolivia.

[www.spiritoftheandes.co.uk](http://www.spiritoftheandes.co.uk)

## 28 Franchetti Bond

43 West St, Alresford  
Tel: 01962 732 317



Franchetti Bond chic leather goods and accessories are a pleasure to own. We take delight in creating collections of handbags, shoes, jewellery and scarves in ranges that are classical but also bright, fun and easy to wear. We are a British company brimming with Italian flair and look forward to welcoming you.

[www.franchettibond.co.uk](http://www.franchettibond.co.uk)

## 29 Alresford Beauty

24a West Street, Alresford  
Tel: 01962 735 553



Established in 1994, we offer treatments by Clarins, Elemis, St. Tropez, Crystal Clear, and Jessica nails to name but a few. We also stock the full range of Clarins products with Clarins and Elemis trained staff. Full range of treatments and gifts.

[www.alresfordbeauty.co.uk](http://www.alresfordbeauty.co.uk)

## 27 Wildbunch Florists

14 West Street, Alresford  
Tel: 01962 735 097



Wildbunch Florists; a shop full of bursting with all things flowery. An extensive selection of cut flowers, plants and interesting pots and vases. We offer bespoke floristry for all occasions including weddings, parties, christenings and funerals as well as gifts for your flower loving friends and family.

[www.wildbunchflorists.co.uk](http://www.wildbunchflorists.co.uk)



# Where to shop

## 30 Alresford Haircare

18 West St, Alresford  
Tel: 01962 733 100



Established in the town for 20 years, we are proud to have a highly skilled and professional team who use the best products to achieve the best results every time. As well as offering great hair every time we also have a retail section selling top quality hair products and accessories for the perfect look. We welcome everyone to experience the best to look the best. Walk in appointments are available.

## 31 Alresford Gift Shop

10 West St, Alresford  
Tel: 01962 732 192



Long established gift shop with 40 years of getting it right. Alresford's biggest selection of cards, gifts and toys. Worth a visit just for the choice. Simply the best.

## 32 Watercress Line Gift Shop

The Old Goods Shed, Alresford Station  
Tel: 01962 733 810



Open 10.00am-4.00pm, 7 days a week. Model railway dealers for Hornby, Bachmann, Peco, Dapol and the popular Bigjigs children's wooden railway range. We carry Middleton Press railway books and a large range of preserves, biscuits and sweets.

[www.watercressline.co.uk](http://www.watercressline.co.uk)

## 33 The Naked Grape

20 West Street, Alresford  
Tel: 01962 732 002



Specialist Independent Wine Merchant with a superb range of hand chosen wines, spirits and champagnes, all from small family estates, no brand names! From the thousands of wine we taste each year, we select only the best. Life's too short to drink bad wine.

[www.thenakedgrape.co.uk](http://www.thenakedgrape.co.uk)

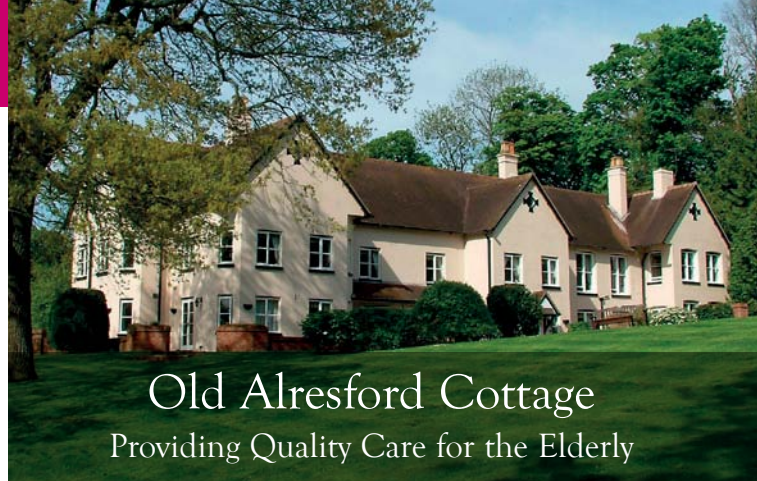
## 34 C E Evans & Son

8 West Street, Alresford  
Tel: 01962 732 477



Established since 1912, we offer high quality meat, fish and a delicatessen. Homemade ready meals and puddings freshly prepared to make life easier. First class catering service available for special events.

[www.ceevansandson.co.uk](http://www.ceevansandson.co.uk)



## Old Alresford Cottage Providing Quality Care for the Elderly

**Old Alresford Cottage is a prestigious Residential Care Home situated on the outskirts of the beautiful town of Alresford and is dedicated to providing the best residential care for the elderly.**

The Cottage is in a delightful setting and is surrounded by wonderful countryside in the heart of rural Hampshire.

Our team is well trained and is dedicated to delivering a high standard of care and professional support, 24 hours a day, in a friendly and respectful way.

Also within our grounds, are our self-contained flats which are called 'The Mews'. This style of living offers freedom and independence, yet still having the benefits of excellent facilities, activities and care.

Fully carpeted one bedroom flat with lounge, kitchen and bathroom. All meals, cleaning and laundry provided and Domiciliary Care can be arranged if required.



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[www.aldalresfordcottage.co.uk](http://www.aldalresfordcottage.co.uk)

**W**atercress has made its mark on Alresford with acres of beds spanning the clear chalk stream river valleys surrounding the town. Don't miss the annual Watercress Festival, held in the town each May at the start of the watercress season. You can even ride the Mid-Hants Steam Railway – popularly known as the Watercress Line – in honour of its former role in transporting fresh watercress to London in days gone by. These days, it operates real ale and dining trains on special occasions during the year. Salad leaves aside, Alresford offers lovers of other fine foods a surprising number of excellent eateries, many of which showcase the best of the region's produce. Follow your tastebuds to the town for a complete gourmet experience.

## 36 The Swan Hotel

11 West Street, Alresford  
Tel: 01962 732 302



- Award winning • 23 Well-appointed bedrooms • Parking • Seasonal menu offering traditional and innovative temptations using local produce • Alfresco dining area • Child/dog friendly • Central location, perfect for Watercress Line • All parties large and small welcome

[www.swanhotelalresford.com](http://www.swanhotelalresford.com)



## 38 The Globe

The Soke (off Broad Street), Alresford   
Tel: 01962 733 118



Welcome to The Globe, a beautiful 17th century coaching inn lovingly restored by its local owner. The Globe's large garden overlooks Alresford's historic 13th century pond, best enjoyed sat by one of our impressive inglenook fireplaces.

[www.theglobealresford.com](http://www.theglobealresford.com)



## 39 The Bush Inn

Ovington, Nr. Alresford SO24 0RE   
Tel: 01962 732 764



Situated at the end of East Lane, nestled alongside the River Itchen with the famous Pilgrims Way meandering alongside. Riverside garden. Roaring log fires in the winter. Real ales, a selection of fine wines and champagne by the glass which makes this a rare culinary gem.

[www.thebushinn.co.uk](http://www.thebushinn.co.uk)

## 40 The Chestnut Horse

Easton Lane, Easton SO21 1EG   
Tel: 01962 779 257



This lovely 16th Century pub is just 4 miles outside of Alresford and is full of old English charm. À la carte menu. 2 courses for £12.00. Alfresco dining. Weddings and large parties catered for. Children and dogs welcome. Award winning English Beers.

[www.thechestnuthorse.com](http://www.thechestnuthorse.com)

## 41 Long Barn Home and Garden Store

The Old Sheep Fair, Bishop's Sutton Road, Alresford Tel: 01962 738 684

Long Barn is set in three acres of lavender and English country landscaping. Visit our home and garden store with café. Wide range of plants, gardening goods, gifts and food. Open 7 days. Plants • Gardening Accessories • Gifts • Local foods [www.longbarn.co.uk](http://www.longbarn.co.uk)



## 42 The Bell

12 West Street, Alresford   
Tel: 01962 732 429

- Charming 17th century Coaching Inn • 7 en-suite character bedrooms • Delicious food, local produce • À la carte • 2 course £10.00 specials • Organic baguettes • Eclectic drinks list • Candlelit dining • Log fire • Summer courtyard

[www.bellalresford.com](http://www.bellalresford.com)

## 43 Caracoli

15 Broad Street, Alresford   
Tel: 01962 738 730



Caracoli is an award winning, vibrant coffee shop and extensive food store serving excellent coffee and delicious homemade cakes as well as having a seasonal lunch menu and Sunday brunch. Ample seating inside and a courtyard garden for sunny days.

[www.caracoli.co.uk](http://www.caracoli.co.uk)

## 37 The English Partridge

Bighton Dean Lane, Bighton, Alresford SO24 9RE Tel: 01962 732 859

A 'local' for everyone, The English Partridge, nestled between Old and New Alresford, is everything a country pub should be. A cracking choice of local ales, great wines by the glass and fantastic food using fresh local ingredients. Wonderful outside space for summer days and roaring fires in winter.

[www.englishpartridge.co.uk](http://www.englishpartridge.co.uk)



## 44 Shapla Indian Cuisine

60 West Street, Alresford  
Tel: 01962 732 134



Superb cuisine and first-class service in an historic building. We have served the community since 1993 and pride ourselves on using local produce. Excellent reputation for event catering. Special Sunday lunchtime buffet. The restaurant presents a philosophy of traditional and modern Indian food blended together with the subtle influences from a British food loving nation. **15% discount for takeaway service.**

[www.theshapla.com](http://www.theshapla.com)

## 46 Horse and Groom

2 Broad Street, Alresford  
Tel: 01962 734 809



A Grade II listed, 17th century coaching inn at the heart of Alresford, recently renovated to restore its former glory. The historic old building makes a smart and welcoming destination for dinner and drinks. Sourced locally, our food is cooked fresh to order, with daily specials to tantalise those tastebuds. No wonder we have built up a great reputation as one of the best pubs in Alresford for foodies.

[www.horse-and-groom-alresford.co.uk](http://www.horse-and-groom-alresford.co.uk)



## The ALRESFORD CRICKETERS



The Cricketers is a charming family run pub which has been extensively refurbished and just 5 minutes drive from Alresford town centre. Whatever the occasion you are guaranteed a warm and friendly welcome. We pride ourselves by serving local well kept ales and are proud to use locally produced ingredients and to support our local suppliers. Our varied menus combine traditional freshly prepared home cooked food along with a daily Specials Board. We are well known for our Fish and Chips. Sunday Roasts our speciality.

### SPECIAL DAYTIME MENU 2 courses for £10.00

### STEAK NIGHTS (MONDAY TO FRIDAY) 2 Sirloin steaks and a bottle of House wine £29.95

### EARLY BIRD DINING MENU 5.00pm - 6.30pm Monday to Sunday

Throughout the summer we hold regular weekend barbeques and family fun weekends including hog roasts, bouncy castles, children's entertainer, discos, live music and much more (please check out our website for dates).

Jacklyns Lane, Alresford, Hampshire SO24 9LW  
Tel: 01962 732463 [www.alresfordcricketers.co.uk](http://www.alresfordcricketers.co.uk)

## 45 Tiffin Tea Rooms

50 West Street, Alresford  
Tel: 01962 734 394



Award winning family-run tea room, specialising in over 40 loose teas, fine chocolates and locally-produced ice creams. Serving homemade cakes, light lunches using local products, traditional afternoon teas, cream teas, all served on vintage bone china. Courtyard seating available, vintage tea parties available for outside events.



## Where to Stay

### 48 Haygarth Bed & Breakfast



82 Jacklyns Lane, Alresford  
Tel: 01962 732 715  
Mobile: 07986 372 895  
Val Ramshaw

A pleasant welcome awaits visitors to Haygarth. Located close to town centre and Watercress Line. Three double rooms – two en-suite £65, Singles £35. All bedrooms are on the ground floor.



# OLD ALRESFORD PLACE



## CONFERENCE & TRAINING CENTRE WEDDING RECEPTIONS SPECIAL EVENTS

Old Alresford Place is a unique venue situated in the peace and quiet of the Hampshire countryside in the attractive village of Old Alresford.

Set in five acres of picturesque grounds our historic venue is a wonderful setting for Wedding Receptions, Special Events and is fully equipped as a conference and meeting facility. There are fifteen en-suite bedrooms accommodating up to 20 people.

Our well-trained staff will do their utmost to delight you and your guests throughout your stay.



BOOKING ENQUIRIES - TEL: 01962 732518  
[enquiries@oldalresfordplace.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@oldalresfordplace.co.uk)  
[www.oldalresfordplace.co.uk](http://www.oldalresfordplace.co.uk)



Old Alresford Place  
Alresford  
Hampshire  
SO24 9DH

## Useful information

### Accommodation

For a full list of assessed accommodation in the Alresford area go to [www.visitwinchester.co.uk](http://www.visitwinchester.co.uk)

If you need more help, call the **Winchester Tourist Information Centre** reservation service on 01962 840 500.

### Banks

**Bardays (cashpoint)**  
2 East Street, Alresford

**Lloyds TSB**  
West Street, Alresford

**National Westminster**  
5 East Street, Alresford

### Council

**New Alresford Town Council**  
Arlebury Park, The Avenue  
Alresford  
Tel: 01962 732 079

### Hospitals

**Alton Community Hospital**  
Tel: 01420 82811

**North Hants Hospital**  
Basingstoke  
Tel: 01256 473 202

**Royal Hampshire County Hospital**  
Winchester  
Tel: 01962 863 535

### Key

Wheelchair access Partial wheelchair access



Establishments carrying these symbols were awarded a Hampshire Hospitality Award in 2012. Please see [www.visitwinchester.co.uk](http://www.visitwinchester.co.uk) for the most up-to-date information.

### Police Station

**Alresford Police Station**  
Tel: 101 – the Police non-emergency number when it's less urgent than a 999 call. [www.police.uk/contact/101/](http://www.police.uk/contact/101/)

### Surgeries

**The Alresford Surgery**  
Station Road  
Alresford  
Tel: 01962 732 345  
Prescriptions: Mon-Fri 8.30am-6.30pm  
[www.thealresfordsurgery.co.uk](http://www.thealresfordsurgery.co.uk)

### Transport

**Cango**  
Tel: 0845 602 4135  
[www.cango.hants.gov.uk](http://www.cango.hants.gov.uk)

**Hampshire Bus Company/Stagecoach**  
Tel: 0845 121 0190  
[www.stagecoach.com](http://www.stagecoach.com)

**National Express**  
Tel: 08717 818 178  
[www.nationalexpress.com](http://www.nationalexpress.com)

**National Rail Enquiry**  
Tel: 08457 484 950  
[www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk)

**Alton Station**  
Tel: 01420 542 946

**Watercress Line**  
[www.watercressline.co.uk](http://www.watercressline.co.uk)



Alresford Fair, 1920

Broad Street, 1930