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**Odiham**

# Welcome to Odiham

**Whether you are looking for a tranquil walk, a trip on the canal, great independent shops, a lovely meal or a quick coffee, Odiham is a perfect destination for a great day out.**

Featuring local  
walking map and  
suggested routes

Town map  
with 'not to miss'  
highlights to visit

More about our  
historic town and  
activities to do

## **Walking and cycling in Odiham**

In addition to the canal towpath walk, linking Odiham Castle to Odiham Common, there are dozens of walks in the surrounding countryside to suit every type of walker – not to mention plenty of pubs, cafes and picnic spots along the way. Visit the Odiham Society website for a list of local walks of varying lengths. Walks and Trails – The Odiham Society ([www.odiham-society.org](http://www.odiham-society.org))

Odiham is also a popular stopping point for cyclists and features on the King Alfred's way cycling route [www.cyclinguk.org/king-alfreds-way](http://www.cyclinguk.org/king-alfreds-way) and the Magna Carta Trail [www.magnacarta800th.com/projects/round-2-grants/sustrans-the-magna-carta-cycle-trail](http://www.magnacarta800th.com/projects/round-2-grants/sustrans-the-magna-carta-cycle-trail)





### 1 King John's Castle



King John began construction of the castle in 1207 as a convenient stopping place halfway between Winchester and Windsor. It is believed that the King rode out from Odiham castle to meet the baronial leaders at Runnymede in June 1215, to sign the Magna Carta. Copies of the Magna Carta were made in Odiham at the time.

### 2 Pest House



Built in 1622 as a dwelling for the poor, the Pest House was used as an isolation hospital for residents or travellers with plague, smallpox and other infectious diseases. It is one of only 5 surviving examples in England.

### 3 The Bridewell



Originally a prison built in 1743 with a small exercise yard and separate accommodation for male and female prisoners. Later it was a police station and a Court. It is now home to Odiham Parish Council, the Local MP, the local community support police officer, Odiham Book Exchange and the Odiham Embroidery.

### 4 Odiham Embroidery



Designed by Odiham artist, Mary Turner, it depicts 800 years of local history. Over 70 volunteer stitchers worked separately to complete sections of the panel. You can view it in the Odiham Book Exchange during opening hours.

### 6 The Cross Barn



Built in 1532, it is one of the earliest agricultural buildings in Hampshire built of brick. Now it is a multi-use meeting space at the heart of the village, for clubs and societies and an annual programme of social events. [www.thecrossbarn.org.uk](http://www.thecrossbarn.org.uk)

### 5 Odiham Book Exchange



Situated in the former Odiham Library in the Bridewell. The Book Exchange is run by over 40 volunteers to keep books accessible to the public. Anyone can join and exchange books. [www.odihamparishcouncil.gov.uk/home/library](http://www.odihamparishcouncil.gov.uk/home/library)



1 Odiham Fire Station

2 Odiham Castle

3 Odiham Tennis Club

4 Odiham Bowls Club

5 Odiham & Greywell Cricket Club

6 Odiham Cottage Hospital

7 The Odiham Health Centre

8 North Warnborough Football Pitch

9 Site of Historic Beacon

10 La Creperie

11 El Castello

12 The Red Lion

13 Bel & Dragon at the George

14 Fountains Mall Cafe

15 Odiham Spice

16 The Waterwitch PH

17 Kings Chinese Restaurant

18 The Anchor PH

19 The Mill House PH

20 Newlyn's Farm Shop

21 The Derby Inn PH

Play Park

Deer Park Access Point & R of W

Public Toilets

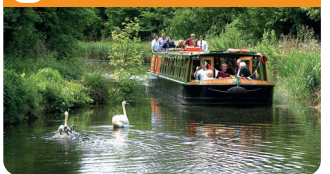
Car Park

Bench

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### 9 Basingstoke Canal



Was completed in 1794 and ran from Basingstoke to Byfleet where it connected with the Wey Navigation to link to the River Thames. Today the Canal is fully navigable from King John's Castle and is widely used for leisure activities. [www.basingstoke-canal.org.uk](http://www.basingstoke-canal.org.uk)

### 8 The Stocks in The Bury



From 1376 every town or village had to have stocks by law. These were used up to the early 19th Century to punish misdeeds such as blasphemy, drunkenness and breaking the sabbath. These examples now remain. Fortunately, these are no longer in use!

### 7 Odiham High Street



This one of the most historic streets in Hampshire with attractive architecture mainly dating from the 15th to 18th centuries. Today it is a bustling thoroughfare with independent retailers, a variety of eating establishments and a Friday morning food market.

### 10 Friday Market



Every Friday morning visit Odiham High Street for a bustling local market to choose fruit and veg, cheese and bread to name a few stalls that are regulars.









## A Historic Village

A picturesque, historic village in the Hart district of Hampshire, Odiham dates from Saxon times and is the first Hampshire entry in the Domesday Book of 1087. It had become William the Conqueror's largest holding in Hampshire.

Odiham has an extensive choice of good restaurants and places to eat and drink. Five minutes from Junction 5 on the M3, it is an ideal stopping place for travellers coming or going to London, Canterbury, Windsor, Runnymede, Winchester, Salisbury, Oxford and Portsmouth. Its convenient location between these centres of commerce is the main reason King John built a castle here!

A large deer park was created around Odiham for Royal hunting and this is still evident in the landscape close to the village. The Odiham area is criss-crossed by a network of footpaths where a walker can imagine medieval kings and queens enjoying hunting, hawking and recreation.

In the 18th Century the Basingstoke canal was built and still runs through Odiham and North Warnborough today. In total, 32 miles of the canal has been restored by volunteers and offers great opportunities for walks, canoeing, boating and fishing. To find out more about the canal or to book a canal boat tour or canoe visit [www.basingstoke-canal.org.uk](http://www.basingstoke-canal.org.uk) and [www.galleonmarine.co.uk](http://www.galleonmarine.co.uk) For those with access needs see [www.accessibleboating.org.uk](http://www.accessibleboating.org.uk)

Today Odiham is home to the RAF station at the heart of the Chinook service. You can get great views of the various aircraft operating from or visiting the base. There is a long and warm relationship between the base and the village, celebrated in many ways including customised gifts available on the High St. Chinook on the Christmas tree anyone?

Odiham is a thriving and very social community that has enjoyed celebrating together over the years to help commemorate national events and to support local organisations. Keep up to date with forthcoming events by contacting [www.inodiham.co.uk](http://www.inodiham.co.uk) reminding you to love local and [www.odihamparishcouncil.gov.uk/visit-odiham](http://www.odihamparishcouncil.gov.uk/visit-odiham)

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