

Public information

The best way to enjoy all that the Cuckmere Valley has to offer is on foot, cycle, or on the many public transport services available throughout the area. We list below the contact details to help you make the most of your stay.

Bus Services
Cuckmere Community Bus
 For over 30 years our own volunteer-run bus service and deserving winner of the Queens Award for Voluntary Service in 2006. For timetables and information, call 01323 870920 or visit www.cuckmerebus.freeuk.com

For details of the other bus routes serving the Cuckmere Valley call Traveline 0871 200 22 33 www.traveline.org.uk or Brighton & Hove Buses on 01273 886200, Countryliner on 01444 246693, Renown buses on 01424 210744, Eastbourne buses on 01323 416416.

For comprehensive online bus and rail information and to order your 'South Downs Bus Walks' leaflet visit www.visitsouthdowns.com or call 01243 558700

Train Services
 Best way to explore the Downs is Southern's South Coast Downlander bus and rail ticket for just £10 (children £2.50). The All network Downlander for just £12.50 from as far as London (children £2.50) www.southernrailway.com/downlander

Homebound, there are frequent services to London, Brighton, Hastings and Ashford International. For details: National Rail Enquiries 08457 48 49 50 www.nationalrail.co.uk

Ferry Services
 Transmanche operate daily services from Newhaven to Dieppe. www.transmanche ferries.org

Taxis
 Alfriston Taxis 01323 870823 mob 07906444566
 J. West Taxis 01323 440317

Post Offices
 Alfriston 01323 870201
 Berwick 01323 870358
 East Dean 01323 422456
 Firle 01273 858219
 Glynde 01273 858215
 Ripe 01323 811811

Medical Services
 Alfriston Surgery 01323 870244
 East Dean Surgery 01323 422401
 NHS Direct 0845 4647

For more information visit www.alfriston-village.co.uk, www.alfriston.info or www.enjoysussex.info



--- South Downs Way
 --- Vanguard Way

- Eating/Drinking
- Accommodation
- Shops/Services
- Attractions



Alfriston

(not to scale)

There has been a settlement at Alfriston since prehistoric times. The confluence of a downstream river-crossing and tracks descending from Newhaven, Lewes, Jevington and the high pastures of the Downs made this a natural centre of the Cuckmere Valley.

A thriving market grew around its ancient Market Cross and almost every building strung along the High Street had its village artisan. A few are still there; many more remembered only by the name on cottage doors. Its ancient inns still welcome traveller and villager alike, shops still flourish and horses' hooves still ring on winding streets. Only the rumble of the horse drawn hay wain has gone.

Summer is the time to explore the narrow twittens, to stand on the slender White Bridge of an evening and catch the sea breeze carried up the Valley, to enjoy the bracing exhilaration of the South Downs Way.

But winter too has its charms. A chance to stand back and look at its rich variety of buildings; brisk walks before a pub lunch or tea-and-toast in our many tearooms; the shimmering magic of the Village Christmas Tree.

Alfriston has welcomed many visitors and seen many changes in its time: in return, time has dealt gently with Alfriston.

Cuckmere Valley Calendar of Events 2010

Farmers Markets every Wednesday 10.30 - 12.30pm at East Dean Village Hall

Charleston Farmhouse on the A27 near Firle, the Sussex home of the Bloomsbury Group, sponsors numerous cultural events throughout the year. www.charleston.org.uk

Charleston Manor near West Dean is home to the annual Chamber Music Festival directed by Robert Cohen. www.charlestonmanorfestival.com

- 21 March **Phobias Day** Drusillas Park 01323 874100
- 4-5 April **Easter Egg Hunt** Michelham Priory 01323 844224
- 10-11 April **Spring Garden Fair** Michelham Priory 01323 844224
- 10 Apr-14 May **Arlington Bluebell Walk** 01323 485151 www.bluebellwalk.co.uk
- 2-3 May **Iron Age and Roman Weekend** Michelham Priory 01323 844224
- 21-30 May **Charleston Festival** Books and authors 01323 811626
- 20 May-29 August **Glyndebourne Festival Opera** Box Office 01273 813813
- 31 May **Fifi and the Flowertots** Drusillas Park 01323 874100
- 19-20 June **Reptile Weekend** Drusillas Park 01323 874100
- 19-20 June **Sussex Food Fair** Michelham Priory 01323 844224
- June TBA **21st Charleston Manor Chamber Music Festival**, West Dean. Check exact dates on 0208 444 1065
- 10-11 July **Game & Country Fair** Michelham Priory 01323 844224
- 17-18 July **Glynde Fine Foods & English Wine Festival** Glynde Place 01273 858224
- 10 August **Dora the Explorer & Diego** Drusillas Park 01323 874100
- 25 August **Sportacus** Drusillas Park 01323 874100
- 21-22 August **Vintage Vehicles Show** Michelham Priory 01323 844224
- 28 August **Berwick Produce Show & Fete** Berwick Playing Field 2.00pm
- 28-29 August **Horse Trials & Country Fair** Firle Place 01273 858307
- 30 August **Thomas and Friends** Drusillas Park 01323 874100
- 16-17 October **Apple Festival** Middle Farm, Firle 01323 811411
- 23-31 October **Halloween Shriek Week** Drusillas Park 01323 874100
- 31 October **Halloween** Michelham Priory 01323 844224
- 11-23 December **Santa's Christmas Cottage** Drusillas Park 01323 874100

Cuckmere Church Services 2010
 For regular Sunday Services in the Cuckmere Churches see details in 'Cuckmere News'
 14 March **Mothering Sunday** Service 9.30am Litlington Church
 4 April **Easter Sunday** Communion Service 6.30am Lullington Church
 4 July **Animal Service** 11am The Tye, Alfriston

Alfriston Village Calendar of Events 2010

- 10 March **Spring Flowers & Garden Talk** 11.30am Clergy House 01323 870001
- 14 March **Mothering Sunday** 10.30am Clergy House 01323 870001
- 2 April **Easter Bunny Hunt** 10.30am Clergy House 01323 870001
- 3 May **Pre-School May Day Fair** The Tye 01323 871038
- 16 May **Guided Medicinal Herb Walks** 11am & 2.30pm
 Batswing Apothecary 01323 871555
- 23 June **National Gardens Scheme** Clergy House 01323 870001
- 18 July **Guided Medicinal Herb Walks** 11am & 2.30pm
 Batswing Apothecary 01323 871555
- 27 July-1 August **Alfriston Summer Music Festival** www.alfristonsummermusic.co.uk
- 21-30 August **Alfriston Festival** 01323 871141
- 30 August **Traditional Village Fair** The Tye 01323 871141
- 19 September **Guided Medicinal Herb Walks** 11am & 2.30pm
 Batswing Apothecary 01323 871555
- 3 October **Apple & Orchard Day** Clergy House 01323 870001
- 4-5 December **Christmas Comforts & Joys** Events throughout the village 01323 870777

Wherever possible we have given postcodes for those using SatNav. For more information visit www.alfriston-village.co.uk, www.alfriston.info or www.enjoysussex.info

The Alfriston & Cuckmere Valley Partnership (ACVP) makes every effort to ensure these facts are accurate but regrets it is not responsible for any errors or omissions. As the information is gathered some months in advance of publication, we recommend you call the contact given to ensure there has been no change before visiting