

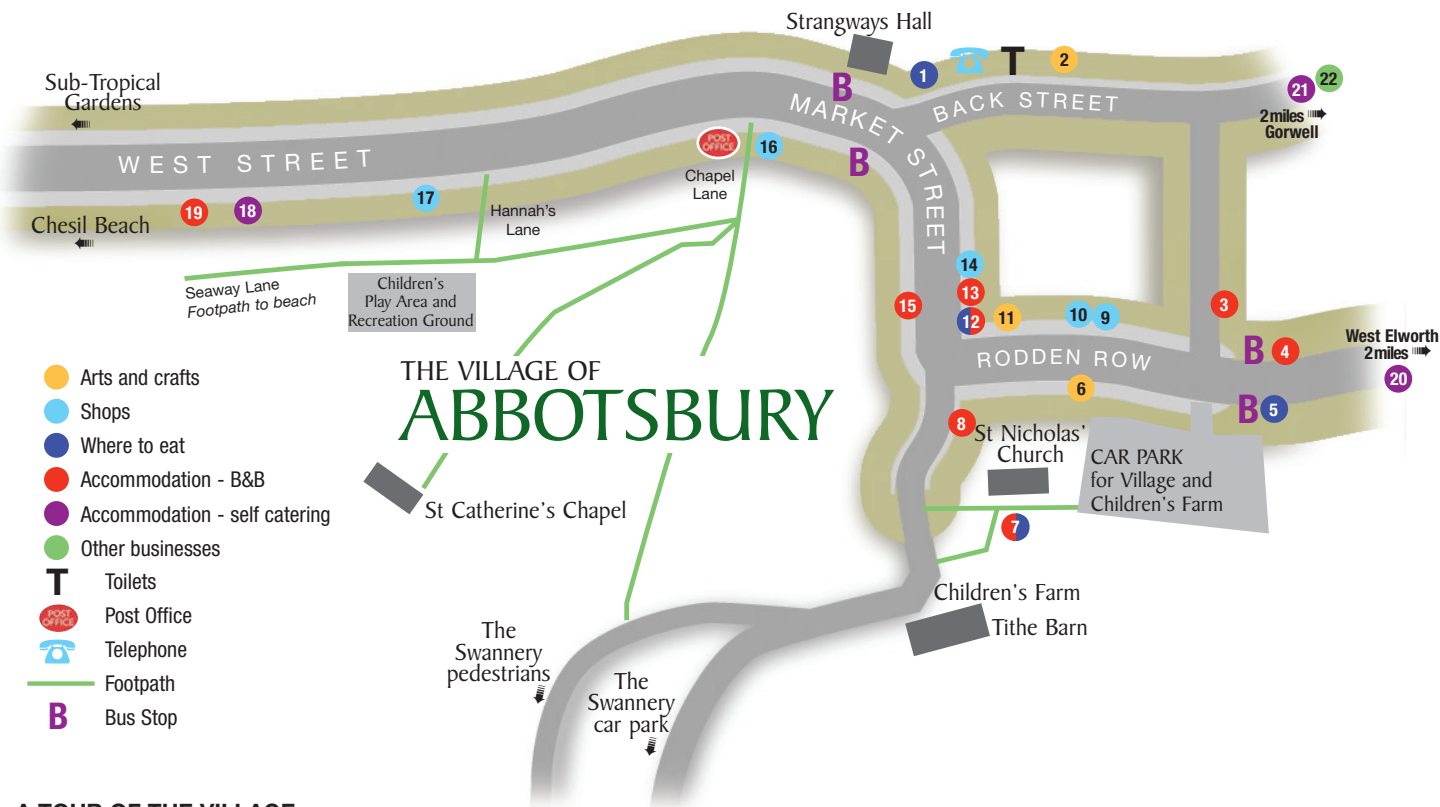
A Village to Explore

ABBOTSBURY

on Dorset's

Jurassic Coast

2019



A TOUR OF THE VILLAGE

PARKING

The village car park is situated in Rodden Row adjacent to the Swan Inn on the main Jurassic Heritage Coast Road running between Weymouth and Bridport.

EXPLORING THE VILLAGE

Walk One: Walking out of the car park by the main entrance takes you back into Rodden Row where you will find John Meaker's art studio, the Abbotsbury Fishing Tackle shop, Purple Nanny (selling eco friendly products) and Dancel's designer wood work gallery.

Abbotsbury has one main street: Market Street begins at the junction between Church Street and Rodden Row (the tight corner!) and becomes West Street about midway through the village.

In Market Street you will find the Abbotsbury Tearooms, Market House and the Bride Valley Farm shop selling local produce, cross the road to Town Farm House airbnb and the Ilchester Arms public house.

Rounding the corner by the Ilchester Arms takes you into West Street where you will find the Artisan Flower and Garden shop. The general store with post office is on the corner of Chapel Lane.

Chapel Lane leads up the hill to St. Catherine's Chapel on the Jurassic Coast Path. There are superb panoramic views from the chapel and it is also possible to walk on from here down to the Swannery or to continue on the Jurassic Coast Path.

The lane at the foot of Chapel Hill, by the kissing gate, branches westwards to the Abbotsbury playground and onwards down to Chesil Beach. From the beach you can walk back to the village past the Sub-Tropical gardens.

If you prefer to continue along West Street you will find The Clock Workshop in West Yard Barn. Further up West Street are Chesil House self-catering apartments and Cowards Lake Farmhouse B&B.

Retracing your steps now back to the centre of the village on the left of the village hall is Back Street where you will find The Old Schoolhouse Tearooms, the 'blue man · blue woman' sculptures and the Helen Millard Glass Studio. A right-hand turn into Rosemary Lane past East Farm B&B will take you back opposite to the car park. The Swan Inn and Swan Lodge B&B are just to your left.

Walk Two: The lane on the south west corner of the car park heads to the Abbey Guest House, the remains of the abbey buildings and to the Tithe Barn Children's Farm. This lane also exits into St.Nicholas Churchyard and thence to Church Street, past Number Five B&B and back to the junction of Rodden Row and Market Street.

Elworth Farmhouse self-catering cottage can be reached driving eastward from Rodden Row for 1.5 miles and turning right at Elworth corner. Gorwell Farm self-catering accommodation and Barn is a 2.0 mile drive inland from Back Street.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

The X53 Jurassic Coast Bus stops in the centre of the village by the hall/ Ilchester Arms or by the Swan Inn. Please visit www.firstgroup.com for their timetable.

FURTHER INFORMATION For the village history, architecture, events, longer walks and to see the monthly newsletter please visit www.abbotsbury.co.uk



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2 HELEN MILLARD CAMEO GLASS – A collection of handcrafted, handblown pieces by world renowned Helen Millard, inspired by her love of nature. Plus a variety of other visual artists' work for sale in this charming old chapel. Tel: 07597 338953. www.helenmillard.co.uk



6 ABBOTSBURY STUDIO – ...is a Teaching Studio and a Gallery for Painting and Drawing, running courses and classes. A resource encouraging dialogue between Artists. Welcoming novices and all comers to drop in and pay on the day. Tel: 07816 850107. www.abbotsburystudio.co.uk



11 DANSEL GALLERY – ...specialise in selling contemporary woodwork, handmade by designer craftsmen in the UK. A wide range of work is available from bowls to furniture. Customer car park. Tel: 01305 871515. www.danselgallery.co.uk



9 ABBOTSBURY FISHING TACKLE – We are able to supply rods and reels, fresh and frozen baits, lead weights, hooks, lures, traces and much more! Open six days a week including weekends. Tel: 01305 871199.



10 PURPLE NANNY – ...an independent retailer stocking a range of both vegan, organic and eco products. As well as skin care and cleaning products you can also find some vegan treats for your cats or dogs. Each item has been carefully selected to ensure that everything is cruelty free. Shop online at www.purplenanny.co.uk



14 THE BRIDE VALLEY FARM SHOP – ...sells fresh local meat and dairy products. Beef from our own longhorn herd. Cream, cheese, eggs, lamb and pork from neighbouring farms. Tel: 01305 871235. www.dorsetlonghorn.co.uk



16 ARTISAN FLOWERS AND GARDENS – We sell galvanised plant containers, reclaimed garden pots and stoneware, seasonal plants, flowers and herbs, upcycled garden furniture and quirky garden features. Tel: 01305 871793.



17 THE CLOCK WORKSHOP – Antique clock restoration and sales. Traditional values set up to retail, restore, repair and conserve all types of clocks from all over the world in the traditional manner. We also stock a variety of different types from 17th, 18th and 19th centuries. Tel: 01305 873852.



1 THE OLD SCHOOLHOUSE TEAROOMS AND GARDEN – Serving morning coffee, light lunches throughout the day, delicious cream teas, cake stand teas and a gluten free menu. Cakes scones and gluten free items all freshly made on the premises. Dog friendly, groups/parties welcome. Tel: 01305 871808.



5 THE SWAN INN – A warm and friendly establishment offering exceptional value for money. Large choice of bar meals. Sunday roast. Enjoy indoor skittles in the family room or enjoy a drink in the cosy bar. Tel: 01305 871249.



12 ABBOTSBURY TEAROOMS – Set in the heart of the village, traditional and historic licensed Tea Rooms with attractive Tea Gardens serving morning coffees, light lunches and delicious Dorset cream teas and High teas. Groups and special events catered for. Tel: 01305 871757. www.abbotsbury-tearooms.co.uk



3 EAST FARM HOUSE – Charming period farmhouse with en-suite facilities in all rooms. All the rustic charm of a 17th Century Dorset Longhouse. Tel: 01305 871363. www.eastfarmhouse.co.uk



4 SWAN LODGE – Situated in Rodden Row. All rooms en-suite and are fully equipped with beverage facilities and colour TV. Car parking. Open all year and popular with Jurassic Coast walkers. Tel: 01305 871249.



7 ABBEY HOUSE – Award winning family run guest house overlooking the tithe-barn. Serving lunches and afternoon teas March -October. Tel: 01305 871330. www.theabbeyhouse.co.uk



8 NUMBER FIVE B&B – 18th century stone cottage situated in the heart of Abbotsbury, off the main road so very quiet and peaceful. A comfortable double bedroom overlooked by our beautiful church. Free WiFi and private parking. Well behaved dogs by arrangement. Tel: Tel 01305 871882 / 07887 981850.



12 ABBOTSBURY TEAROOMS B&B – Set in the heart of the village. Three very comfortable en-suite double bedrooms, all with TV and tea and coffee making facilities. The premises are licensed. Wi-Fi available. Tel: 01305 871757. www.abbotsbury-tearooms.co.uk



15 TOWN FARMHOUSE – B&B in a large old house. One double bedded room, other with twin singles. Private bathroom, simple breakfast, free parking, lockable barn for bicycles or boats. Bookings: thcbar1@gmail.com or via airbnb: www.airbnb.co.uk/rooms/2404112 www.airbnb.co.uk/rooms/1576625



19 COWARDS LAKE FARM HOUSE – Bed & Breakfast with private /en suite bathroom. TV, tea/coffee making facilities in bedrooms. Free Wi-Fi. Full English or Continental Breakfast. Sea views, off road parking. ★★ & QiT Silver/Breakfast Award. Tel: 01305 871421. www.abbotsbury.co.uk/cowardslake



13 MARKET HOUSE – A tastefully updated and deceptively spacious period cottage with attractive original features set in the heart of the village. Sleeps 6 in 3 bedrooms. Free WiFi. Tel: 07818436637. www.abbotsburyholidaycottage.com



18 CHESIL HOUSE APARTMENTS – Two, one bedroom, comfortable well equipped apartments, bordering the village cricket pitch with views of St Catherine's Chapel and Chesil Beach. Car parking. Tel: 01305 871324.



20 ELWORTH FARMHOUSE COTTAGE – Historic Grade II listed farmhouse offering an enchanting s/c cottage, situated in a farming hamlet near Abbotsbury village and Dorset coast path. Tel: 01305 871693. www.elworth-farmhouse.co.uk



21 GORWELL FARM – ★★ ★★ Comfortable, well equipped spacious cottages in a beautiful wooded secret valley on our family farm close to Abbotsbury and Coastal Path. One cottage has level 2 accessibility. Tel: 01305 871401. www.gorwellfarm.co.uk



22 GORWELL BARN – A 17th Century Barn for hire, with kitchen, toilets, underfloor heating, pretty surroundings and stunning views available to hire for weddings, events and other functions. Contact mary@gorwellfarm.co.uk or Tel: 01305 871401. www.gorwellbarn.co.uk

ABBOTSBURY SOFTWARE – A high-tech software development company. Specialises in all aspects of computer technology, communications and databases. Tel: 07976 259325. www.abbotsbury.com. tim.snape@mac.com

- Arts and crafts
- Shops
- Where to eat
- Accommodation - B&B
- Accommodation - self catering
- Other businesses

ABBOTSBURY ATTRACTIONS

The Swannery – is the only place in the world where you are able to walk through the heart of a colony of nesting Mute Swans. A visit to this beautiful place is considered to be one of the best things to do in Dorset.

Subtropical Gardens – is a mixture of formal and informal flowers, world famous for it's Camellia groves and magnolias. Noted in Dorset for its Rhododendron and Hydrangea collections and the charming Victorian Garden.

The Children's Farm – is a great place for the young family looking for things to do in Dorset. There are lots of animals for the children to meet, greet and feed. Considered one of the best Children's Farms in Dorset, there are fun things to do every day.