

# Bampton Fair

The well-known and historic Bampton Fair takes place every year on the last Thursday in October. By far the biggest event in the Bampton calendar, it was founded by Royal Charter in 1258. Live music plays all day, and entertainers tour the streets. Fun fair, crafts, local produce and traditional skills areas are always very popular.



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Much more information can be obtained from our web-site [www.bampton.org.uk](http://www.bampton.org.uk) including details of what's on, a comprehensive history of the town, where to find places to eat or to stay, or what to explore in the area.

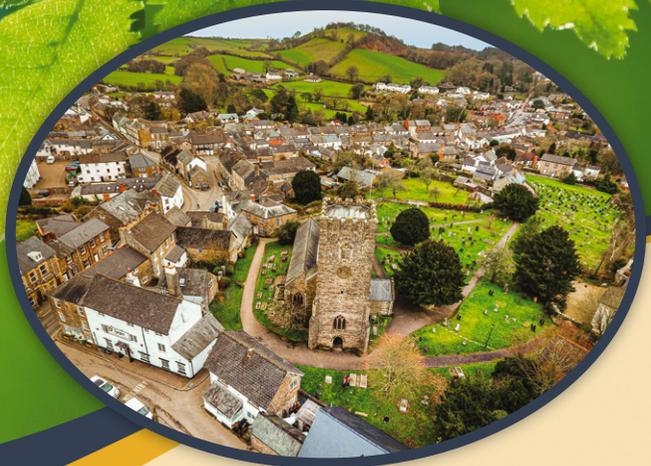


Bampton is a thriving community with plenty of activities and events throughout the year such as: Guided walks and town trails, new wooden adventure play park, Bampton in Bloom floral displays and open gardens, Spring Festival, plays, monthly film shows, live music, Scarecrow Festival, Christmas lights and festivities.



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# Visit Bampton



This well-maintained and pretty Devon town is steeped in history with rendered stone buildings adorned with summer flowers.

Bampton is a friendly and welcoming community with independent shops, pubs and restaurants.

Take advantage of easy walking around the historic town centre, and enjoy lovely views of the surrounding wooded countryside.

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Start your visit at the Bampton Heritage & Visitor Centre inside the 14<sup>th</sup> century church, adjacent to a spacious car park. Follow the brown signs.

Bampton is situated just 3 miles from the edge of the Exmoor National Park and just south of the Devon/Somerset border. The Exe Valley Way long distance walking route and the National Cycle Route 3 (Land's End to Bristol) pass through the town.

A visit to Bampton can be special all year round. The surrounding countryside and riverside approach along the Exe Valley provide the prettiest setting to this old market town. A haven for walkers, there are many short and long walks with outstanding views of rolling Devon hills, woodlands, and river valleys. Recently published books of local walks can be purchased at the Bampton Heritage & Visitor Centre or on-line.

Visit [www.bampton.org.uk/heritage-centre](http://www.bampton.org.uk/heritage-centre) for details.



Situated on the River Bathern, the town's origins are Saxon, although the Romans had a fort on the edge of the parish. The 14<sup>th</sup> century parish church of St. Michael and All Angels sits in the middle of the town; it's a fine building rich in history and just outside, the ancient yew trees, over 500 years old, were encased in stone to protect the livestock which used to graze in the churchyard.

The pleasant streets of locally quarried stone and rendered cottages are adorned with window boxes and hanging baskets during the summer months following a strong tradition born from a history of success in Britain in Bloom competitions. A Town Trail guide available in the Heritage & Visitor Centre gives you a brief history and walking tour around the town. A special version is available for children or an accompanied trail with a volunteer guide can be booked throughout the year – check Facebook or website for details.



A host of independent pubs, restaurants, cafés and shops selling local produce, gives Bampton a unique small town feel. You can enjoy the traditionally made bread from the bakers, the fresh locally-farmed meat from the butchers or game shop, or perhaps a real Devon cream tea in a local café. The friendly and welcoming community will be delighted to help you enjoy your visit regardless of the time of year. There is parking all around the town and several bed and breakfasts and self-catering cottages for overnight stays.

For details of what's on, places to eat or stay, as well as a comprehensive history of the town visit:  
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## BAMPTON HERITAGE & VISITOR CENTRE

St Michael and All Angels Church, Bampton



The Bampton Heritage & Visitor Centre is located inside the town's Grade I listed church.

Discover the story of Bampton through local history boards, artefacts, maps and an 8ft railway station model. Watch fascinating short films about the Charter Fair, the old Bampton Railway and the church. Pick up a Town Trail leaflet or book a guided town trail by prior arrangement.

Children's activities include a giant jigsaw, a computer game, dressing up clothes and a family town trail quiz. Follow the clues to find the answers and claim your certificate.

Local history or walks books and exclusive Bampton gifts and postcards are for sale.



**Free entry**  
**Spring/Summer Opening -**  
Wednesday to Saturday, **11am to 3pm**  
**Autumn/Winter Opening -** Visit the website



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