

More 'must see' places to visit...



The Old Fire Station Gallery

The Old Fire Station now houses an exhibition space and gallery, managed by Henley Town Council.

The building was empty following the construction of a new fire station in West Street in 1960, and in the early days the Henley Art and Crafts Guild rented the building from Oxfordshire County Council. Gradually the building was improved: the interior was painted, lighting and electric fires were installed and screens were erected allowing the first pictures to be exhibited, by other organisations, as well as the Guild.

Eventually, Henley Town Council purchased the building, and in 1976 the frontage was rebuilt and central heating was installed, and an Exhibition Centre Organiser was employed.

In 2009, the Town Council made radical improvements to the building, installing disabled toilet facilities, moving the kitchen area and opening up the whole of the main gallery. The Gallery exhibitions are now booked about two years in advance by Town Hall staff, providing much needed facilities for the town.

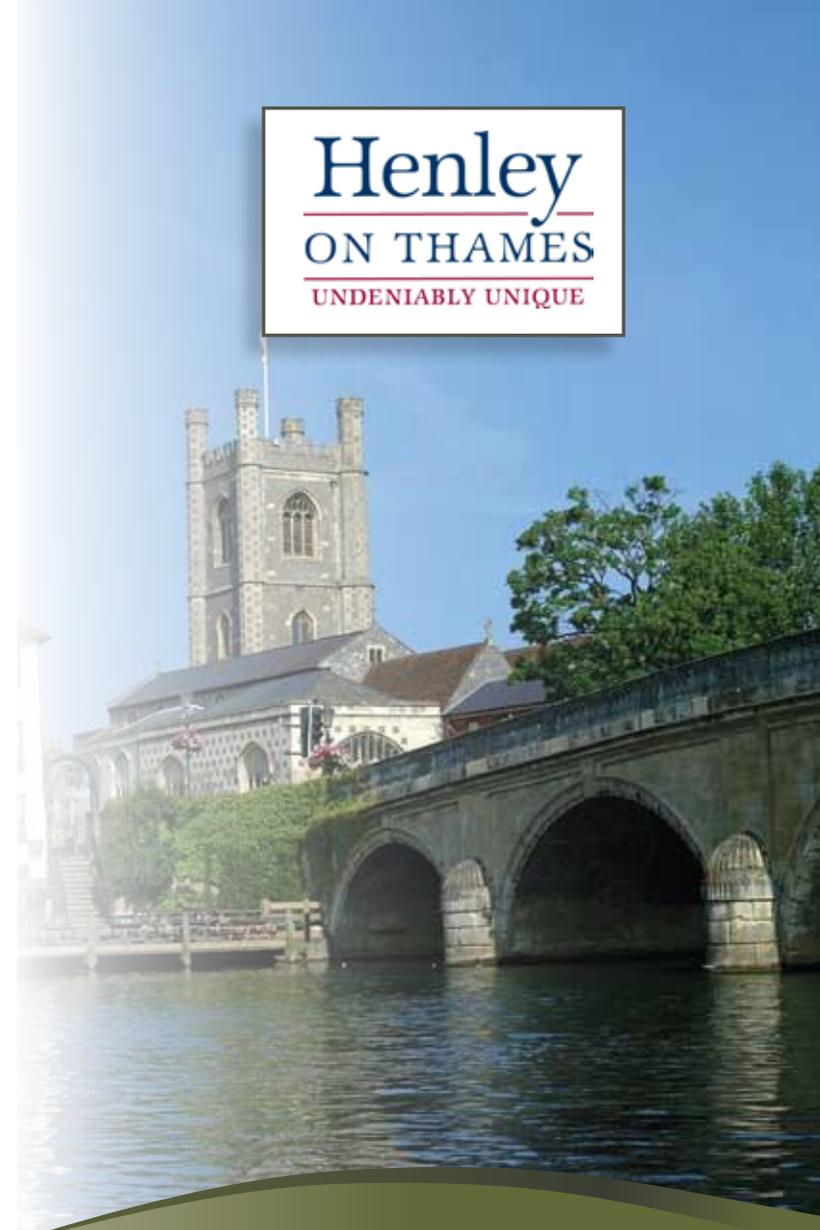


Kings Arms Barn

The Barn was built around 1601 as stables to the inn called The Kings Arms. It was first used on the ground floor to stable the packhorses of visiting traders, then the coach horses of travellers and early in the 20th century for the dray horses of Brakspear's brewery. The first floor would have been used for hay and fodder for the horses and may also have been used by stable lads.

The restoration was undertaken following more than six years of planning and the building's historic integrity has been preserved through sensitive and sympathetic repair. Its transformation has improved the immediate environment and is now once more an important feature on the visitor trail in Henley.

You will find the building and further information to the right-hand side of the Town Hall through a courtyard. Detail about the restoration work can be seen inside the entrance hall of the building and this area is open to the public. Please do go inside and find further details about this important place!



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Even when not hosting the world famous Henley Regatta or the Festival of Music and Arts, this historic town offers many other great attractions throughout the year. Here are just ten of them...



1

Take a river walk to **Marsh Lock** through **Mill Meadows** – or if you don't have a lot of time, take in the wonderful river view from the end of **New Street**.



2

Visit **Friday Street** and **New Street** with their independent shops and stock up in the town centre with a variety of food and fashion – or visit the **Thursday market** which has been trading in Henley since at least the 13th century.

3



Visit the **Old Fire Station** which is now an exhibition space and gallery. You may be able to purchase a unique piece.



4

Take in the diversity of the **Mill Meadows** wild life area where there is a trail circling the **River and Rowing Museum** and inside you can learn about Henley's cultural heritage.



5

Marvel at Henley's historic buildings, including the **Town Hall** and **George Harrison's** former residence – why not do the **Henley Trail**?



6



Visit **Dusty Springfield's** grave, and also look at the 12th Century **St Mary the Virgin Church** and adjacent **Chantry House**.

7



Walk down the route of the **Regatta Course** and take in a wonderful view from the bridge, or take the public footpath along the course from the riverside opposite the town; you may see Olympians training!



8

Take to the water on a boat trip or hire a vessel of your own to explore the river.

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Henley has been serving drinks in its historic pubs for hundreds of years. Look at the architecture and enjoy a taste of locally brewed ale.

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Sit in one of Henley's fine cafés or restaurants and people-watch... a relaxing way to spend time and unwind in this historic town.

10 Brilliant things to do in Henley...



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