

Leighton Buzzard



Leighton Buzzard is a town to the West of Greensand Country. The town is home to around 37,000 people and amenities include public parks, Leighton Buzzard Library Theatre, a skate park, tennis courts and a football club.

The town of Leighton Buzzard has over 1,000 years of history. The River Ouzel, which runs through the middle of the town, was on the front line when Britons fought off invading Saxons in the 5th Century and then again four hundred years later when the Saxons faced the Vikings. The name “Leighton” derives from a Saxon term meaning “a clearing in the woods”.

Today the picturesque medieval high street provides a diverse selection of independent and branded shops. The thriving Charter Market takes place every Tuesday and Saturday and speciality events include a pop-up market supporting local businesses (first Saturday of each month) and a handmade and craft market (fourth Saturday of each month between March and December).



Leighton Buzzard high street

People Say:

“If you are visiting Leighton Buzzard, I recommend coinciding your visit with one of the Market Day’s, because this is when the town centre is shown at its best; vibrant, full of life and colour, with lots of visitors.”

“The market in Leighton Buzzard is lovely. I shop every week and there is a real buzz amongst the friendly helpful market traders. There are lots of special markets including farmers market, handmade craft markets and international ones too.”

Action Points:

- Note** when market days take place, visit one week and share dates and your favourite stalls with visitors.
- Explore** Leighton Buzzard and discover places you think visitors will love.
- Join** the Everything Leighton Buzzard Facebook group to learn about local businesses and upcoming events.

Nearby Places to Visit:

- Leighton Buzzard Railway - heritage steam railway and working museum.
- The Grand Union Canal - running through Leighton Buzzard on its way from Birmingham to London.
- Rushmere Country Park - woodland, heathland and meadows for all to enjoy.
- Leighton Town FC - Football club playing at Bell Close, Leighton Buzzard.

Info and Resources:

Visitor information:

www.visitoruk.com/LeightonBuzzard

Leighton Buzzard Market website:

www.leightonbuzzardmarket.co.uk

Leighton Buzzard Observer for the latest news:

www.leightonbuzzardonline.co.uk

Everything Leighton Buzzard Facebook group:

en-gb.facebook.com/groups/905451129498188/