


The stations covered by the East Hampshire Community Rail Partnership are served by regular train services in both directions, seven days a week.

Train Services:

South Western Railway

For train times along the route, you require: Timetable  Portsmouth and Haslemere to London Waterloo

Stations along the route



Liphook Station

The main station building (very similar to that at Rowlands Castle) dates back to the opening of the route in 1859. The coming of the railway stimulated economic activity in Liphook, but not to such an extent as other places along the route. The station once had a goods yard but this was closed in the 1960s. In its heyday the goods yard handled a considerable amount of military traffic - both personnel and equipment - owing to the number of army bases in the surrounding area.

At the northern end of the station, trains pass under a very substantial triple-arched brick bridge which carries the Midhurst Road over the railway. Also at the bridge end, outside of the front of the station are bicycle racks available for use by passengers cycling to and from the station. All the stations along the route have cycle racks.



Change trains at Havant Station to access other parts of the South Downs National Park, the south coast, and further afield.

Great Western Railway operate train services from **Havant Station** to Brighton, Salisbury, Bath, Bristol, Gloucester, Cheltenham, Worcester and Great Malvern.

Southern operate train services from **Havant Station** to Brighton, London Victoria, Gatwick Airport, East Croydon. Also to Southampton, Portsmouth, Chichester, Horsham and Worthing.

Travel Information: Trains

National Rail Enquiries: 03457 484950
www.nationalrail.co.uk

For next train departure information from your local station text the name (for example; LISS) to 84950

British Transport Police: 0800 405040

Train Operator Customer Services contacts:

South Western Railway: 0345 6000 650
www.southwesternrailway.com

Southern: 03451 27 29 20
www.southernrailway.com

Great Western Railway: 0345 7000 125
www.gwr.com

Travel Information: Buses

Traveline (bus and coach information): 0871 200 22 33 Text 84268
www.traveline.info

The following information is for guidance only; before travelling please check current timetables and routes with the relevant operator.

Buses calling at Liphook Station:

- **13/13X** to Basingstoke. Operated by Stagecoach.
- **250** Town centre service (Certain days only). This is a 'hail and ride' service which means it not only calls at bus stops, but can be 'hailed' or requested to stop at any safe location along the route. Operated by AMK Chauffeur Drive.
- **Liphook to Hollycombe Steam in the Country** bus link for special events.

Buses calling at Liss

('Whistle Stop' bus stop for the Station):

- **38** to Alton or Petersfield. Operated by Stagecoach.

Buses calling at Petersfield Station:

- **X17** ('Petersfield Square' bus stop for the Station). (Wednesdays only). Operated by Xelabus.
- **37** to Havant. Operated by Stagecoach.
- **38** to Alton. Operated by Stagecoach.
- **54** to Chichester. Operated by Stagecoach.
- **67** to Winchester. Operated by Stagecoach.
- **92** to Midhurst. Operated by Stagecoach.
- **94** to Penns Place. Petersfield town service. Journeys to Buriton. Operated by Wheel Drive.
- **South Downs Rambler** to Winchester. Operated by Bluestar.

For more information about the South Downs Rambler see overleaf.

Buses calling at Rowlands Castle

(Bus stop on Village Green, a short walk from the Station):

- **27** to Havant and Emsworth. Operated by First Hampshire.

Buses calling at Alton Station

- (Bus stop 'R' for the Station):
- **38** to Petersfield. Operated by Stagecoach.
 - **64** to Alresford and Winchester. Operated by Stagecoach.
 - **65** to Guildford. Operated by Stagecoach.
 - **206** circular to Bentley Village
- (Tuesdays and Fridays only). Operated by Cresta Coaches.



Liss Station

The station building at Liss is a striking, angular, modern design of glass and steel. It replaced the original brick-built structure, that had been suffering from severe settlement over the years, in 1974. Liss was the southern terminus of the famous Longmoor Military Railway, which closed in 1969, and this line was used for training Royal Engineers military personnel in the methods of operating railways. The skills they learned here in Hampshire were then used all around the world. During the Second World War, the railway played an important part in training soldiers, and also in the preparation of hundreds of steam locomotives destined for use by Allied forces in Europe during the final years of the war. Two claims to fame are that the railway here was used to shoot much of the 1965 film The Great St. Trinian's Train Robbery, and after the railway had closed, scenes for the 1972 film Young Winston were filmed.

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Buses calling at Havant

Only Rail Replacement buses call at the front of the Station itself; Havant Bus Station (above) is a 5 minute walk away.

- **20** to Portsmouth. Operated by Stagecoach.
- **21** to Portsmouth. Operated by Stagecoach.
- **23** to Southsea. Operated by Stagecoach.
- **27** to Rowlands Castle or Emsworth. Operated by First Hampshire.
- **30** to Hayling Island. Operated by Stagecoach.
- **31** to Hayling Island. Operated by Stagecoach.
- **37** to Petersfield. Operated by Stagecoach.
- **39** to Wecock Farm. Operated by Stagecoach.
- **20** to Portsmouth or Chichester, Bognor, Littlehampton, Worthing Brighton. Operated by Stagecoach.

Bus Operators contact details:

AMK Chauffeur Drive Ltd: 01428 751675 www.amk.co.uk
Bluestar: 01202 338421 www.bluestarbus.co.uk
First: 0345 646 0707 www.firstgroup.com
Stagecoach: 0345 121 0190 www.stagecoachbus.com/south
Wheel Drive Ltd: 01730 892052 www.wheeldrive ltd.com
Xelabus Ltd: 023 8064 4715 www.xelabus.info



Petersfield Station

The main station building at Petersfield was built in 1885. There is a large signal box which still stands next to the level crossing. It is now manned 24 hours a day with a 'Signaller' controlling the level crossing gates on the busy A272 road. The box is due to be closed as part of signalling upgrades along the line, however its future is secure as it obtained listed building status in 2013.

There were once two goods yards at Petersfield, on either side of the main line. One closed in 1967 and the other in 1970. A branch line to Midhurst was opened in 1864. This started from a single platform located on the far side of the level crossing. This was to avoid the branch line train blocking the main line platforms, and reduce the number of times the gates had to be closed to road traffic. The Midhurst branch was closed in 1955, which was some years before the mass Beeching closures of railway lines in the 1960s.

The Hub Information Office

The Partnership's 'Hub' at Petersfield Station provides all travel and tourism information for the town and surrounding area during the summer.

Petersfield is one of the 'key gateways' to the South Downs National Park, and a fine view of the hills can be seen from the station looking south.

For more information about the South Downs see overleaf.



Rowlands Castle Station

The main station building at Rowlands Castle (very similar to that at Liphook) is of the architectural 'cottage style' design common to the line, and is Grade 2 listed.

The station is located on a tightly curved section of track. At the time the line was built, the local wealthy land owner, the Earl of Bessborough, insisted that the railway skirted the edge of his land as much as possible, rather than take a straighter and more direct course through it. The ornate twin-arched brick road bridge just to the south of the station was another of his conditions of allowing the railway pass through his estate.

The station once had a small goods yard, but this closed in 1961. There was also a siding owned by the Associated Brick & Tile Company which served the local brickworks a little to the south of the station, but this was taken out of use in May 1964. Today, the station plays a vital part in community life.



7. Serpent Trail 64 miles/103km

<http://www.southdowns.gov.uk/get-active/on-foot/serpent-trail>

A winding route joining up heathland areas that starts at Haslemere station. Can be accessed from stations at **Liphook, Liss and Petersfield**. OS Explorer map OLB and OL33. Nearest station **Petersfield**.

2. Staunton Way 20 miles/32km

www.hants.gov.uk/thingstodo/countryside/walking/stauntonway
Queen Elizabeth Country Park to Langstone Harbour. OS Explorer map OLB. Nearest station **Petersfield**.

3. South Downs Way 100 miles/160km

<http://southdowns.gov.uk/enjoy/south-downs-way/>
This long distance walk covers the length of the South Downs National Park from Winchester to Eastbourne. It passes through the Queen Elizabeth Country Park. OS Explorer map OLB. Nearest station **Petersfield**.

4. Shipwrights Way 51 mile/ 82km

www.hants.gov.uk/thingstodo/countryside/walking/shipwrights-way
Starts at Bentley Station and ends in Portsmouth, passing close to our four stations along the way. Divided into 12 sections, to allows walkers to sample shorter parts of the entire walk. OS Explorer maps OLB and OL33. Nearest stations **Liphook, Liss, Petersfield and Rowlands Castle**.

5. Sussex Border Path www.sussexborderpath.co.uk

Follows the county boundary using existing paths, duplicates sections of the Staunton Way, and passes close to Stansted Park, Rowlands Castle, through QECP, then to the east of Liss and Liphook. OS Explorer maps OLB and OL33. Nearest stations **Rowlands Castle, Liphook and Liss**.

6. Monarchs Way 615 miles/989km

www.westsussex.info/walking
A very long distance path. It passes through Rowlands Castle and Stansted Park. OS Explorer map OLB. Nearest station **Rowlands Castle**.



Havant Station

Havant station opened in March 1847 when a railway line to Havant from Chichester was built by the London, Brighton & South Coast Railway. It featured a level crossing at either end. The western end crossing was replaced by the separate road and foot bridges we see today. On opening there was no direct route to London so passengers had to travel down to Brighton and back up again! This changed when a new single track railway line, the Portsmouth Direct Railway, was built south from Farncombe as a speculative private venture. Eventually it was adopted by the London & South Western Railway who opened the line in August 1859. It was made double track in 1878. There was great rivalry between the two railway companies at the time, as the L&SWR wanted to access Portsmouth using some of the track owned by the LB&SCR. An agreement for co-operation eventually resulted in harmony.

Havant station was the start of the Hayling Island branch line which opened in 1867 and closed in 1963. Much of the route now forms the Hayling Billy Coastal Path walking trail. The station has undergone extensive re-builds; the first in 1889, and the second in 1938 as part of the 1937 electrification of the line to London via Petersfield. The signal box near the eastern level crossing was rebuilt and extended at this time. The late 1930s style is still evident, particularly in the station overbridge and at the main entrance, where the fixings for the old 'Southern Railway' sign can still be seen. The former goods yard sidings were all removed in 1977. The station is now managed by South Western Railway.

Cycling Information

Cycle routes: The Shipwrights Way

www.hants.gov.uk/thingstodo/countryside/walking/shipwrights-way
Connects each of the East Hampshire Community Rail Partnership railway stations using a combination of rights of way and on-road. Mountain bike recommended.

South Downs Way

<http://southdowns.gov.uk/enjoy/south-downs-way/>
National Trail and bridleway that can be accessed at Queen Elizabeth Country Park. Mountain bike recommended.

Petersfield to Queen Elizabeth Country Park Cycle Route

Mainly off-road asphalt surfaced. Suitable for any bike.

Cycle Trails:

Alice Holt 0300 067 4448
www.forestry.gov.uk/aliceholt

Queen Elizabeth Country Park

023 9259 5040
www.hants.gov.uk/thingstodo/countryparks/qecp

Staunton Country Park

023 9245 3405
www.hants.gov.uk/thingstodo/countryparks/staunton

Bike Repairs:

Owens Cycles Petersfield

01730 260446
www.owenscycles.co.uk

Cycleworks Petersfield

01730 263370 <http://cycleworks.co.uk/>

Bike Hire:

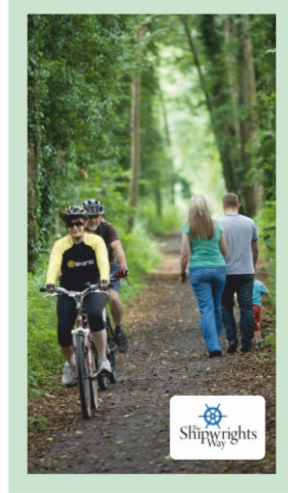
Meon Springs East Meon 01730 823134
www.meonsprings.com

Alice Holt Farnham 01420 521297

www.forestryengland.uk/alice-holt-forest-cycling-and-mountain-biking-trails-alice-holt

See **19**. on map.

www.twitter.com/easthantsrail



Alton Station

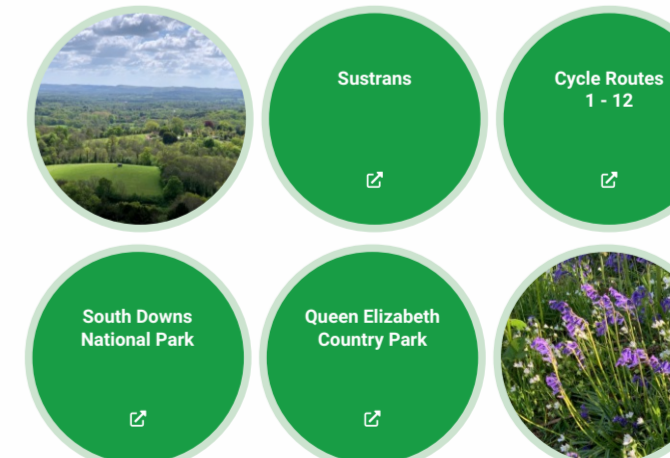
The station at Alton was opened in 1865 when the railway from Alton to Winchester was built. The section to Alresford has now become the Mid Hants (Watercress Line) heritage railway. The platform used by Watercress Line trains - narrowly separated from Alton's platform 2 - was originally the starting point for trains using the Meon Valley line south to Fareham. The original Alton station building was just behind the current one and stood in what is now the station car park. This had dated from 1852 when the section of railway from Farnham to Alton opened.

A new station footbridge with lifts was installed in 2013 replacing the original wooden footbridge dating from 1892. Part of this structure has been saved for restoration by the Friends of Alton Station www.friendsofaltonstation.org.uk. Next to the station is a community garden established by Alton Local Food Initiative (A.L.F.I.) that is open to local people and station visitors alike. www.altonlocalfood.org.uk.



East Hampshire Community Rail Partnership Cycling guides:

If you enjoy cycling to explore the countryside, we have produced a series of 12 detailed cycle routes with maps for you to download. You can find them on our website www.easthampshirerail.co.uk by clicking on the 'cycling' tab on the opening page.



Travel Information: Bikes on trains

For information about travelling with your bike on South Western Railway services, please visit: www.southwesternrailway.com/travelling-with-a-bike

EAST HAMPSHIRE



Visiting the South Downs National Park by rail



www.easthampshirerail.co.uk

- **Train Information**
- **Bus Links**
- **Station Histories**
- **Local History**
- **Places to visit from the stations**

How you can help

- Join the East Hampshire Community Rail Partnership stakeholder or voluntary groups.
- Help with, or sponsor, improvements to a station.
- Provide a service, business or promotion at a station.
- Provide or help to look after flowers and planters at stations.
- Assist with passenger surveys, events, art projects and promotions.
- Improve access to or from stations via bus, cycle, walking or car sharing initiatives.
- Keep stations free of litter and rubbish.
- Organise or lead guided walks and cycle rides from each station.
- Help 'keep an eye' on stations in the evening or at weekends (Stationwatch).
- Report any damage, or anti-social behaviour.
- Volunteer at our Petersfield Information Hub and Free Shop.

and much more...

Please speak to a member of the partnership or contact us for further information about how to help.

For further information:

- Visit www.easthampshirerail.co.uk
- Find out more on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/easthampshirerail
- E-mail info@easthampshirerail.co.uk
- Phone 07900 103296
- Look out for publicity in the local media.
- Follow us on www.twitter.com/easthantsrail



Liphook

There are written mentions of 'Liphook' as far back as 1281. The village grew up as a stopping point on the coaching route from London to Portsmouth. It was mentioned in 1668 by Samuel Pepys in one of his famous diaries. Travel by road in Pepys' time was a very dangerous thing. In addition to natural hazards such as rain, cold, mud and snow - armed highwaymen on horseback operated in the area and would often attack travellers in the many remote and wild locations.

Liss

The village of Liss appears in the Domesday book in 1086 as 'Lyss', and the name comes from the Celtic meaning 'important building, court or hall'. A settlement here dates back to Roman times, and before that, the Bronze Age. Today, the village comprises two parts - the older area of West Liss, and the newer Victorian settlement of East Liss, which has grown up around the railway station. The river Rother forms a boundary between the West and East parts. A third area of settlement lies a little to the north called 'Liss Forest'. This is a later development established by the military. Agriculture played a major part in the life of this rural village for many generations. In the nineteenth century it became known for the production of peppermint, an industry sponsored by the Money-Coutts family of Stodham Park. The mint was grown, distilled and sold at four pence a pint. The 'bounds', or boundaries, of the parish were apparently beaten (ceremonially defined) annually during the Victorian period. Records suggest that a small boy was traditionally put in the oven of the Flying Bull Inn, as the parish boundary was believed to pass through the kitchen of the inn. The village is on the fringes of the Woolmer Forest



area which has a long history of use by the military. In 1907 what went on to become known as the Longmoor Military Railway was opened. Liss was its southern most point, and the remains of the old station platform can still be seen today. This marks the start of a woodland footpath and bridleway along part of the old line, now part of the 'Shipwrights Way' walk.

Petersfield

The market town of Petersfield is located just north of the South Downs hills, and was founded in the 12th century. Its location at the crossing point of two well used main roads, led to its steady growth. One route became today's A3, which since 1992 now by-passes the town, and the other is the A272. Sheep farming and the associated wool trades, plus cattle farming and the leather and cloth trades, all played a major role in the town's prosperity. Petersfield remains a busy town, and its weekly markets are held in the main square, under the statue of King William III - William of Orange. The last livestock market was held in 1962, but as a reminder of Petersfield's farming heritage, a statue of a shepherd by local sculptor Andrew Cheese was installed in Rams Walk in 1998 (right). Located south of the town centre is Heath Pond. This 'pond' is actually a large boating and fishing lake. This covers 22 acres, and is set in Heath Common, which covers over 60 acres. Small pleasure boats are available for hire, and fishing is also permitted. An annual event called the Taro Fair is held here on 6 October each year, but not if that date falls on a Sunday! This large area of water attracts a good number of types of wildfowl, and it is a popular spot with locals and visitors of all ages. Heath Common contains 21 Bronze Age 'barrows' or burial mounds, making it one of the most important locations for such features, and gives it Scheduled Ancient Monument status.



Rowlands Castle

The advent of the railway brought greater prominence to Rowlands Castle, but in its day nearby Finchdean was a much larger settlement, and a base for agricultural machinery manufacturing. Its pub The George Inn remains and is within walking distance of St Hubert's Church, Idsworth, a little further north. Parts of 'the little church in the field' date from the 12th Century and it features 14th Century wall paintings and a Millennium Mural. The origin of 'Rowlands' in the village name is unclear but it may be a corruption of a Celtic word. The 'Castle' played host to Henry II in the 12th Century but only a motte and bailey remains now in the private grounds of Deerleap House. The plentiful supply of clay means the area has been known for brick and tile-making since Roman times; a brickworks established in the village in the 1800s was a major employer before closing in 1968. Rowlands Castle now boasts a number of pubs, a café and various other shops, as well as reputedly the largest village green in Hampshire. The Robin Hood Inn was formerly The Railway Inn, and The Castle Inn stands roughly on the site of the previous White Hart Inn, a haunt for smugglers operating along the south coast, including the infamous Hawkhurst Gang in the mid-18th Century. There are two attractive churches - the Church on The Green (right) and St John's Church at the southern end of Redhill Road. At the end of the St John's churchyard is the village's War Memorial, and north along Manor Lodge Road is the King's Stone where George VI stood as troops paraded past in 1944 before departing for D-Day. The proximity of its station meant that Rowlands Castle was ideal for accommodating the build-up of troops and munitions in the area, with many stationed in the woods surrounding the nearby Stansted Estate. Now a gateway to the South Downs National Park, visitors can enjoy the village and its surrounding countryside via its many rights of way, and by accessing the longer distance Shipwrights Way, Staunton Way and the Monarch's Way.



Havant

One of the earliest recorded names for Havant was 'Hamafunta' (Hama's spring) which is almost certainly a reference to 'Homevell spring'. The unique properties of its spring water helped to make the town a major manufacturer of very high quality parchment from the 1850s to 1930s. Brewing was another thriving town industry. There is a Heritage Trail around the town with numbered blue plaques giving visitors fascinating snippets of historical information; they include: 2. St Faith's Church, 4. Homevell Spring, 5. The Parchment Factory, 6. Homevell House, 7. The Old House At Home, 8. Malthouse and John Moore's Wall, 10. Gloyne's Brewery, 12. The Bear Inn, 14. Magnolia House, 15. The Twittens, 16. The Old Town Hall, 17. Havant Museum, 18. The Hayling Billy Trail, 19. The Old Post Office, 20. Gazebo and Garden, 22. Church House, 25. Number 11 The Pallant, 29. Havant Park and 32. The Court House. Printed copies of the trail leaflet are available from The Spring Arts and Heritage Centre that incorporates Havant Museum, in East Street. In the centre of this busy town near the Bus Station and opposite Havant Park is the covered Meridian Shopping Centre. Nearby - bordered by East, West and South Street - is the church of St. Faiths (above) that has some superb stained glass windows including a fine depiction of HMS Havant. Markets are held near the church on Tuesdays and Saturdays. Tucked away between East Street and The Pallant is the tranquil Gazebo Garden - a small, beautifully restored 18th Century walled town house garden. The Hayling Billy Coastal Trail can be accessed from the railway station or in East Street near The Spring Arts and Heritage Centre (right). Staunton Country Park is a 20 minute bus ride away.



Alton

5 minute's walk from the station is King's Pond - named after William King who owned the paper mill that the pond once fed. There is a path all the way around the pond from which to enjoy the peace and wildlife, interrupted only by the sound of steam trains close by on the Watercress Line. A 10 minute walk from the station in the other direction takes you into Town with its shops, cafes and restaurants. Author Jane Austen who lived in the nearby village of Chawton visited Alton regularly and there are references to her everywhere. There are many sponsored benches around the town including several 'Book Benches' reflecting local literary connections; 'Bench & Benchability' in Crown Close is a pun on Jane Austen's novel 'Sense & Sensibility'. 'Alton Heritage' blue plaques mark several significant historic buildings, and interpretation boards produced by Alton Town Council are set at places of interest for visitors to read and learn about the town's history. These are located in Alton Public Gardens, Greenfields, Crown Close (x2), and Kings Pond. The Hampshire Cultural Trust's Curtis Museum in the High Street, next to the Assembly Rooms and the Cairn War Memorial, houses a fine local history and archaeology collection and the Allen Gallery in Church Street has superb displays of ceramics, pottery and sculpture. Also in Church Street are the Grade 2 listed Geale's Almshouses that date back to 1653. The building at the northern tributary of the River Wey that was once the George Inn is even older, with timbers dating back to 1500! A good way to get to know Alton is to follow the 'Wey Walk' that starts at the station (see overleaf).



Places to visit

- Jane Austen's House Museum**
Chawton, Alton, Hants. GU34 1SD. 01420 83262 www.janeaustenshouse.org
This fascinating museum is located in the house which was the home of the famous author from 1809 until 1817. Here she wrote Mansfield Park, Emma and Persuasion. The late 17th century house is furnished and contains many objects owned by Jane and her family. The Museum Shop has a large selection of books and souvenirs. Events are held throughout the year.
Buses on route **38** run from Liss and Petersfield to Chawton on weekdays (see overleaf).
- Chawton House Library**
Chawton, Alton, Hants. GU34 1SJ. 01420 541010 www.chawtonhouse.org
- Gilbert White's House & Garden and The Oates Collections**
The Wakes, High Street, Selborne. GU34 3JH 01420 511275 www.gilbertwhiteshouse.org.uk
Naturalist Gilbert White wrote the now famous book 'A Natural History of Selborne' in 1789. His house and its 30 acres of gardens and parkland have been carefully restored to their original condition. There is a gift shop and tea parlour.
Captain Lawrence Oates was part of Scott's team who explored the Antarctic. There are displays of expedition photographs and artifacts at the house. Oates' uncle Frank was keen on natural history, and there are displays of specimens he collected on his travels.
Buses on route **38** run from Liss and Petersfield to Selborne on weekdays (see overleaf).



Liphook

- Artisan and Community Market - Monthly.**
- 4. Millennium Centre** (Heritage Centre on 1st floor).
Ontario Way. GU30 7LD 01428 723889 www.bramshottandliphook-pc.gov.uk/millenniumcentre
Open Mon-Thurs 1000-1400, Fri 1000-1300. Closed Bank Holidays.
- 5. Hollycombe Steam in the Country**
Iron Hill. GU30 7LP 01428 724900 www.hollycombe.co.uk
This working museum - the largest of its kind in Britain - features a wonderful collection of steam powered fairground rides, railway locomotives, road vehicles, machinery and other exhibits. Please note: Closed during the winter months.



Rowlands Castle

- 8. Uppark** South Harting, Petersfield. GU31 5QR. 01730 825415 www.nationaltrust.org.uk/uppark-house-and-garden
This beautifully restored 17th century house is owned by the National Trust. Perched high on the South Downs, the house and grounds offer views for miles around.
The author H.G. Wells had connections to Uppark, as his parents were employed on the staff for many years. Buses on route **54** run from Petersfield to Uppark on Mondays to Saturdays (see overleaf).



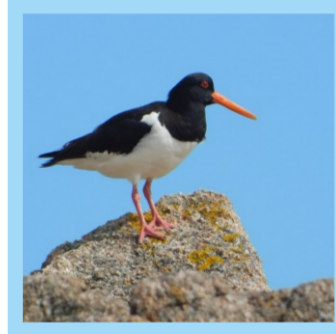
Havant

- 12. Stansted Park**
Havant. PO9 6DX 02392 412265 www.stanstedpark.co.uk
This wonderful house and gardens, approx. 1.5 miles from the station, is set on the edge of the 1800 acres of Stansted Forest. Keats stayed here and some of his poems were inspired by the location. The house is closed to the public over the winter period, but the grounds remain open all year.
- 13. Spring Arts and Heritage Centre**
56, East St., Havant. PO9 1BS 023 9247 2700 www.thespring.co.uk/about-us
- 14. Gazebo Garden**
Between East St. and the Pallant, Havant. PO9 1AA www.havantcivicsociety.uk/havant-gazebo-garden



Alton

- 16. West Hayling Local Nature Reserve**
Hayling Island www.haylingbillyheritage.org
Owned by Havant Borough Council and managed by the RSPB, West Hayling Local Nature Reserve is located on the site of the 1864 South of England Company Oysterbeds. The Hayling Billy Trail brings you to the reserve where you can pick up a circular walk alongside the lagoons that are home to many types of seabirds, wildfowl and waders including, appropriately, Oystercatcher.
- 17. Curtis Museum** High Street, Alton. GU34 1BA 0845 603 5635 www.hampshireculture.org/curtis-museum
- 18. Mid-Hants Railway (Watercress Line)**
01962 733810 www.watercressline.co.uk
A visit to the Watercress Line is like a trip back in time, with a wide range of restored steam and diesel locomotives and beautifully appointed coaches taking passengers from the heritage railway's own platform at Alton station - ten miles through picturesque Hampshire countryside - to Meadstead & Four Marks, Ropley and Alresford. The engineering workshop in Ropley Yard houses many locomotives currently under restoration that you can see from the viewing gallery. There is a popular buffet at Alresford station.
- 19. Alice Holt Forest** (see overleaf)



South Downs National Park


Stations covered by the East Hampshire Community Rail Partnership are within or just outside the South Downs National Park boundary.

The South Downs National Park living landscape stretches from the rolling hills of Hampshire to the iconic white cliffs of East Sussex. The South Downs National Park forces you to think big. But you also need a narrower focus to uncover the patchwork of experience and opportunity that runs through its paths, hillsides and in the hearts of its communities. Our National Park is a place to explore and interact with, a National Park that rewards with real experiences of places lived and worked, and countless hidden gems waiting to be discovered. It is a place to grow your business, to exhaust your sense of adventure or simply enjoy the space of its rolling hills and expansive views. Connect the dots, the beacons and the highlights for a richer experience, a personal story, and to make a contribution to its enduring legacy.

www.southdowns.gov.uk




About us




Part of the Hampshire Community Rail Partnership, the **East Hampshire Community Rail Partnership** is a 'not for profit' organisation which provides a link between the railway industry and local communities. Partners can include any individual, business or organisation aiming to positively develop the local rail route and stations. This includes practical initiatives to improve station facilities, services and access, enhance integration with other forms of transport and create a better, more sustainable local railway.

Stakeholders and partners in the East Hampshire Community Rail Partnership include: South Downs National Park Authority, South Western Railway, East Hampshire District Council, local Parish Councils, and Community Rail Network (was ACoRP). Anyone else who wants to positively develop the local rail route and stations can of course join us!

The Partnership aims to focus on the four rail stations which are central to the East Hampshire area of the South Downs National Park. With their prime locations, the stations are being developed as 'key gateways' to encourage more travel to the National Park by train, and to enable improved onward travel exploration by foot, cycle or bus.



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