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Museums

Ashford Borough Museum

The museum is situated in Ashford's historic churchyard right next to the town's [Tourist Information Centre](#) and opposite St Mary's Parish Church.



The building was erected in 1635 to house Ashford Grammar School. It has many of the original features of a 17th century schoolroom and has a wide range of memorabilia of this old market town.

Many of the exhibits remind us that in World War 11, Ashford was a frontline town. For nearly 150 years it had an important railway works. There are displays of an old chemist's shop and other local traders and organisations. Visitors can also see a video of the town's old buildings. This year also sees the opening of the Gurkha exhibition which can be found on the first floor.

There is disabled access to the main building and a large [car park](#) in Vicarage Lane nearby.

For more information please telephone 01233 631511.

Agricultural Museum, Brook

The museum is housed in a 14th century barn and an 18th century oast house and the collection comprises just about everything from when the horse was the power around the farm.



Visit the [Brook Agricultural Museum website](#) for details of special events for the forthcoming season.

The museum has a shop and toilet facilities including those for disabled people. Access to the museum for the disabled is possible but because of the nature of the site it is difficult in places.

The museum is in the centre of [Brook](#) and can be accessed using minor roads from the A28 at [Wye](#) or near junction 10 of the M20.

For more information please telephone 01304 824969.

Tenterden & District Museum

Opened in 1976, the [Tenterden](#) Museum is housed in an attractive weatherboard building originally built in 1850 as a stable and store. Other buildings reflecting the vernacular industrial style of the 19th century are nearby.



The collections are broad in type, ranging from agriculture and industry to textiles and archives, with very strong potential as a learning resource for local history.

The museum enjoys an excellent town centre position 25 yards from the High Street bordering two large car parks, one of which has excellent toilet facilities with a summertime coach park, all en route to the [Kent & East Sussex Railway Station](#).

The "Tenterden Tapestry" is a nine-panel embroidery-collage made by local children depicting the history of Tenterden from when it was just a 'den' or clearing in the wood to today's vibrant market town.

For more information please visit the [Tenterden Town website](#) and click on 'local attractions' or telephone 01580 764310.

The C M Booth Collection of Historic Vehicles

Very much a personal collection built up over 45 years, housed in a museum building that cannot be seen from the road, you must first enter the 'Falstaff Antiques' shop at 63 High Street, [Rolvenden](#).



A special interest is Morgan cars; there are 20 in the collection, with at least 12 on display dating from 1913 to 1936. Other vehicles include the only known Humber tri-car made in 1904, a 1929 Morris van that used to deliver the 'Royal Mail', a 1929 Ford Model 'A', a 1936 Bampton Caravan, early motorcycles from 1911 and bicycles and tricycles from 1880.

Other collections include toy and model cars, old advertising signs, petrol pumps, badges and garage equipment.

Each year around 12 vehicles are used on the road, taking part in events and visiting club meetings.

If you or anyone you know used to own a Morgan, then we would very much like to see any old photographs.

Unfortunately wheelchair access is not possible.

For more information please visit [The C M Booth Collection of Historic Vehicles website](#) or telephone 01580 241234.

Woodchurch Village Life Museum

Housed in a 17th /18th century timber-framed barn and cart shed, the museum tells the story of [Woodchurch](#) Parish and the collection has an almost exclusively Woodchurch provenance.

Artefacts range from vehicles to tiny coins and flints, with ages spanning the entire period of Woodchurch's known history from 3,000 BC onwards. The professionally designed gallery places great emphasis on interpretation. We welcome bookings from schools or groups and can provide guides to match group needs, including outreach visits.

The first floor houses a study centre, open by appointment. Its collection of books, periodicals, archives and parish records supports those wishing to research Woodchurch's history.

All the museum (including the toilets) is wheelchair- accessible, except for the study centre. Special arrangements can be made for those affected by this limitation.

Special exhibitions are periodically staged. In addition the museum organises the annual "Wings & Things" Air Show – for details visit the [Woodchurch Warbirds website](#).

For more information please visit the [Woodchurch Village Life Museum website](#) or telephone 01233 860240.

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