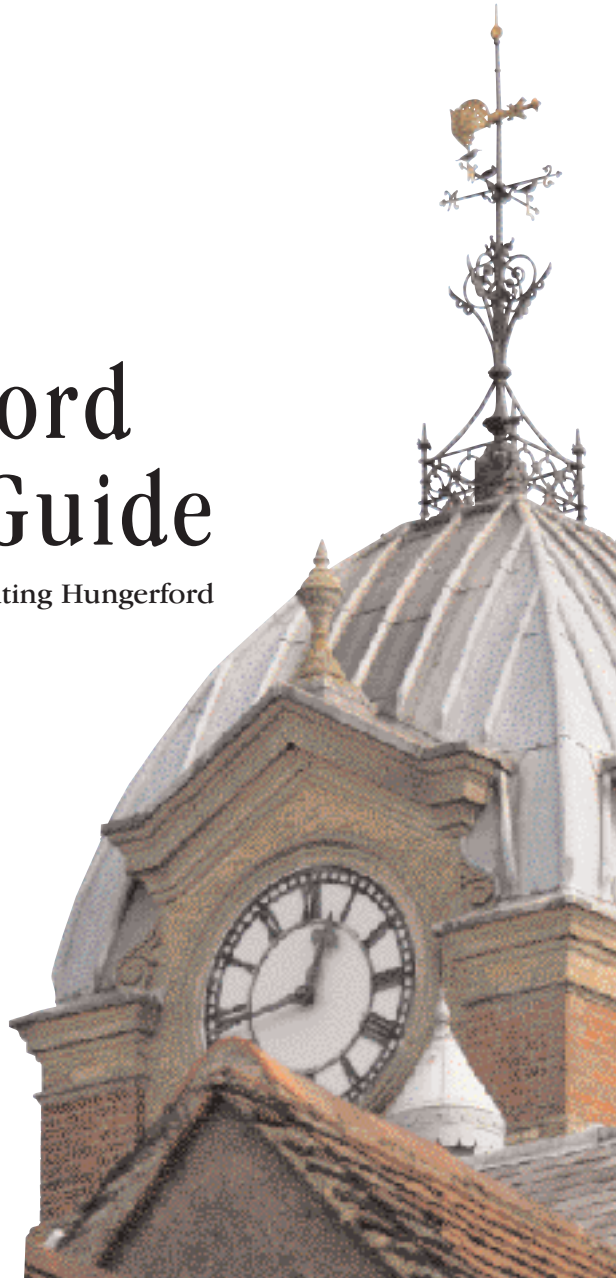




Hungerford Tourist Guide

Your essential guide to visiting Hungerford and the surrounding area



The town centre is located four miles to the South of Junction 14 on the M4, and the town enjoys a main line rail service from London Paddington via Reading and Newbury.

Hungerford is a small historic town set in the midst of the North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, on the western fringe of Berkshire bordering Wiltshire to the West, Oxfordshire to the North, and Hampshire to the South.



Hungerford is a busy traditional market town renowned for its many antique shops of specific interest to many visitors. The town's historic market status

is perpetuated by the significant number of small independent retail establishments offering products as diverse as jewellery, ladies fashion, ethnic furniture, and children's toys.

The town enjoys a wide variety of eating places that cater for the quick cup of coffee, the lunchtime snack and, or, the three-course evening meal. Several are located on the High Street, others less obviously but within the town, and even more within a short journey in villages and hamlets in the surrounding countryside.

Hungerford's origins are obscure. Its setting suggests that it derives from a ford across the River

Kennet, and one story has it that the name derives from Hingwa's Ford' after a Danish Chief who is believed to have drowned in the vicinity during King Alfred's campaign in the mid 800's.

A major event of historical significance occurred in December 1688 when William of Orange arrived to stay at the

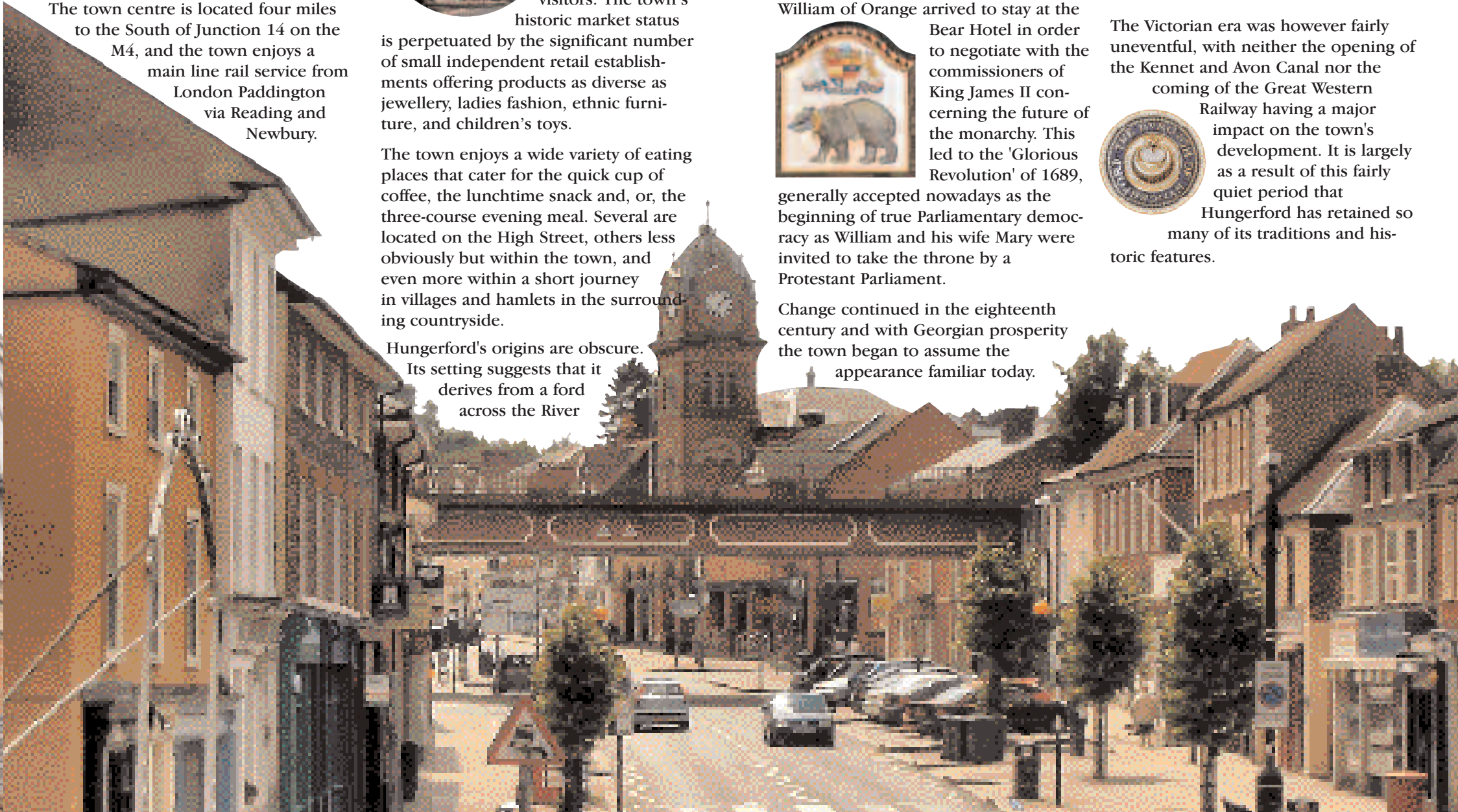
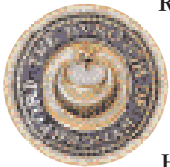


Bear Hotel in order to negotiate with the commissioners of King James II concerning the future of the monarchy. This led to the 'Glorious Revolution' of 1689, generally accepted nowadays as the beginning of true Parliamentary democracy as William and his wife Mary were invited to take the throne by a Protestant Parliament.

Change continued in the eighteenth century and with Georgian prosperity the town began to assume the appearance familiar today.



The Victorian era was however fairly uneventful, with neither the opening of the Kennet and Avon Canal nor the coming of the Great Western Railway having a major impact on the town's development. It is largely as a result of this fairly quiet period that Hungerford has retained so many of its traditions and historic features.



What to do or visit within a 30 minute drive



Close at hand

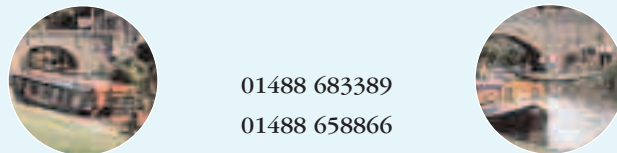
Walks:

- Freemans Marsh
- Hungerford Common
- Kennet and Avon Canal
- Combe Gibbet & other walks
- Savernake Forest

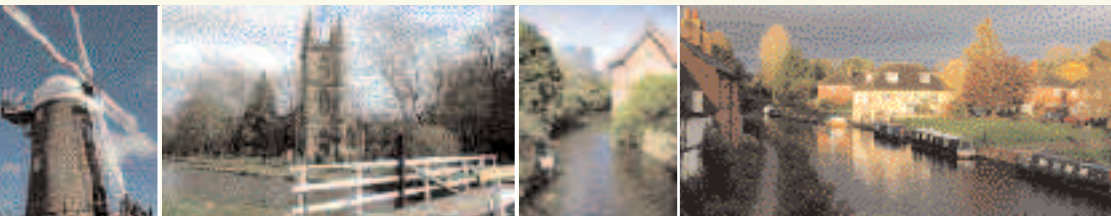
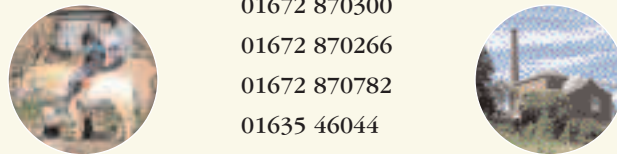


Barge trips.

- 48 The Rose of Hungerford 01488 683389
- 53 Kennet Horse Boat Trip 01488 658866



- 20 Littlecote House 01488 682509
- 47 Little Hidden Farm. Riding & Wild Flowers 01488 683253
- 55 Crofton Pumping Station 01672 870300
- 56 Wilton Windmill 01672 870266
- 57 Flower Farms, Shalbourne 01672 870782
- 49 Watermill Theatre, Bagnor 01635 46044



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Further afield

- 62 Andover Hawk Conservancy 01264 773850
- 61 Andover Finkley Down Farm Park 01264 324141
- 46 Avebury Stone Circle 01672 539250
- 45 Calne White Horse at Cherhill
- 44 Calne Bowood House 01249 812102
- 39 Lambourn Trainers Stable Tours 01488 71347
- 35 Swindon Brunel's Steam Museum 01793 466646
- 60 Headley Children's Action Farm 01635 269678
- 40 Ridgeway Path National Trail
- 37 Didcot Steam Railway Centre 01235 817200
- 41 Hampstead Norreys Living Rain Forest 01635 202444
- 50 Donnington Castle
- 54 Newbury Racecourse 01635 40015
- 51 Thatcham Thatcham Nature Discovery Centre 01635 814466
- 42 Pangbourne Basildon Park NT 0118 984 3040
- 43 Pangbourne Beale Wildlife Park 0118 984 5172
- 59 Highclere Castle 01635 253210

Golf Courses

- 1 Newbury & Crookham 18 holes
- 2 Donnington Valley 18 holes
- 3 Deanwood Park 9 holes
- 4 Donnington Grove 18 holes
- 5 West Berks. 18 holes

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Shopping in Hungerford



Hungerford has hosted the antiques trade for decades and the town, steeped as it is in history, is still a haven for those who are interested in antiques today.

There are two large antique centres, housing a total of 80 individual dealers, several general antique shops and many specialists - all prime locations for hunters, dealers, collectors and browsers of fine furniture, silver, clocks, works of art, ceramics, pottery and all manner of decorative and utilitarian collectables. The range of items to be found is staggering and ever changing. Throughout the year there are many supporting events such as auctions and there is a regular antiques fair held on the last Saturday of every month in the Town Hall.



Detail of the individual antique shops can be found in a separate leaflet "Antiques in Hungerford Berkshire", readily available at many venues in the town.



Numerous independent retail establishments will be found on the website www.hungerford.co.uk along with a full programme of events in the town.

wide range of unique and everyday products. Locating some of these shops will introduce visitors to the charming, but hidden, corners of Hungerford.

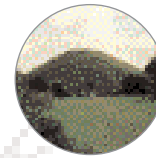
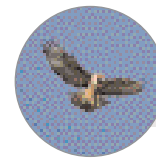
The shops in Hungerford source their goods from far and wide and the innovative array of wares is sure to inspire original ideas for gifts and home furnishings

Fashion is well catered for from everyday wear to haute couture and exclusive accessories such as hats and designer jewellery.

Country pursuit accessories, craft materials, traditional toys, books and frames are all examples of the goods sold by independent shops in Hungerford.



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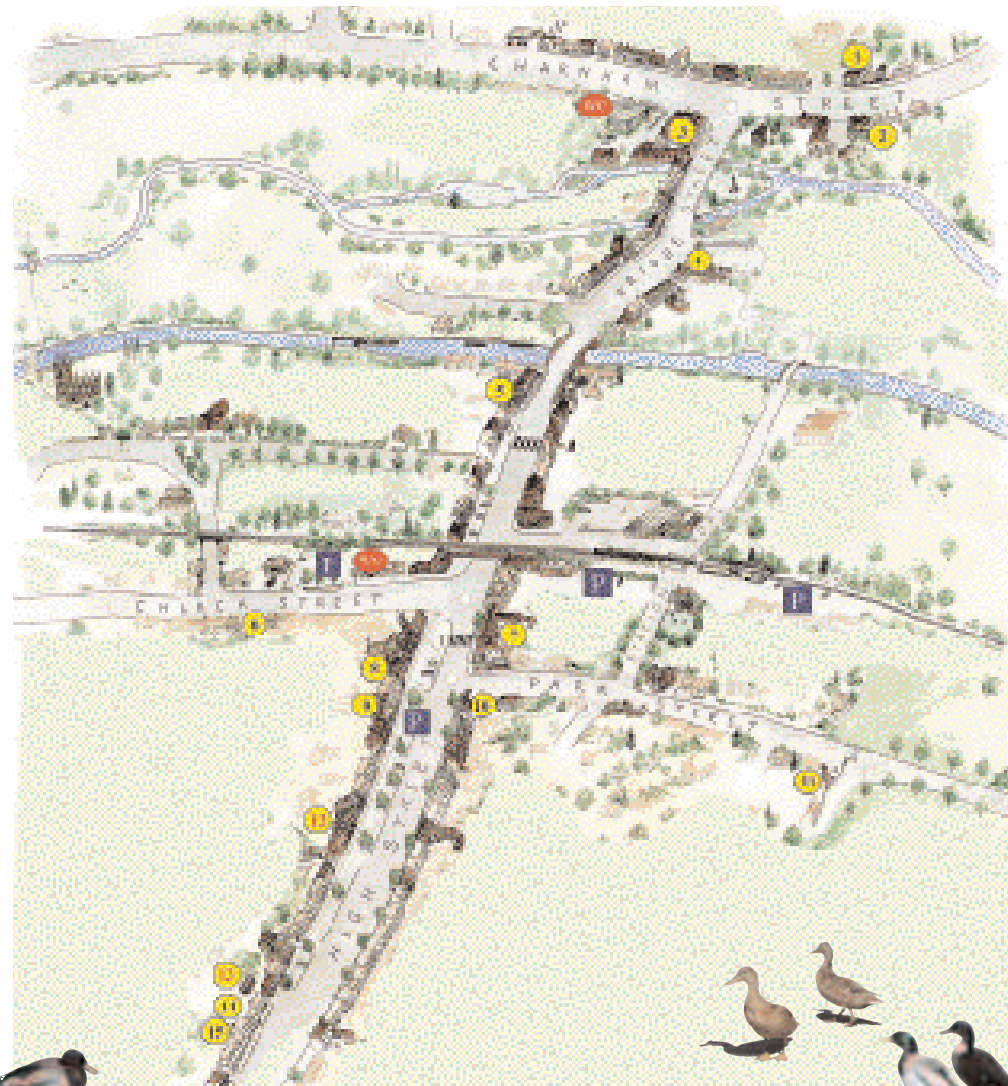
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Where to Eat and Drink



Where to Stay



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Traditional Pubs

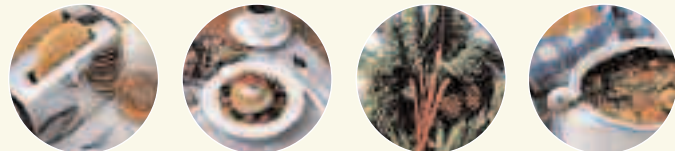
- ④ The John O'Gaunt Inn 01488 683535
- ⑥ The Angel 01488 681199
- ⑩ The Plume of Feathers 01488 682154
- ⑪ The Downgate 01488 682708
- ⑱ The Tally Ho 01488 682312
- ⑰ The Wheatsheaf, Chilton Foliat 01488 682155
- ⑲ The Pelican, Froxfield 01488 682479

Restaurants

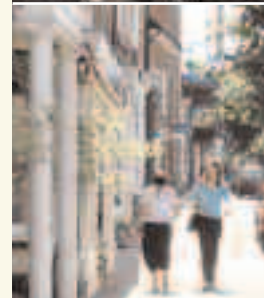
- ① Casanova 01488 982588
- ② No 5 Restaurant 01488 686390
- ③ The Bear Hotel 01488 682512
- ⑦ The Three Swans 01488 682721
- ⑬ Moonlight (Indian) 01488 684858

Coffee & Teashops

- ⑤ The Tutti Pole 01488 682515
- ⑧ Azuza 01488 644643
- ⑨ Upper Krustz, The Arcade 01488 686700
- ⑮ Fry's Fish & Chips 01488 683237



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Hotels and Inns

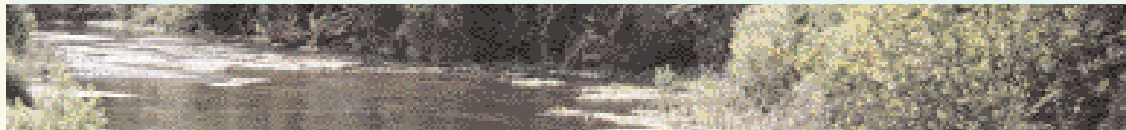
- ③ The Bear Hotel, Charnham Street 01488 682512
- ⑦ The Three Swans Hotel, High Street 01488 682721
- ⑳ Littlecote House Hotel, Chilton Foliat 01488 682509
- ㉑ Elcot Park Hotel & Country Club, Kintbury 01488 658100
- ㉒ The Swan Inn, Inkpen 01488 668326
- ㉓ Crown & Garter Inn, Inkpen 01488 668325
- ㉔ The Dundas Arms, Kintbury 01488 658263

Bed and Breakfast

- ⑫ Wilton House, 33 High St. Hungerford 01488 684228
- ⑭ Garden House, r/o 43 High St. Hungerford 01488 685369
- ⑲ Alderbourne House, Bourne Vale, Hungerford 01488 683228
- ㉘ Culdrose, 15 Sanden Close, Hungerford 01488 682583
- ㉙ Holt Lodge, Kintbury 01488 668244
- ⑯ Hamstead Holt Farm, Kintbury 01488 657259
- ⑳ Wasing, 35 Sanden Close, Hungerford 01488 84127

Self Catering

- ⑳ Canalside Cottage, Hungerford 01488 681494
- ㉑ Marshgate Apartments, Hungerford 01488 682307



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