



# *HARPENDEN A GUIDE TO YOUR LOCAL AREA*



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*When it comes to choosing your dream home, there are three words to bear in mind – location, location, location. Put simply, you would be hard pressed to find somewhere more ideal than Harpenden, for numerous reasons.*



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*Harpenden is a small town with a big heart, offering a wonderful sense of community spirit and all the amenities you'll need for convenient day-to-day living.*

*These include Waitrose and Marks and Spencer for your essentials, a range of banks, a post office, a library and a choice of hairdressing salons.*

There are plenty of ways to get involved in your new community, too; social groups in the area include dancing, running, Spanish lessons, local history, horticulture and kung fu. So, whatever your passion, there's sure to be an outlet for you close by. If you're a fan of live entertainment, Harpenden Public Halls in Southdown Road is the place for you, thanks to its varied schedule of music, comedy, drama and dance. You can also catch regular film screenings of both blockbusters and independent films in nearby St Albans.



*This pretty Hertfordshire town is home to a fantastic selection of places to eat, drink and be merry.*

One of its most popular restaurants is Bar Azita, which specialises in Mediterranean fayre cooked to order on its traditional charcoal grill in charming surroundings. If you're in the mood for traditional British cuisine, head to The Harpenden Arms. There, you'll find seasonal, local produce used to its very best effect; according to head chef Scott Whitehead, "every dish is a signature dish". Harpenden boasts a fine collection of both independent and chain coffee shops too from Caffe Nero and Costa to the award-winning Parker & Vine. You'll never be short of somewhere to meet a friend for a cappuccino and a chat.

Elsewhere in Harpenden, there is an abundance of beautiful green spaces where you can be at one with nature. Both Lydekker Park and Harpenden Common are the proud recipients



of Green Flag Awards, meaning they adhere to excellent environmental standards, are well maintained and offer top-class facilities for

visitors. As a result, they're ideal for having a morning jog, taking the dog for a walk or letting the children blow off some steam. You can be reassured that schooling options are excellent, right through from tiny tots to sixth form students. Amongst the nearby primary schools is Wood End, a 10 minute walk from Westminster Fields. Meanwhile, Roundwood primary and its sister secondary school Roundwood Park can both be reached in under 5 minutes by car. The latter takes pupils up to sixth form level. Independent schools include The King's School, which caters for children from pre-school age to year 11, just a moments drive away.

Of course, one of the big draws of Harpenden for many people is its proximity to London, making it the perfect commuter town. The train station is less than 10 minutes drive, linking you to London St Pancras in 23 minutes. You can also be on the M1 in under ten minutes, while Luton Airport is 15 minutes by car.

# Schools

## Wood End Primary School

Yeomans Avenue, Harpenden AL5 3EF  
01582 761636 | 0.2 miles | 1 min   
[www.woodend.herts.sch.uk](http://www.woodend.herts.sch.uk)

*"At Wood End we offer high quality teaching by dedicated and hardworking staff in a stimulating, caring community. We believe Wood End is a school to be proud of; a place where children learn and enjoy doing so."*

Richard Boulton, Headteacher

## Roundwood Primary School

Roundwood Park, Harpenden AL5 3AD  
01582 460756 | 0.8 miles | 4 mins   
[www.roundwoodprimary.herts.sch.uk](http://www.roundwoodprimary.herts.sch.uk)

*"At Roundwood Primary School we strive to provide a happy, safe and caring environment where everyone is valued and actively encouraged to reach their full potential both academically and socially."*

Suzanne Webb, Headteacher



## Roundwood Park School

Roundwood Park, Harpenden AL5 3AE  
01582 765344 | 0.5 miles | 2 mins   
[www.roundwoodpark.co.uk](http://www.roundwoodpark.co.uk)

*"The whole school seems like one big family, in which the success of the students underlines a mutual success to all concerned." - Year 7 parent*

*"Without exception, all of our daughter's teachers have been inspirational." - Year 11 parent*

## The King's School (Independent)

Elmfield, Ambrose Lane, Harpenden AL5 4DU   
01582 767566 | 0.8 miles | 2 mins  
[www.thekingsschool.com](http://www.thekingsschool.com)

*"When I first met Mr Case, the Principal, he said that the school aims to get the absolute best out of every child. The progress my child has made has surpassed all expectations, this truly is a very special school."*

Mrs JT, parent

## St Nicholas C of E VA Primary School

Church Green, Harpenden AL5 2TP  
01582 623620 | 1.5 miles | 6 mins   
[www.stnicholasce.org](http://www.stnicholasce.org)

*"Our school is a happy place where everyone is valued, every child can thrive and reach their full potential and where we live out our Christian values celebrating the uniqueness of each individual."*

Rizelle Crouch, Headteacher



# Green Spaces

## Kinsbourne Common

Kinsbourne Green, The Common,  
Harpenden AL5 3PE  
0.8 miles | 3 mins 

## Lydekker Park

Arcadian Court,  
Harpenden AL5 4EG  
01582 768278 | 1.2 miles | 6 mins   
[www.harpenden.gov.uk](http://www.harpenden.gov.uk)

## Harpenden Common

Harpenden AL5 1QY  
01582 768278 | 1.8 miles | 9 mins   
[www.harpenden.gov.uk](http://www.harpenden.gov.uk)

## Rothamsted Park

Harpenden AL5 2HU  
01727 819366 | 2 miles | 8 mins   
[www.stalbans.gov.uk](http://www.stalbans.gov.uk)

## Batford Springs Nature Reserve

32 Lower Luton Rd, Harpenden AL5 5AQ  
3.4 miles | 9 mins   
[www.ulvg.org.uk](http://www.ulvg.org.uk)

## Verulamium Park

St Albans AL3 4SW  
01727 819366 | 8 miles | 17 mins   
[www.stalbans.gov.uk](http://www.stalbans.gov.uk)

# Kids Activities

## Big Space Indoor Play Centre

3, Southdown Industrial Estate,  
Southdown Rd, Harpenden AL5 1PW  
01582 766100 | 2 miles | 8 mins   
[www.bigspace.biz](http://www.bigspace.biz)

## St Albans Treasure Trail

8 miles | 15 mins   
[www.treasuretrails.co.uk/things-to-do/hertfordshire/st-albans](http://www.treasuretrails.co.uk/things-to-do/hertfordshire/st-albans)

## ZSL Whipsnade Zoo

Whipsnade, Dunstable LU6 2LF  
01582 872171 | 9 miles | 20 mins   
[www.zsl.org](http://www.zsl.org)