

# Discover Castle Cary & Bruton

*– nostalgia, tradition & modern style combined*



## A tour around South Somerset would not be complete without discovering places of interest to the east of the district.

Castle Cary is a charming market town with fine eighteenth and nineteenth century buildings, including houses and factories. Find the old roundhouse jail in the centre behind the distinctive market place and its museum. There are several different walks around the town, some taking you past these sites of interest, and some offering spectacular views of the town as a whole and of the countryside around, even across towards Glastonbury and the Levels. These are available from the [Local Information Centre](#), located in the Market House.

The town has a number of delightful, independent shops, boutiques, galleries and a variety of eateries to suit all budgets. Stop for a well earned coffee and snack in [Home](#) or [Pinsents Deli](#).

Historically, Castle Cary was famous for its fine cloth trade and flax weaving. Today, [John Boyd Textiles Ltd.](#) (established in 1837) carries on the unusual tradition of horse hair weaving, using the original looms. Horsehair fabric is exported worldwide and has been used in many prestigious royal palaces and hotels. Visitors are welcome but guided tours are by appointment only.

If you enjoy gardens and extraordinary garden design, head for [The Newt in Somerset](#) at Hadspen, near Bruton, part of an estate at the crossroads of the A371 and the A359. This newly designed and award-winning garden destination showcases both a working farm and a luxury hotel. There is a farm shop, cyder bar and garden restaurant, all built around various themed areas. Once you've paid your entry fee, you become a member and you can return as often as you like throughout the year. Apple growing and harvesting is celebrated with cyder press tours in the autumn.

While visiting Bruton, do call in to their **Local Information Centre** for top tips and ideas. If you have the energy stride out to the Dovecote on the edge of the town. Built in the sixteenth century, it can house over 200 pigeons. You'll get a fantastic hill top view of the town.

If you're hungry, have a bite **At the Chapel**, a cheerful and popular restaurant and bakery located within a Grade II listed former chapel. Alternatively try the Michelin Star **Osip**, a tiny farm to table restaurant using locally grown ingredients, or **Matt's Kitchen** with its quirky décor and great atmosphere

Cross the river and you will find some award winning cheese. Take the opportunity to visit the **Godminster Cheese** shop, for timeless Godminster waxed cheddars or entire gift box ranges.

If you appreciate modern art, take the opportunity to spend time at **Hauser & Wirth Somerset**. It is a multi-purpose arts centre, showcasing new and innovative exhibitions of contemporary art. Entry is free, although donations are welcome. A landscaped garden, designed for the gallery by internationally renowned designer Piet Oudolf, includes a one and a half acre perennial meadow, which sits behind the gallery buildings. Visit the popular **Roth Bar and Grill** for delicious, locally sourced food.



## Useful Information

Castle Cary Local Information Centre, The Market House, Castle Cary BA7 7AH  
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E: [tourism@castle-cary.co.uk](mailto:tourism@castle-cary.co.uk)

Castle Cary and District Museum First Floor, Market House, Market Place, Castle Cary, Somerset, BA7 7AH  
Museum of local town and country life, run by enthusiastic volunteers.  
Email: [castlecarymuseum@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:castlecarymuseum@hotmail.co.uk)  
[www.castlecarymuseum.org.uk/](http://www.castlecarymuseum.org.uk/)

Home, High Street, Castle Cary BA7 7AN  
T: 07432 731092  
<https://m.facebook.com/HomeCastleCary/>

Pinsents Deli, Market Place, Castle Cary BA7 7AL  
T: 01963 351000  
[www.pinsentsdeli.co.uk](http://www.pinsentsdeli.co.uk)

John Boyd Textiles, Higher Flax Mills, Castle Cary BA7 7DY  
T: 01963 350451  
[www.johnboydtextiles.co.uk](http://www.johnboydtextiles.co.uk)



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The Newt in Somerset, A359, Hadspen, Bruton BA7 7NG

T: 01963 577777

[www.thenewtinsomerset.com](http://www.thenewtinsomerset.com)

Bruton Local Information Centre, The Dovecote Building, 26 High Street, Bruton BA10 0AA

T: 01749 813014

E: [townclerk@brutoncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:townclerk@brutoncouncil.gov.uk)

At the Chapel, 28 High Street, Bruton BA10 0AE

T: 01749 814070

[www.atthechapel.co.uk](http://www.atthechapel.co.uk)

Osip Restaurant, 1 High Street, Bruton BA10 0AB

T: 01749 813322

[www.osiprestaurant.com](http://www.osiprestaurant.com)

Matt's Kitchen, 51 High Street, Bruton BA10 0AW

T: 01749 812027

[www.mattskitchen.co.uk](http://www.mattskitchen.co.uk)

Godminster Cheese, Station Road Bruton BA10 0EH

T: 01749 813733

[www.godminster.com](http://www.godminster.com)

Hauser & Wirth Somerset, Durslade Farm, Dropping Lane, Bruton, BA10 0NL

T: 01749 814060

[www.hauserwirthsomerset.com](http://www.hauserwirthsomerset.com)

Roth Bar & Grill, Durslade Farm, Dropping Lane, Bruton, BA10 0NL

T: 01749 814700

[www.rothbarandgrill.co.uk](http://www.rothbarandgrill.co.uk)

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