

Langport & its river

A re-discovery for the 2020s

Exploring the past enjoying the present



C13 Hanging
Chapel

Cafés

Town
Hall

Victorian
railways

Merchants'
houses

Pubs

Kelway's peonies

Craft shops
& workshops

Local foods

Ancient
waterways

Banking
& industrial
heritage

Great Bow Bridge

Langport is called the smallest town in the UK and it has the west country's oldest functioning town hall, so there's a unique history and a lively presence to discover.

And everything is just a stone's throw from the bustling town centre!

One of a series of leaflets on exploring Langport



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In ancient times it was a fortified hill with a river crossing and later a busy port for the heart of Somerset. The town has always been a hub for transport, water, road and rail, with the river a defensive border that witnessed one of the pivotal battles of the English Civil War. The archaeology of reclaiming land is everywhere, including why many of the houses in Bow Street tilt backwards! Now that the river is in so much use again, there is more than ever to see and do in and around Langport.

Langport

at the heart of the Somerset Levels

Find out more from our colourful
riverside information boards
or at Langport Library TA10 9RA
(opposite the Town Hall).

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