



## FIND US...

### By Road

**From the North:** Leave the M5 at Junction 23 (Bridgwater) and follow the signs for Minehead (A39). After about 16 miles turn right following the signs to Watchet.

**From the South:** Leave the M5 at Junction 25 (Taunton) and follow the signs to the A358 towards Minehead. At Williton turn left at mini roundabout and then 1 mile on turn right at large roundabout onto B3191 to Watchet.

**From Exeter:** For the scenic route over Exmoor take the A396 to Dunster and then turn right onto the A39 for 5 miles to the large roundabout. Turn left onto B3191 to Watchet.

### By Rail

National Rail connection to Taunton then by bus. Local steam and diesel trains to Watchet from Bishops Lydeard and Minehead on The West Somerset Railway - [www.west-somerset-railway.co.uk](http://www.west-somerset-railway.co.uk).

### By Bus From Taunton

Service No. 28 - [www.firstbus.co.uk](http://www.firstbus.co.uk)

### By Sea

Tidal access twice a day. Mooring berths available by enquiry. Please contact Somerset Council Harbour Master.

### To find out more visit Watchet Visitor Centre

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[info@lovewatchet.co.uk](mailto:info@lovewatchet.co.uk)  
Harbour Road, Watchet, TA23 0AQ

Watch the **live camera feed** from Watchet at [www.visit-watchet.co.uk](http://www.visit-watchet.co.uk)

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## DIARY OF EVENTS 2025

### Regular activities:

Seasonal walking tours & fossil walks via the Visitor Centre throughout the season. Details available at [www.lovewatchet.co.uk/events](http://www.lovewatchet.co.uk/events).

Rope making at the Boat Museum. 10:30am – 2pm. On Saturdays from July – September, and on Thursdays during school holidays.

A range of events throughout the year at East Quay. To check out what's coming up, please visit: [www.eastquaywatchet.co.uk](http://www.eastquaywatchet.co.uk).

Fishing trips available throughout the season.

Watchet Street Fairs, The Esplanade. 1st Sunday of the month. 10am – 4pm from March – October.

Watchet Market, every Wednesday from April – September, weather permitting. 9:30am – 3:30pm.

West Somerset Railway re-opens Saturday 22nd March. Details at: [www.west-somerset-railway.co.uk](http://www.west-somerset-railway.co.uk).

Watchet Market House Museum re-opens Saturday 22nd March. Details at: [www.watchetmuseum.co.uk](http://www.watchetmuseum.co.uk).

The Radio Museum re-opens Wednesday 9th April. Details at: [www.radiomuseum.uk](http://www.radiomuseum.uk).

### Saturday 25th January – Monday 5th May

East Quay presents *Recollection*, with works from Jeremy Cooper's collection, and *Ship of Fools / The Dockers' Museum*, with works by Allan Sekula. For more information, please visit: [www.eastquaywatchet.co.uk](http://www.eastquaywatchet.co.uk).

### Monday 7th April – Saturday 12th April

Watchet Walking Week: a programme of guided walks with a difference! From Shanty Walks to History Walks. Details at [www.lovewatchet.co.uk/events](http://www.lovewatchet.co.uk/events).

### Saturday 12th April

East Quay presents the HATCH Fashion Show.

### Monday 5th May

Celebrate May Day at East Quay.

### Saturday 10th May

Annual Coast to Coast Cycle in aid of Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance. Leaves Watchet Harbour at 10:30am. For more information, please visit: [www.dsairambulance.org.uk](http://www.dsairambulance.org.uk)

### Sunday 11th May

Celebrate Somerset Day in Watchet.

### Saturday 24th May – Sunday 31st August

East Quay presents *Lifescape*, an exhibition featuring works by Alice Ladenburg.

### Saturday 24th May

In collaboration with Dunster Music Festival, East Quay presents a concert performance for kids. Starting 11am.

### Sunday 25th May

Watchet Annual Wheelbarrow Race. Starting at 1pm on The Esplanade, Watchet.

### Saturday 31st May

Maritime Mayhem at the Boat Musum and East Quay.

### Saturday 21st June

Eat & Drink Arts Festival, the Esplanade, 9am-3pm.

### Sunday 20th July

Gardening show at Watchet Memorial Ground. Watchet Gardening Club. Details to be confirmed.

### Saturday 26th – Sunday 27th July

Watchet Carnival Fiesta & Fayre. Saturday, 2pm - 8pm on the Esplanade, and Sunday, 12pm – 5pm at Watchet Memorial Ground.

### Monday 18th August – Saturday 23rd August

Watchet Summertime Week.

### Saturday 13th September – Sunday 4th January 2026

East Quay presents *Down the Hatch*, an exhibition featuring works by Jo Lathwood.

### Saturday 13th – Sunday 28th September

Somerset Arts Week.

### Saturday 20th – Sunday 21st September

Watchet 1940s event in association with WSR 1940s weekend by the Home Front Group. Vintage market, cars, and live music. Watchet Esplanade, 10am – 5pm.

### Saturday 11th November

Light Night at East Quay.

### Sunday 9th November

Remembrance Sunday Parade and service.

### Friday 5th December

Christmas Extravaganza from 5pm.

### Tuesday 23rd December

Festive sing along at East Quay, joined by Watchet Community Choir.

### Friday 22nd to Sunday 23rd February 2026

Words in Watchet Literary Festival. Pop it in your diary now! Details to be confirmed.

# WATCHET

SCRATCH THE SURFACE



## WELCOME TO WATCHET

FAMILY FUN | ART & CULTURE  
GEOLOGY & COAST | HERITAGE





## SCRATCH THE SURFACE

Vikings, 200 million year old fossils, Romantic Poets, legends of pirates, a Saxon Royal Mint, sea shanties and Isambard Kingdom Brunel; there's so much more to Watchet than meets the eye. Take time to scratch the surface and you'll find Watchet's hidden treasures.

Spend the day fossil hunting on the wild Jurassic coastline, take a steam train ride, watch the boats in the marina, listen to fiddle players in the local pubs, relax in the cafes, potter around the independent shops, visit the museums, eat fish and chips on the harbour wall, wander along the ancient Mineral Line, fly a kite at Splash Point or just enjoy the stunning views.



## GEOLOGY & COAST

- Walk the England Coast Path
- Go rock-pooling on West St. Beach
- Visit the harbour and marina
- Book a sea fishing trip
- See the alabaster collection at the Market House Museum
- Find a fossil on the foreshore at Helwell Bay Beach
- Go geo-caching via [lovewatchet.co.uk/geo-caching](http://lovewatchet.co.uk/geo-caching)
- Take part in a fossil walk (book from the Visitor Centre)



## FAMILY FUN

- Be a pirate at the Watchet Boat Museum
- Go crabbing off the harbour wall
- Visit the play area, outdoor gym and tennis courts on the Memorial Ground
- Enjoy local ice-creams on the Esplanade
- Join in all sorts of family fun at events throughout the year (see listings)
- Take part in activities at East Quay
- Sail model boats on the boating pool or fly a kite on West St. Beach



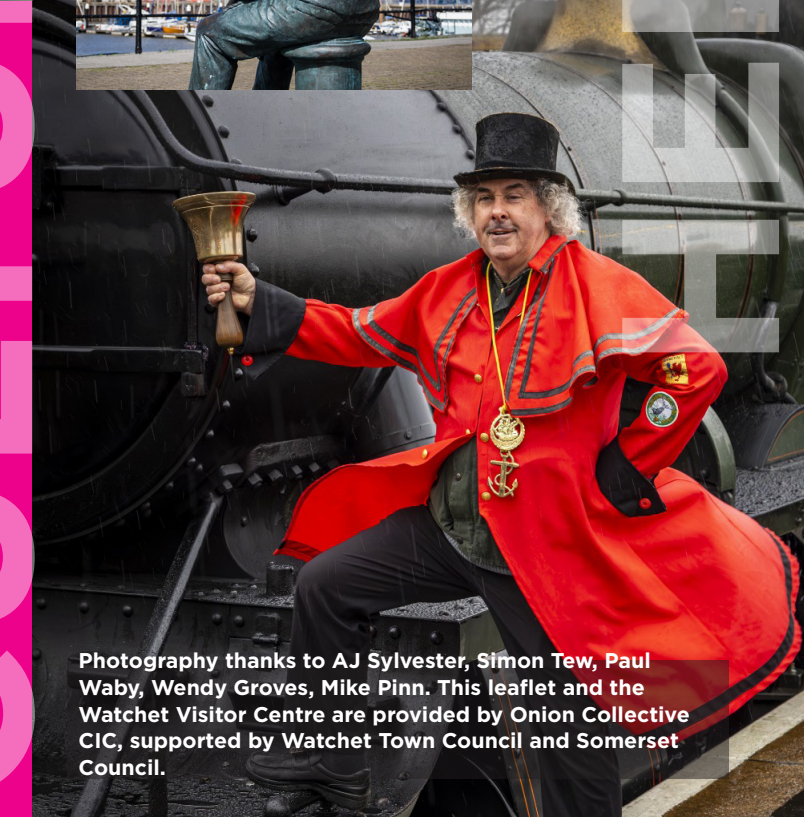
## ART & CULTURE

- Admire The Ancient Mariner statue
- Visit the sea wall mural on the way to the lighthouse
- Enjoy live music in the pubs and clubs
- Book guided walks and talks at the Visitor Centre
- Be inspired by art at East Quay
- Join in with events at Watchet Library
- Buy local produce at the markets and street fairs.



## HERITAGE

- Visit the Market House Museum, Boat Museum and Radio Museum
- See the steam trains visiting Watchet station
- Take the circular walk to St. Decuman's Church and Holy Well
- Walk the Mineral Line
- Sip a heritage ale or local cider in the CAMRA award-winning pubs
- See paper being made by hand at Two Rivers Paper at East Quay
- Join in at Watchet 1940s weekend



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