

Events in Hatherleigh

Walrus's Charity Dip. New Year's Day. A group of mad men and women jump into the icy waters of the River Lew for a good cause.

Manor Court. Lady Day in March. A living tradition held at the George Hotel.

Ruby Run Half Marathon. Held between Hatherleigh and Holsworthy on the 2nd Sunday in June.

Hatherleigh Arts Festival. Mid July. Four days of contemporary arts, including theatre, concerts and art exhibitions, street theatre and workshops.



Stalls at the Hatherleigh Festival

South West Forest Woodfair. 2nd Saturday in July at Roadford Lake.

Hatherleigh Carnival. 2nd Saturday in November. The flaming tar barrels are pulled through the streets at 5am and 8.30pm and there are events and parades throughout the day.

Firework Display. Nearest Saturday to 5th November at the Cricket Club.

Exhibitions. From Easter to Christmas at the Salar Gallery

Pannier Market. Every Tuesday morning. The largest Pannier Market in Devon.

Concerts performed by the Town Silver Band and Church Bell Ringing Competitions.

Auctions. Every other Tuesday – general, furniture etc. plus regular fine art, architectural salvage, sporting and antique auctions.

Car Boot Sales. Every Sunday at the Market.

Other events open to the public include theatre from the Hatherleigh Players, charity fetes and fairs, talks organised by local groups and societies, coffee mornings, sports matches and a variety of live music.



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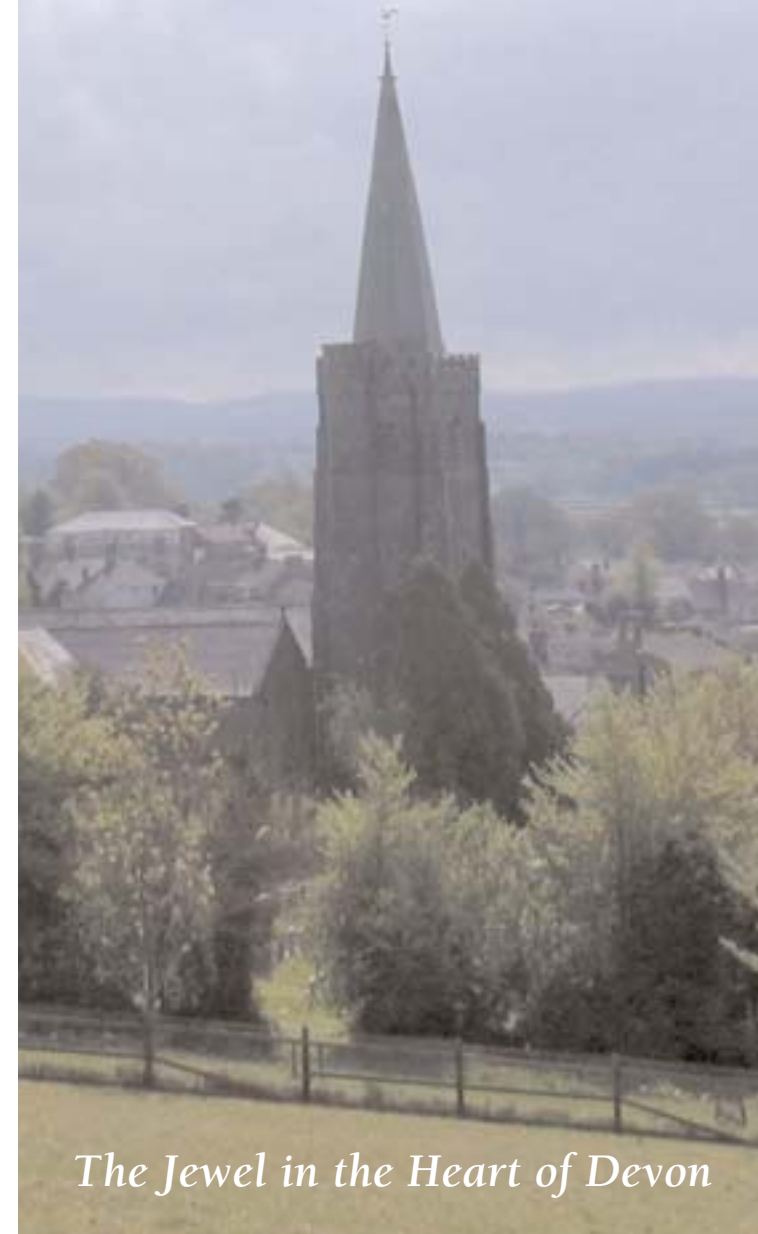
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Welcome to the
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The Jewel in the Heart of Devon



Roz – The Town Crier

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Roger Dean's 'Sheep Sculpture' by the car park

Hatherleigh is a place apart – an ancient Market Town of cob and thatch cottages situated in the heart of rural Devon in one of the few places where tranquillity can still be found and the stars seen at night.

The Town nestles peacefully in a deeply rural landscape shaped by a thousand years of settlement and farming. It is situated in West Devon, in the valley of the River Torridge just outside the Dartmoor National Park and about 6 miles north of Okehampton and the main A30 trunk road.

Today, Hatherleigh is not simply picturesque, but a working landscape and town, home to an active and welcoming community where history and tradition blend comfortably with modern life. Part of that tradition can be seen at Hatherleigh Market on a Tuesday morning where, for generations, farmers have gathered to buy and sell their livestock.



Pony Sale in the Market

Park in the Town car park and enjoy Roger Dean's larger than life 'Sheep' sculpture, one of many art works to be found in the Town. Then wind your way up the hill past the Square where the renowned Hatherleigh Silver Band frequently plays. You might even hear the Town Crier advertising local events.

The road narrows and continues to climb upward to Hatherleigh Moor, a 400 acre common where from medieval times local residents known as 'pot boilers' have had the right to graze livestock and gather furze.

From the Monument, raised in honour of Colonel William Morris a hero of the Charge of the Light Brigade, you can take in the breathtaking panoramic view across a patchwork of woods and farmland to the impressive horizon of the Dartmoor Tors.

Hatherleigh probably began as the Saxon settlement of 'Haegporn Leah', meaning hawthorn glade and was first recorded in 981 when it was confirmed as part of the endowment of Tavistock Abbey. Later Hatherleigh became a medieval borough and a licence to hold a market in the Town was first granted by Henry III in 1220 – the current Tuesday market dates from 1693.

The Parish Church of St. John the Baptist dates from the 15th century but has been found to contain fragments dating from Norman times. The church became famous nationally in 1990 when the medieval wooden spire was blown over during a great storm, crashing through the nave roof and causing extensive damage. Thankfully the church has now been restored to its former glory. Other interesting and historic buildings include Thomas Roberts House – Hatherleigh's first school, and the Methodist Chapel with its beautiful stained glass window created by the monks of Buckfast Abbey.



The Col. Morris Monument

Hatherleigh contains numerous ancient cob and thatch buildings, each with a unique history of their own. Many were once inns or alehouses.

The George Hotel dates from late medieval times and was once the principal stage for coaches travelling to Bideford, Plymouth, Bude and Exeter.



Hatherleigh Silver Band

The Tally Ho! and the Bridge Inn also have histories stretching back more than 200 years. Today, they all extend a warm welcome and traditional hospitality to visitors from around the world, offering pleasant accommodation, good food and locally produced ales. Quality accommodation is also to be found at Thomas Roberts House, The Old Police Station and the nearby Pressland Country House Hotel. Here you can savour the unspoilt character and friendly atmosphere that makes Hatherleigh a place apart.



Pannier Market

Sample delicious locally produced honey, cheese and meats. Browse among fine antiques, furniture and fabrics, or pick up the thing you've always wanted at the local market or auction.

Take your time and experience a traditional Devon cream tea at the Acorns café. Go back in time at Hatherleigh Antiques and Mason-Judge Antiques and Gift shop. Choose textiles at Mary Holland Interiors. Find the Hatherleigh Home of Spode china at Tussie Two. At the Salar Gallery you can discover the work of resident artists Eileen Gold and Bernard Jones as well as a host of other Devon artists, writers and craftspeople. Watch a potter at work at the Hatherleigh Pottery, or stroll through the main street and enjoy the compendium of artworks reflecting life in Hatherleigh that are positioned around the town.



Hatherleigh Pottery

Hatherleigh has some excellent sporting facilities including a cricket ground, bowling green, two tennis courts and a football pitch.

The natural beauty of the landscape of Devon's Culm Measures, its wildlife, habitats and diversity can be enjoyed at the nearby Halsdon Nature Reserve, with riverside walks and bluebell woods, or at the Green Gateway Centre at Cookworthy. There is ample game and course fishing on lakes at Stafford Moor and Legge Farm and on the River Torridge. There is a choice of heated indoor swimming pools nearby as well as a tidal saltwater pool at Bude. The area also boasts a number of excellent golf courses and horse riding facilities.



Pastural View from Victoria Road across the town

A short drive will take you to Okehampton Castle, which shelters on the edge of Dartmoor, or the beautiful RHS Rosemoor Gardens at Torrington, where you can also visit the 1646 Heritage Centre. Hatherleigh is within easy reach of the sea, where you can enjoy the dramatic coastline of North Devon or surfing on the North Cornwall coast.

Hatherleigh Town Centre



Hatherleigh with Dartmoor in the distance



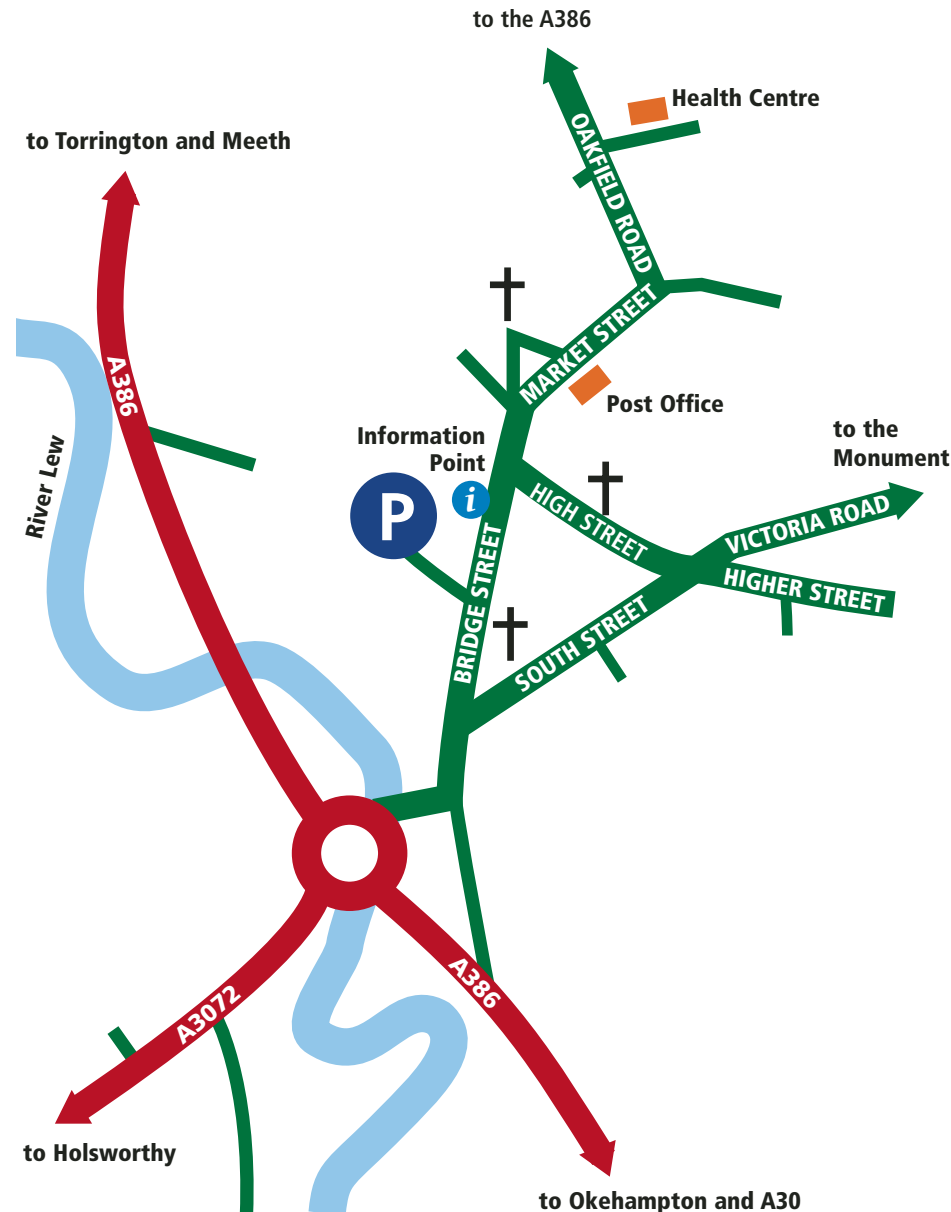
The Col. Morris Monument



The Tarka Trail near Hatherleigh



Bridge Street



Hatherleigh's central position makes it an ideal location from which to explore this area of Devon and whichever direction you take, within only an hour's drive there are attractions to suit every interest. From the historic city of Exeter to the Eden Project or Exmoor, from Theme Parks to Art Centres and Abbeys, there is something for everyone.



Stunning views can be seen from the Belvedere, which is beyond the Health Centre on one of the town trails.

PRESSLAND COUNTRY HOUSE HOTEL

Delightful, family-run Victorian Manor House with glorious Dartmoor views.

Spacious and fully equipped en suite bedrooms, with comfortable drawing room, dining room and separate bar lounge.



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