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Things to do and places to visit using Sullivan Buses



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The bus is the key to a great day out. Offering great value for money (or free if you hold a concession pass!) we have suggested a range of places to visit whatever your age, interest or the

weather! Shopping, museums, walks, attractions, sport, countryside, gardens, historic towns, traditional tea rooms and even TV shows all feature!

All the places in the first section below are accessible by Sullivan Buses routes 306 and 398. We offer single and return tickets and also Sullivan Buses Network day tickets which are especially useful if you are visiting different locations or changing buses.

The second section “Further afield” uses other operators’ buses from Watford. If you have a concession pass it is valid on all the bus services but if you pay fares on the bus you will probably find an Explorer ticket offers best value giving the freedom of virtually all buses in Hertfordshire and beyond. If there are two or more of you and you are staying together all day the Group Explorer offers you a great deal for £17 for up to four people. Buy your Explorer ticket from the driver of the first bus you board,

Please check travel information before travelling. We will do our best to keep this up to date but we cannot be responsible if times of buses or attractions change or buses are delayed. Enjoy your day out!!

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ALONG ROUTES 306 & 398

SHOPPING DAYS OUT

The 306 route takes you directly to **Watford** - Hertfordshire’s premier shopping destination with the Intu Centre now even bigger featuring large department stores of John Lewis, Marks and Spencer, Debenhams and Primark and virtually every High Street name you can think of plus many eating places in both the shopping centre and the nearby High Street.

Borehamwood also has good shopping with its High Street shops, many cafes and restaurants and plenty of household name shops, including Debenhams, a large Marks and Spencer food store; Lidl; Next and many more stores in the Shopping Park. Served by routes 306 & 398

Dagger Lane Car Boot Sale is held every Sunday morning (use Lisamarinne Business Park bus stops) and **Aldenham Road, Elstree, Car Boot Sale** is held Saturday mornings. Both run from Easter until October. Use route 306

MUSEUMS

Our routes stop near to a number of interesting local museums. Please support them as they are mostly run by volunteers for the benefit of the local community and visitors alike:

Watford Museum – open 10am-5pm Thursdays to Saturdays. Free admission. The story of Watford past and present, including Watford Football Club and Cassiobury Park, housed in the former Benskins Brewery Mansion. Shop and garden. Situated in the Lower High Street. Alight from bus 306 at the bus stop for High Street Station. The Museum is just two minutes' walk down the hill. www.watfordmuseum.gov.uk or Tel: 01923 232297

Bushey Museum – open 11am-4pm on Thursdays, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Free admission. Bushey's interesting history. Route 306 - alight at Bournehall Avenue (Herkomer Road), walk the short distance up the hill; turn left into Herkomer Road and then right into Rudolph Road, where the museum is situated a few minutes' walk on the left. www.busheymuseum.org or Tel: 0208 420 4057

Elstree and Borehamwood Museum – open 12pm-6pm Tuesdays to Thursdays and 10am-3pm on Saturdays. Admission free. Exhibitions focusing on local history, including Borehamwood's film and TV past and present. The current exhibition is on 150 years of trains at Elstree and Borehamwood Station. The Museum is situated in the modern community building, 96 Shenley Road, which also houses the library and a café. Use 306 to Borehamwood Town Centre or 398 to Borehamwood Tesco's. The Museum is a few minutes walk. As you walk to the Museum look out for the plaques featuring the stars of film and TV associated with Borehamwood. www.elstree-museum.org.uk Tel: 01442 454888.

Potters Bar Museum – open 2.30pm-4.30pm Tuesdays and Wednesdays and 11am-1pm Saturdays. The museum features the fascinating local history of the Potters bar area. Alight bus 398 (or 298) at Potters Bar Station and walk back along Darkes Lane to the Wyllyotts Centre. www.pottersbar.org/museum Tel: 01707 645005.

1940's Experience - open last Sunday in every month 10.30am-4pm (excluding December when it is open on the 1st Sunday). Admission: Adults £5; Children and OAPs £3; Under 4s free. Situated at the Lincolnfields Centre. Exhibits include 1940's house; London Blitz experience; school room; Land Army display; USAAF exhibit; Dig for Victory garden; 1950's room; shop, NAAFI café. Alight bus 306 in The Avenue (Aldenham Road), cross the road by the roundabout and walk down Bushey Hall Drive. www.fortiesexperience.co.uk Tel: 01923 233841.

GARDENS

Reveley Lodge and Gardens – open Mondays to Saturdays 9am-4pm all year and the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month from May to September from 9am. Free admission. A Victorian Gentleman's lodge with a two acre garden. Produce from the garden and honey from the beehives is on sale and events are held some weekends. www.reveleylodge.org Tel: 0208 386 5411. **Mabel's Vintage Tea Rooms** is situated inside Reveley Lodge and is open Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays (12.00-17.00). It is advisable to book. Tel: 07402 265113 www.mabelsvintagetearooms.com Catch bus 306 and alight at Elstree Road (Caldecote Gardens) where Reveley Lodge is situated. When Mabel's tea room is not open why not visit **Sefton Tea Room** which is situated 10 minutes' walk away down the main road past Rosary Priory at the stables in Caldecote Lane The **Sefton Tea Room** is open Tuesdays to Fridays until 5pm and weekends until 4pm. The Rosary Priory bus stop is the nearest to the Sefton Tea Room. <https://seftontearoom.wordpress.com>

Bushey Rose Gardens - open daily. Admission is free to these beautiful and peaceful gardens. <https://busheyrosegarden.wordpress.com> Route 306 - alight at Bournehall Avenue (Herkomer Road), walk the short distance up the hill; turn left along Herkomer Road. The entrance to Bushey Rose Gardens is about 10 minutes walk on the right. There is also an entrance in Bushey High Street. Why not combine this with a visit to Bushey Museum (see above), taking a break for lunch or refreshments in Bushey Village with its pubs and cafes?



Bhaktivedanta Manor (postcode WD25 8HE) – open daily. Admission free. Visit the beautiful mock Tudor Manor and peaceful gardens donated by George Harrison to the Hare Krishna movement. A peaceful setting for reflection and meditation and very welcoming to all. Gift shop, refreshments, bakery and organic farming. A visit by bus includes a 30-40 minute walk in each direction. There are several options using both routes 306 and 398. The recommended route is to take bus 306 to the Middle Furlong bus stop in Farm Way, Little Bushey. Take a side road, Hayfield Close, and follow the footpath across meadows, including crossing a road. At the second road bear left down the road (Sandy Lane) to a major road opposite McDonalds. Cross the road and continue down Sandy Lane besides McDonalds. Continue to the end of the road, turn left and then immediately right which is the entrance road to the Manor. www.bhaktivedantamanor.co.uk

FAMILY FUN

Hertsmere has many **parks**, details of which can be found on the Council's website. www.hertsmere.gov.uk/parks Two of the largest with facilities for all the family including a café are **King George Recreation Ground** in Chiltern Avenue, Bushey and **Aberford Park** in Brook Road, Borehamwood. Both parks are served by route 306.

Our buses also serve the three **Hertsmere Leisure Centres** at Bushey Grove, the Venue in Borehamwood and Furzefield Centre in Potters Bar. Hertswold Leisure Centre also in Borehamwood is just a 10-15 minute walk from the 306 and 398. Why not get a membership? www.hertsmereleisure.co.uk

Cassiobury Park in Watford is a large award winning park and a great place to go for the whole family. It has children's attractions and at weekends and school holidays a miniature railway as well as a bandstand and cafe. To get there from Watford Town Centre: Walk to the top of the High Street (where the pond is) follow Rickmansworth Road (A412) past the Town Hall, Watford Colosseum and The Peace Hospice and then follow the signs to the Park. In late April/early May take a walk to nearby Whippendell Woods to view the carpet of bluebells.

FarmyardFunworld - open every day during school holidays. Funworld closed Tuesdays and Wednesdays during term time. Farmyard is closed weekdays term time during the winter months. Funworld is an indoor three storey soft play area and Farmyard is a small petting farm where you can get close to a range of animals. Separate and joint admission available. Alight bus 306 or 398 (from Watford only) at The Avenue (Aldenham Road), cross the road by the roundabout and walk down Bushey Hall Drive to the Lincolnfields Centre. www.farmyardfundworld.co.uk Tel: 01923 219902

Aldenham Country Park - open every day. Free admission; charges for many activities. Visit website for details, including special events and to book some activities. Enjoy a lakeside walk; find the characters in Winnie the Pooh's 100 Aker Wood; visit the farm with its animals; pony rides; indoor and outdoor play areas; woodland adventure; picnic area and refreshments. Alight bus 306 at the Fishery pub near Elstree and walk around the lake to reach the centre of the Park. This walk can be muddy in wet weather. Otherwise alight at the Aldenham Road stop and walk along Aldenham Road. The entrance to the Park is about 15 minutes' walk on the left. www.aldenhamcountrypark.co.uk Tel: 020 3642 4588.

Football – Unable to get a ticket for Premier League football at Watford? Why not go along to see Borehamwood FC? Now established in the National League and one step away from League Division 2 it won't cost a fortune and you never know where the team could end up! Alight bus 306 at Brook Road (Fairway Hall). The football ground is less than 5 minutes walk away. www.borehamwoodfootballclub.co.uk

Bingo - The game remains very popular with all ages and Gala Bingo in the centre of Borehamwood offers afternoon games starting late morning (11.30 Thursday and Saturdays 12.00 on other days) or afternoons (13.00 Monday to Fridays 13.30 weekends) as well as evening sessions. Alight route 306 in Borehamwood Town Centre or 398 at Borehamwood Tesco's (about 5 minutes walk away)

Cinema – The Reel Cinema in Borehamwood offers a choice of films in the afternoons and children's films on a Saturday morning. Alight route 306 in Borehamwood Town Centre or 398 at Borehamwood Tesco's (about 5 minutes walk away). <https://reelcinemas.co.uk> or phone 020 8207 2028.

The new Cineworld in Watford Intu shopping centre provides state of the art cinema with nine screens and all the latest movies. Book on line at <https://www.cineworld.co.uk/cinemas/london-watford>.

Bowling – Use route 306 to visit the new Hollywood Bowl at Watford Intu shopping centre with no less than 26 bowling lanes. Open daytimes. <https://www.hollywoodbowl.co.uk/our-centres/watford>.

WALKS

Countryside There are lots of options for walking using our buses. Hertsmere Borough

Council produce leaflets for walks in the area (which are normally available from Council Offices). The Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council website provides detailed guides of local Teddy's Trails walks which include lots of interesting facts about things to see along the way. Use the bus to reach the start of a walk. The start of the South Mimms and South Ridge Teddy's trail are served by route 398 and the Caldecote; Bushey and Little Bushey Teddy's Trails start on the 306 bus route. All the walks will take you back to Elstree and Borehamwood Station where you can board the 306 back to your starting point. The Sefton Tea Rooms <https://seftontearoom.wordpress.com> are near the start of the Caldecote walk and there are two pubs in South Mimms village both serving food. Why not include a visit to a pub; tea room or café as part of your half day walk? Visit <http://www.elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk/index.php/yourtown/teddy-s-trails> for details of all Teddy's trails.



Town Walks A trip to Borehamwood could include following the Screen Heritage Trail looking at the Stars in the Pavement at the railway station (no need to visit Hollywood!!) and then following the trail of plaques featuring stars associated with film and TV made in Borehamwood along both sides of Shenley Road and past the Museum (see above) and Elstree Studios.

And finally for something completely different!!

Elstree Studios You can become a member of the audience and watch one of your favourite TV shows (not Monty Python but you can see Pointless!) being filmed – all for free. Shows such as Strictly Come Dancing, The Chase have been filmed at Elstree over the past year. Some shows such as Pointless are filmed daytimes. Visit www.sroaudiences.com or www.applausestore.com or www.lostintv.com to book. Route 306 stops outside.

FURTHER

AFIELD

If you have an English National concession pass or purchase a Day Explorer ticket (Adults £9.00; Child £5.00; any group of 4 people £17.00) or Weekly Explorer (Adults £35; Child £23) from your Sullivan Bus driver there are many exciting places to visit by travelling via our routes 306 and 398 to Watford . You can then transfer without the need to pay for onward travel onto other companies' buses. In most cases there are easy and regular connections with Sullivan Buses in Watford. Please check bus time details before you travel. For timetables please visit www.intalink.org.uk or the respective bus company's website. If you want to plan a night or more away - for example to visit attractions or friends in or near places such as Oxford; Reading; Milton Keynes; High Wycombe; Buckingham or Chelmsford an Explorer ticket will get you there and around using Arriva or Carousel buses for just £9.00. Although remember you will need to buy another one to come back!! If you are planning to stay longer and travel around whilst you are there a Weekly Explorer for £35 (child £23) may be useful but please check that it is valid on local buses in the area you are visiting.

Please note that different ticketing arrangements apply in London. For example, Explorer tickets are not valid on buses in the London area, including all buses operated by Transport for London and including those which enter Hertfordshire. Also please note that English National Concession passes are only valid after 9.30 am on Mondays to Fridays in Buckinghamshire, Bedfordshire & Essex, but they are valid any times at weekends.

Historic Market towns

Berkhamsted Visit this historic market town situated on the Grand Union Canal with many interesting old buildings. The lively street market is held on Wednesdays and Saturdays and there is good and interesting range of shops; cafes and pubs. It was here that in 1066 that William the Conqueror was offered the Crown of England. The beautiful ruins of Berkhamsted Castle are well worth a visit and have many stories to tell. Use route Arriva 500 from Watford Market Street Stop G. Runs every 20 minutes Mondays to Fridays and every 30 mins Saturdays. On Sundays the service runs every 60mins (Red Rose 501). Journey time from Watford is 65 minutes.

Tring A historic small market town on the edge of the Chiltern Hills with an interesting range of independent shops. Friday is market day. There is a small local history museum open on Fridays and Saturdays. Why not pick up or download the Tring Heritage Trail to learn more about this fascinating town and its surroundings, including the delightful Tring Park and Tring Memorial Garden? The icing on the cake is the **Natural History Museum**. Opened in the late 1800's to house the collections of Lord Rothschild. Visitors can enjoy a glimpse into the fascinating world of a Victorian collector, and see a huge variety of wild, weird; wonderful an extinct specimens from across the animal kingdom - from armadillos to zebras. See if you can spot the clothes wearing fleas! Free admission. Just outside the town (opposite Tescos) is Dunsley Farm shop and cafe, which is also the home of the award winning Tring Brewery which runs tours on some Saturday mornings. Use route Arriva 500 from Watford Market Street Stop G. Runs every 20 minutes (Mon-Fri); every 30mins (Saturdays), every 60mins (Sundays- Red Rose 501) Journey time is 80 minutes.



Amersham On Mondays to Saturdays Carousel Buses route 103 takes you from Watford High Street Stop C every hour to Chorleywood and through the countryside to both Amersham on the Hill (Amersham Station) & Old Amersham. The former or New Town was built around the Metropolitan Railway and is the main shopping area and has a Tuesday market. The latter is the ancient Old

Town with its wide main street and ancient buildings with several chic boutiques and restaurants plus some very old coaching inns and cafes and coffee shops. See the Market Hall (there are about eight stalls on a Saturdays); St Peters Church; the Memorial Garden and visit the award winning Museum which is open Wednesdays to Saturdays 12 - 4.30 pm. Use Arriva or Carousel buses to travel between the two Amershams as they both accept Explorer tickets as well as concessionary passes. Return to Watford on route 103 or travel via Carousel route 105 to Hemel Hempstead and then Arriva routes 500 or 320 back to Watford.

Chesham Travel by Arriva routes 500 or 320 to Hemel Hempstead Town Centre and board Carousel route 105 to Chesham. Alternatively use route 500 to Berkhamsted and board Vale Travel route 354 outside the old Town Hall to Chesham. Wednesdays and Saturdays are market day with a local produce market on the 4th Saturday of every month. There is an interesting range of shops and places to eat. Follow the Heritage Trail to see many of the old buildings the town has and other places of interest. Return to Berkhamsted on route 354 (last bus approx 16.00 on Saturdays) and then catch route 500 to Watford. Alternatively catch Carousel Hemel Hempstead on route 105 and catch Arriva routes 320 or 500 back to Watford. Alternatively board an Arriva or Carousel bus to Amersham Station and board Carousel route 103 back to Watford.

Hemel Hempstead A visit to Hemel Hempstead is a mix of the old and new. Most well known as one of many New Towns built in the 1950s and 1960s it has very good indoor shopping in the Marlowes Centre and in Marlowes itself (the main street). There is a popular market Thursdays to Saturdays and an antiques market on Wednesdays. The refurbished Water Gardens designed by Jellicoe are a good place to sit and relax. A short walk to the pretty Old Town High Street takes you to the old Market Hall and a range of pubs, cafes and restaurants and some specialist shops. Use Arriva 500 from Watford Market Street Stop G. Runs every 20 mins Mondays to Fridays and every 30 mins Saturdays or every 60mins Sundays (Red Rose 501) Journey time from Watford is 40 minutes. Arriva route 320 also provides a regular service to Hemel Hempstead 7 days a week taking 55 minutes.

Picturesque countryside and delightful villages

Trip 1: Villages south of the Gade Valley NOT AVAILABLE SUNDAYS From Watford, Vale Travel route 352 takes you through beautiful Hertfordshire countryside to the edge of the Chiltern Hills with a chance to have food and drink in a lovely village pub before continuing your journey through the countryside. Route 352 links Watford and Hemel Hempstead every 2 hours taking approx 1 hour via a number of villages and hamlets such as Sarratt; Belsize, Chipperfield,

Tower Hill and Bovington all of which have pubs that offer food. Places to stroll include Sarratt Green and Chipperfield Common. Just outside Chipperfield at Tower Hill (also on route 352) there is a Wyevale Garden Centre which also has a cafe. Route 352 leaves Watford Market Street Stop J at 10.30; 12.30 and 14.30 on Mondays to Saturdays. After your lunch continue your journey to Hemel Hempstead Town Centre and return to Watford (up to 5 buses per hour) on either Arriva route 500 or 320 or return directly back to Watford the way you came on route 352 (every 2 hours) .

Trip 2: The Gade Valley & Ashridge NOT AVAILABLE SUNDAYS From Watford catch Arriva route 500 that runs every 20 mins Mondays to Fridays or every 30 mins Saturdays to Hemel Hempstead Town Centre. Arriva 320 also runs to Hemel Hempstead but over a longer route. Hemel Hempstead has good shops and the recently refurbished Water Gardens are delightful. However, for a delightful ride through the countryside board from The Marlowes bus interchange Stop C at 9.30 (route 31), 11.30(route 30) or 13.30 (route 29) all operated by Red Eagle buses. Whichever route you choose you will have lovely views of the Gade Valley and then the routes join together for a run through the pretty village of Little Gaddesden and through the large National Trust estate of Ashridge to Northchurch and Berkhamsted where Arriva route 500 can be boarded for return to Watford. If you board the 11.30 bus why not stop off for lunch at the Bridgewater Arms in Little Gaddesden or at Ashridge (Monument Drive) where after a quarter mile walk along the drive there is a delightful National Trust gift shop and exhibition room and cafe, albeit with outside seating. Please remember that the 13.30 bus is the last bus of the day so make sure you don't miss it!! You can also get off the bus in Northchurch which has both a pub and cafe and where you can visit the Norman church of St Marys and the grave of Peter the Wild Boy in the Churchyard. Read his story inside the Church(if open). Route 500 provides a frequent service back to Watford from Northchurch via Berkhamsted.



Trip 3: The Gade Valley, Ashridge and Aldbury NOT AVAILABLE SUNDAYS. This includes a downhill walk of nearly one mile and a flat walk of a

quarter of a mile. From Watford town centre catch Arriva routes 500 that runs every 20 minutes on Mons-Fri and every 30 mins Saturdays to Hemel Hempstead Town Centre. From stop C at the Marlowes Interchange catch at 9.30 (route 31), 11.30(route 30) or 13.30 (route 29) towards Berkhamsted. These journeys are operated by Red Eagle. Whichever time you choose you will have lovely views of the Gade Valley and then the routes join together for a run through the pretty village of Little Gaddesden and through the large National Trust estate of Ashridge. Alight at the Ashridge (Monument Drive) stop. Walk up the drive towards The Monument where there is a National Trust cafe and exhibition room. From the cafe look for the signs that indicate the footpath to Aldbury and follow this downhill to the picturesque village. Aldbury has featured in many TV programmes including a series called ShillingburyTales and in the 1960s a whole Avengers episode was filmed here. In that episode the villagers allowed murders to be committed in the village in return for a large fee and Emma Peel (alias actress Dame Diana Rigg) was ducked in the village pond!! The villagers are much friendlier now and you will find two pubs and also refreshments at the village store. When you are ready to depart board route 387/389 (operated by Red Rose) from the bus stop by the village pond. Buses depart on Mondays to Fridays at 11.54, 13.54, 15.54, 17.36* & 17.53* and on Saturdays at 11.54, 13.54, 15.54. Get off at Tring High Street (opposite the Church and market place) and cross the road to the bus stop opposite. Board Arriva route 500 back to Watford (* if you are on these journeys route 500 will only run to Hemel Hempstead and you will need to change to Arriva route 320 to continue to Watford).

Attractions for all ages



Beckonscot Model Village

NOT AVAILABLE SUNDAYS or DURING THE WINTER MONTHS. Carousel Buses route 103 takes you from Watford High Street Stop C every hour through the countryside to Old Amersham and on to Beaconsfield Town Centre. Alight in the town centre and take the short walk to Beckonscot

Model Village - Britain's best and oldest model village. Set in the 1930s with model trains running all around the beautiful gardens, the model village is a joy to behold and is a great day out for all ages. There is also a children's play area; miniature railway; cafe and gift shop. 2018 admission prices (excluding gift aid):

Adults £10, Concessions £8; Child (2-15) £6.00, Carers £4. Family tickets are available <https://www.bekonscot.co.uk/>

Harry Potter World Change in Watford Town Centre to Arriva 8 (Daily) or Mullany's Buses 318 (operates Mondays to Saturdays) and enjoy a few hours at the fantastic Harry Potter World. Average visit times are 3-4 hours. We won't spoil the surprises if you have never been but this is of interest to all and is a must see for every Harry Potter fan and anyone who has seen any of the films. If you have been before find out about the new exhibits since your last visit. Please note you must buy tickets in advance.
<https://www.wbstudiotour.co.uk/tickets>.

Thorpe Park Don't forget you can travel for £7 return with Sullivan Buses to Thorpe Park every Saturday and Bank Holiday when Thorpe Park is open and on Mondays to Fridays from early June until the end of August and during Fright Nights (October half term), direct from Watford on route 951 with guaranteed connections from Borehamwood & Potters Bar. Buy your bus tickets from our driver. For full details look at route 951 on our website. English National Concession Passes are only valid on route 951 as far as Staines Bus Station. We suggest you buy tickets to Thorpe Park online to obtain a good deal or look out for discount vouchers on goods at your local supermarket
<https://www.thorpepark.com/tickets-passes/tickets>

Bovingdon Market Every Saturday throughout the year and Bank Holiday Mondays from Easter to August you can grab yourself a bargain at the famous Bovingdon Market!. Use Arriva route 500 from Watford Market Street Stop G to Hemel Hempstead. It runs every 30 minutes on Saturdays. On Bank Holiday Mondays use Red Rose 501 which runs every 60 mins. Journey time from Watford is 40 minutes. Arriva route 320 also provides a regular service to Hemel Hempstead 7 days a week taking 55 minutes. At Hemel Hempstead Bus Interchange transfer at stop H to Carousel Buses which runs hourly to Bovingdon Market on Saturdays (route 105) and Bank Holidays (route 1A).

FEEDBACK: TELL US ABOUT YOUR EXPERIENCE

If you follow one of our suggestions for a day out please let us know how you get on. If you have used our buses for places to visit other than those listed here please let us know and we will consider including the trip in a future update.

Please email: steve@sullivanbuses.com.

Happy travelling!!

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