



## 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.firstgroup.com](http://www.firstgroup.com).

### By Sea

Tidal access twice a day. Mooring berths available by enquiry to the marina operator - [www.themarinegroup.co.uk](http://www.themarinegroup.co.uk).

### To find out more visit Watchet Visitor Centre

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Harbour Road, Watchet, TA23 0AQ

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



## DIARY OF EVENTS 2023

### Regular activities:

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

Rope making at the Boat Museum, Saturdays throughout July to Sep. Thursday during school holidays. 10.30am-2pm.

Fishing trips available throughout the season.

Watchet Street Fair, The Esplanade. 1st Sunday of the month. March-Oct, 10am-4pm.

Watchet Market, May-Sep, every Wednesday Weather permitting. 9.30am – 3.30pm.

West Somerset Railway re-opens in March. For details: [www.west-somerset-railway.co.uk](http://www.west-somerset-railway.co.uk).

Free kids art activities most weekdays in the school holidays at East Quay. See [www.eastquaywatchet.co.uk](http://www.eastquaywatchet.co.uk).

**Saturday 21st January – Monday 8th May**  
East Quay Gallery presents RURAL TIME: Peter Liversidge. For further info visit [eastquaywatchet.co.uk](http://eastquaywatchet.co.uk).

**Monday 13th February – Saturday 18th February**  
Swain Street Valentine Shopping event including activities for children.

**Friday 17th February**  
First fossil walk of the season. 11am at the Visitor Centre.

**Saturday 24th February**  
Steaming Coasters presents Nonsense and Nonsensibility, 7pm in The Boat Museum.

**Saturday 25th March**  
Watchet Market House Museum re-opens.

**Saturday 1st April**  
The Radio Museum Watchet re-opens.

**Wednesday 5th April**  
Watchet Town Council Spring Market. 9.30am-3.30pm, The Esplanade.

**Sunday 23rd April**  
Annual Coast to Coast Cycle in aid of Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance. Cyclists leaves Watchet Harbour at 11am. Finish at West Bay, Dorset.

**Saturday 6th May**  
Celebrations for the Coronation of King Charles III. Activities and times to be confirmed.

**Saturday 20th May – Sunday 3rd September**  
East Quay Gallery presents VERTIGO: Nye Thompson.

**Sunday 28th May**  
Watchet Wheelbarrow Race from WATCHET LIVE. 2pm start. Starting Grid and Finish on The Esplanade.

**Friday 2nd and Saturday 3rd June**  
East Quay presents 'Maritime Mayhem'. Activities and programme to be confirmed. Visit [eastquaywatchet.co.uk](http://eastquaywatchet.co.uk) for more info.

**Saturday 8th July and Sunday 9th July**  
West Somerset Railway presents a 1960s weekend. Watchet event details to be confirmed.

**Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th July**  
Watchet Carnival Weekend, including Sunday Carnival Fayre from WATCHET LIVE.

**Monday 14th August – Saturday 20th August**  
Watchet Summertime Week. Full programme of events available.

**Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th September**  
Watchet 1940s event in association with WSR 1940s weekend. Watchet Home Front Group.

**Saturday 16th September – Monday 1st January 2024**  
East Quay Gallery presents COMMON THREAD: Lyn Barlow and Grayson Perry. For further information visit [eastquaywatchet.co.uk](http://eastquaywatchet.co.uk).

**Saturday 16th September to Sunday 1st October**  
Somerset Art Weeks Festival. Evolver Magazine and printed Directory with all venues listed, available from the Visitor Centre or East Quay, Harbour Road.

**Monday 23rd October to Saturday 28th October**  
Swain Street Autumn Shopping event including activities for children.

**Wednesday 25th October**  
Watchet Town Council Autumn Market. 9.30am to 3.30pm, The Esplanade.

**Saturday 28th October**  
East Quay presents Punkie Night. For further information visit [eastquaywatchet.co.uk](http://eastquaywatchet.co.uk).

**Saturday 4th November**  
East Quay presents Light Night. For further information visit [eastquaywatchet.co.uk](http://eastquaywatchet.co.uk).

**Friday 8th December**  
Late night Christmas shopping in Watchet, with entertainment and music until 8pm. Sponsored by WACET.

**Saturday 23rd December**  
Jolly Christmas Singalong at East Quay with Watchet Community Choir. Entry Free.

**Sunday 24th December**  
Father Christmas Float Tour.

# 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

Go fossil hunting on Helwell Fossil Beach  
Walk the England Coast Path  
Go rock-pooling on West Street beach  
Visit the harbour and marina  
Book a sea fishing trip  
See the alabaster collection at the Market House Museum  
Go geo-caching - [www.lovetwatchet.co.uk/geo-caching](http://www.lovetwatchet.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  
Paint your own pottery at Serendipity Creative cafe  
Take part in activities at East Quay  
Sail model boats on the boating pool or fly a kite on West Street Beach



## ART & CULTURE

Admire The Ancient Mariner statue  
Visit the sea wall mural on the way to the lighthouse  
Enjoy regular live music in the pubs  
Book guided walks and talks at the Visitor Centre  
Be inspired by art at East Quay Gallery  
Join in at Watchet Library  
Buy local produce at the markets each Wednesday\* and street fairs on 1st Sunday of the month\*



*\*seasonal only*

## 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  
Join in with Watchet 1940's and 1960's weekends



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