

Welcome to Ware

'One of the oldest continuously occupied sites in Europe'

Ware grew up around a ford, a crossing point, over the River Lee on the old road to the north; a rest stop for people and horses until the coming of the railways.



One of Ware's claims to fame is the Great Bed of Ware (now in the V&A) that was housed in at least five of the inns during the three hundred years it was in the town.

Walk along the High Street and notice the number of buildings that were originally inns,, characterised by the wagonways for coach and horses.



There are still plenty of rest stops, restaurants and pubs (two by the river) and a wide selection of shops.

For more information on things to do while you're in Ware do visit the Tourist Information Point in Ware Museum.



Travel

By Road

Ware is served by the A10 and A414, there are ample 'pay and display' car parks in the town centre.

By Bus

Frequent buses from Hertford and Waltham Cross and the 724 Green Line from Heathrow to Harlow.

By Rail

Regular trains from Liverpool Street to Hertford East.



Anglia in Bloom 2014 - Gold Award
Britain in Bloom 2015 - Finalist



Tourist Information Point - Ware Museum

Tuesday, Wednesday, & Saturday 11:00 - 4:00

Sunday 2:00 - 4:00
Bank Holiday Mondays

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**A stroll around a
'Quaint Old Fashioned Place'**



Principal Places of Interest

Church of St. Mary the Virgin



The 14th century Parish Church of Ware occupies a fine open site on the corner of Church Street and High Street.

The church, with its square tower topped by a 'Hertfordshire Spike', is still used for regular worship and contains many items of historic interest.

Open daily from 9 am to 3 pm.

The Maltmaker



The Maltmaker statue, in the Ware Memorial Gardens, outside St Mary's Church was especially commissioned to mark the Millennium.

Ware was once the largest malting town in England and this statue of a Ware maltmaker and his cat commemorates six hundred years of the malting industry in Ware.

Ware Priory and Gardens



The Priory, which now houses the offices of Ware Town Council, is a Franciscan Friary built in the 14th/15th century and was given to Ware in 1920.

It is surrounded by gardens, including seven acres of riverside parkland, a children's playground, skate park, putting green, refreshment kiosk and outdoor heated swimming pool.



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Scott's Grotto



Built by John Scott in the 1760's, Scott's Grotto is a series of interconnected chambers, extending some 67 ft into the chalk hillside.

The chambers and tunnels are lined with shells, flints and pieces of coloured glass. On top of the hill above the tunnels there is a summer house which would have commanded a wonderful view over the town of Ware.

Open on Saturdays and Bank Holiday Mondays from 2 pm to 4.30 pm between April and September.

Bluecoat Yard



A quiet oasis in East Street it takes its name from the Bluecoat School, part of Christ's Hospital, which was here for 76 years or so.

In the niche above the entrance is a statue of a Bluecoat Boy. On the right of Bluecoat Yard is Place House, a listed timber framed hall, at one time the Manor House of Ware.

Riverside Walk and Gazebos



The Gazebos date from the 18th century and are a unique feature of Ware.

These riverside "summerhouses" stand in the former gardens of the High Street coaching inns that used to run down to the river.

Ware Museum



Ware's Museum houses displays of local interest, and has been enlarged twice with the help of Heritage Lottery Fund grants.

In 2012 it was home for a year to the Great Bed of Ware, on loan from the V&A.

Ware's Tourist Information Point is in the museum.

Open Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday from 11 am to 4 pm, Sundays and Bank Holiday Mondays from 2 pm to 4 pm.