

Delightful Sights and Scenes from Stratford-upon-Avon

Stratford-upon-Avon is a town, small in size but large in history and interest. The streets themselves hold a thousand delights with the chemistry of the ages mixed in with the needs of today. It is a thriving and busy town of just over 20,000 inhabitants whose day-to-day business is conducted amongst the rich architecture.

High Street

A central street with many excellent shops and Nash House where Shakespeare lived.

Bridge Street

For many people this is the first site of the town centre. A long, broad sweeping street which house the flags of the nations during the Shakespeare Birthday Parade.

Bancroft Gardens

The Bancroft Gardens are in front of the Royal Shakespeare Theatre and alongside the River Avon. It has a holiday atmosphere with open-air entertainers and is the home of the new Commemorative Fountain to mark the 800th Anniversary of Stratford being granted its Market Rights by King Richard The Lionheart. (see the 800th Anniversary Guide)

Waterside and the Canal Basin

Alongside this street which leads to the Royal Shakespeare Theatre is the Canal Basin with the Wonderful World of Shakespeare. In the basin is a very special canal boat that offers dinner on the river

Henley Street

This is a charming old street that houses numerous shops, The Shakespeare Birthplace, The Shakespeare Birthplace Trust and Library,

Rother Street

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On Fridays Stratford's street market takes place in Rother Street alongside the American Fountain. It is also home to the Town Council and the Civic Hall with its large variety of entertainment throughout the year.

New Place from The Guild

New Place is the house where Shakespeare and his family lived, it is also the start of the High Street.

Church Street

Shakespeare's old school), the alms houses and the Guild Chapel. The upper floor of the school is the old meeting room of the Stratford town council