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Historic Bury St Edmunds is the perfect place to experience delicious cask ale and unique craft beer but it is also a great place to source a variety of beers, available from speciality shops across the town centre.

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cask ale and craft beer
in Bury St Edmunds

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Introducing
The Bury Ale Trail

The Ale Trail in Bury St Edmunds launched eight years ago (2018) to celebrate the town's rich brewing history and vibrant pub culture.

Delivered by Our Bury St Edmunds BID, the trail invites both locals and visitors to explore some of the area's best pubs and bars, each offering a unique selection of ales.

Bury St Edmunds is renowned for its long-standing brewing tradition, home to the iconic Greene King brewery, which has been producing quality beers since the 18th century.

The Ale Trail highlights this legacy, guiding participants through a curated selection of pubs and bars where they can enjoy locally brewed ales and soak in the historic atmosphere of the town.

Whether you're a beer enthusiast or just looking for a fun way to experience Bury St Edmunds, the Ale Trail offers a perfect blend of history, culture, and great beer. It's a must-do activity for anyone wanting to immerse themselves in the town's brewing heritage.

be **drinkaware**.co.uk

Did you know..?



At 15ft by 7ft, The Nutshell Pub in Bury St Edmunds is officially Britain's Smallest Pub. The iconic mummified cat which hangs from its ceiling is reputed to have been found in a house in Whiting Street. Years ago, people would put cats in the walls of buildings to scare off evil spirits and so, if you find one, it's said to be bad luck to remove it.

Historically The One Bull may be Bury St Edmunds' oldest pub, selling the monk's ale to the townsfolk, brewed in the Abbey next door.

The Old Cannon Brewery is unique among Suffolk breweries for having its two beautiful brewing vessels on display in the bar; meaning you can sit next to your beer as it's being brewed!

The Corn Exchange in Bury St Edmunds was voted the UK's Poshest Wetherspoons by readers of The Express.



Belgian beer bar Vespers stock a number of "historically important" beers brewed by monks from 12 different Trappist breweries at monasteries across Europe.

Brewery Tours



shop.greeneking.co.uk

Free Entry 2026
Town Centre Events

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Spring Fayre
Our Bury St. Edmunds

Sunday 24th & Monday 25th May
10.00am - 4.00pm

food & drink Festival
Our Bury St. Edmunds

Sunday 30th & Monday 31st August
10.00am - 5.00pm

christmas lights event
Our Bury St. Edmunds

Thursday 19th November
3.00pm - 8.00pm

The East Anglian Beer & Cider Festival
Wednesday 26th - Monday 31st August

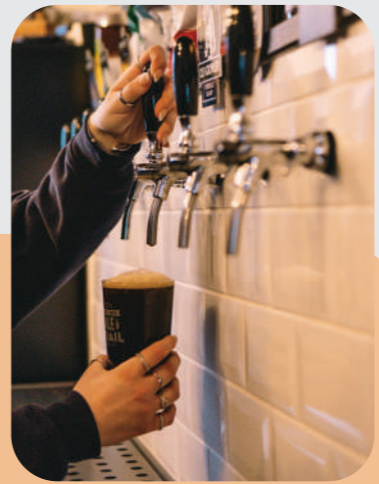
Cask Ale Week
Thursday 17th - Sunday 27th September

For more information about our events and other events visit:
www.ourburystedmunds.com

Discovering the Ale Trail

Share your best Ale Trail photos with friends for a chance to win a £50 Bury St Edmunds Gift Card. T&Cs apply, visit our website for more.

#BuryAleTrail



The Masons Arms, located in the centre of historic Bury St Edmunds, dates back to the early 16th century and still retains many of the original features including beams and inglenook fireplace.



Through history, The Dog and Partridge has always been a favourite watering hole of patrons at Theatre Royal Bury St Edmunds particularly before the theatre got a bar. But back in the 1900s it was well known for a circle of hand bell ringers that entertained the public. A ringer's pitcher was kept for them which is said to have contained four gallons of a fearsome concoction known as the Ringer's Mixture!

The Bushel pub used to have its own brewery and served customers with its own distinctive beer until the 1860s.



Oakes Barn is a new build real ale pub, which opened in 2013. The pub's name showcases its historical links with yarn merchant and banker James Oakes, who built the original building as a wool combing shed. The pub's logo also includes an oak tree, which he featured on his bank notes and is on the sign outside Lloyds Bank - once the Oakes Bevan & Co Bank.



Tag Our Bury BID and share pictures from your Ale Trail adventures! #buryaletrail

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1 WESTGATE

A traditional pub offering a warm welcome alongside a large selection of beers, lagers and spirits.

69 GUILDHALL STREET, BSE, IP33 1QD
thewestgatepub.co.uk



2 THE MASONS ARMS

A traditional vibrant pub with a friendly atmosphere, offering over 20 beers and ciders, including 7 cask ales, a heated courtyard and quality food served daily.

14 WHITING STREET, BSE, IP33 1NX
masonspub.co.uk



3 BOOSH

Boosh is a stylish and cosmopolitan bar, located in the heart of Bury St Edmunds.

2 ABBEYGATE STREET, BSE, IP33 1UL
ourburystedmunds.com/boosh



4 THE NUTSHELL

The Nutshell is Britain's Smallest Pub, and has a selection of real ales.

17 THE TRAVERSE, BSE, IP33 1BJ
thenutshellpub.co.uk



5 THE CORN EXCHANGE WETHERSPoons

The Corn Exchange Wetherspoons pub offers great value food and drinks and often has guest ales on tap.

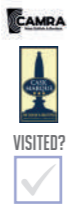
57 ABBEYGATE STREET, BSE, IP33 1BE
jdwetherspoon.co.uk



6 THE DOG AND PARTRIDGE

A pub that can morph through the day. From brunch and lunch, to beer and bar snacks, as well as the place to be for a big night out.

29 CROWN STREET, BSE, IP33 1QU
greeneeking.co.uk/pubs/suffolk/dog-and-partridge



7 OAKES BARN

A traditional free house serving a wide selection of real ales and craft beer. Oakes Barn is a community hub with historic links to the medieval town.

ST ANDREWS ST SOUTH, BSE, IP33 3PH
oakesbarn.co.uk



8 VERVE

Welcome to Verve – Bury St Edmunds' Neighbourhood Hub for Pizza, Cocktails & Late-Night Vibes.

1-2 WOOLHALL STREET, BSE, IP33 1LA
vervebar.co.uk



9 THE GRAPES

A traditional pub based right in the heart of Bury St Edmunds, offering excellent value food and live music and karaoke nights.

1 BRENTGROVEL ST, BSE, IP33 1EA
greeneeking.co.uk



10 EDMUNDO LOUNGE

Based on the corner site off Cornhill, Edmundo Lounge is a very historical-inspired venue with William Morris wallpaper and lots of leather seating.

28 CORNHILL, BSE, IP33 1DY
thelounges.co.uk/edmundo



11 KINGS ARMS TAVERN

The Kings Arms offers traditional pub fayre with a contemporary twist and has a spacious outdoor dining area.

22 BRENTGROVEL STREET, BSE, IP33 1EB
kingsarms-burystedmunds.co.uk



13 THE FOX INN

A 15th century inn offering a cosy environment to eat and drink in.

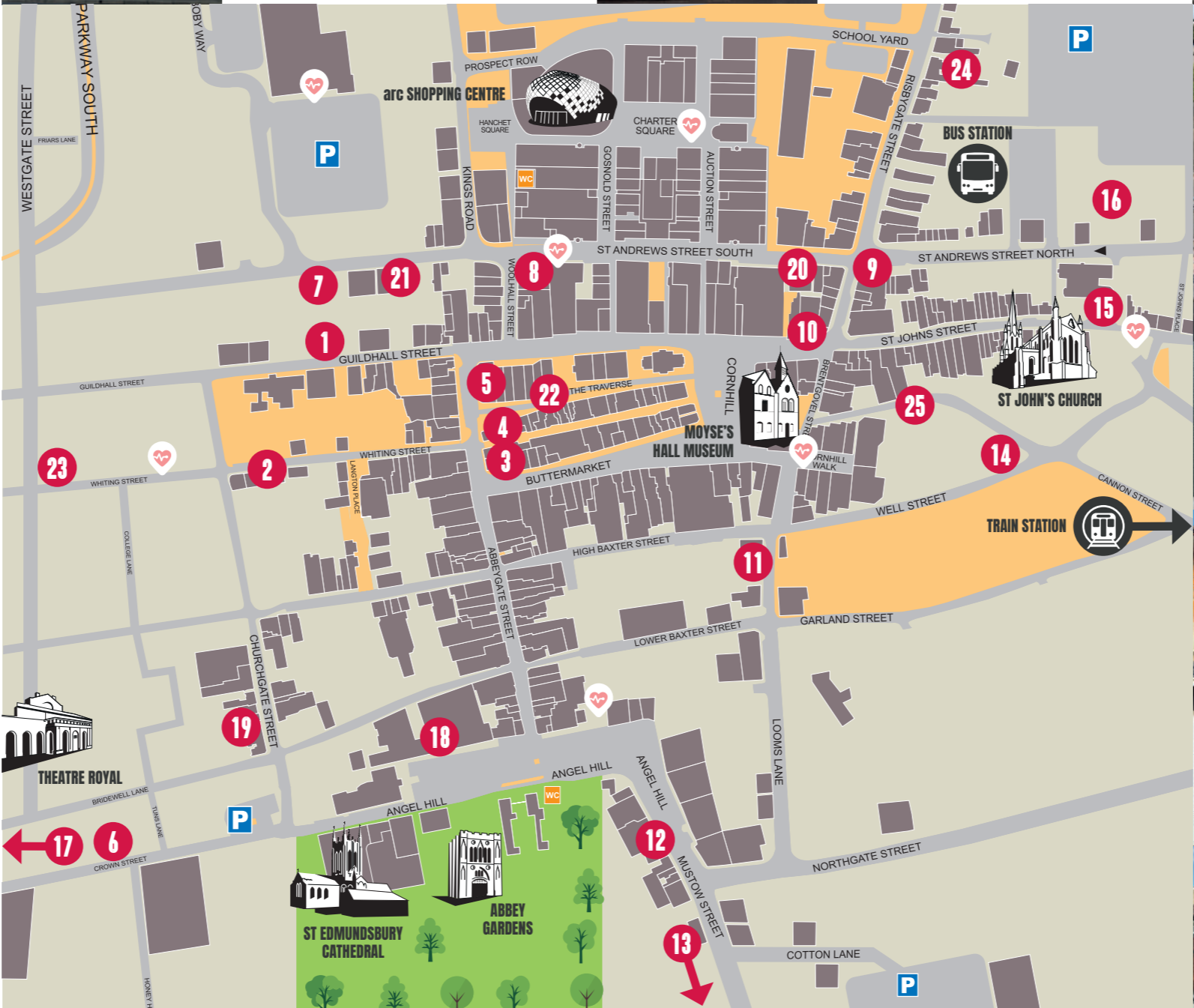
1 EASTGATE STREET, BSE, IP33 1XX
oldenglishinns.co.uk



14 THE OLD CANNON BREWERY

An independent freehouse, and the only brew house where you can see the beer in the making!

86 CANNON ST, BSE, IP33 1JR
oldcannonbrewery.co.uk



12 THE ONE BULL

The One Bull offers fresh seasonal, regional food, an award winning wine list & Brewshed beers from its own craft brewery just down the road.

25 ANGEL HILL, BSE, IP33 1UZ
theonebull.co.uk



15 THE BUSHEL

Based on St John's Street amongst lovely independent shops, The Bushel offers live performers and regular quiz nights.

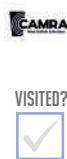
28 ST JOHN'S STREET, BSE, IP33 1SN
greeneeking-pubs.co.uk



16 THE BEERHOUSE

The Beerhouse offers a wide selection of cask ales and keg beers, including Brewshed beers from its own craft brewery just down the road, and some cask ciders.

TAYFEN ROAD, BSE, IP32 6BH
burybeerhouse.co.uk



17 GREENE KING BEER CAFE

The Greene King Beer Café is the start and finish point for all brewery tours and offers a range of Greene King ales. Tours available every week.

WESTGATE STREET, BSE, IP33 1QT
shop.greeneking.co.uk



18 THE ANGEL HOTEL

An iconic hotel on Angel Hill with a relaxed bar area serving 7 different cask ales and beers with one developed by the hotel itself and is brewed locally.

3 ANGEL HILL, BSE, IP33 1LT
theangel.co.uk



19 QUEENS BAR AND GRILL

Queens is a Bar & Grill set in one of Bury's oldest free houses serving American-inspired dishes and a variety of ales and craft beers.

39 CHURCHGATE ST, BSE, IP33 1RG
queensbse.co.uk



20 NIGHTJARS

Nightjars is a café-style bar during the day, with a thriving bar with live music, drinks, and vibrant atmosphere at night.

50 ST ANDREWS ST SOUTH, BSE, IP33 1SD
@nightjars_bury #nightjarsbury



21 VESPERS

Vespers is a speciality Belgian beer bar serving a vast selection of beers ranging, from easy-drinking blonde beers to historic Trappist ales.

THE OLD STABLES, ST ANDREWS ST SOUTH, BSE, IP33 3PH
vespersbar.co.uk



22 NETHERGATE

Nethergate Brewery has crafted multi-award-winning beers, a beloved craft lager and now, with the newly installed distillery, a growing range of Spirits.

11 THE TRAVERSE, BSE, IP33
nethergate.co.uk



23 THE ROSE AND CROWN

A family run traditional (proper) pub, with over 7 hand pulled rotating ales available and 6 keg beers, a secret garden and variety of snacks on offer.

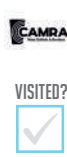
48 WHITING ST, BSE, IP33 1NP
facebook.com/roseandcrownbse



24 THE RISING SUN

Bury's newest old pub - A traditional free house with a cosy fire, large garden, serving craft beer, cask ales, Belgian beer and traditional ciders.

98 RISBYGATE ST, BSE, IP33 3AA
facebook.com/therisingsun.burystedmunds



25 HOPSTERS

Hopsters brings the ultimate craft beer experience to Bury St Edmunds with ten taps of the finest beers in the land.

3 SHORT BRACKLAND, BSE, IP33 1EL
myhopsters.com/bury-st-edmunds



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