



Things to Do in the Local Area

After their initial consultation pets are usually hospitalised for further investigations and treatment and stay with us for one or more nights. However, very occasionally, we may decide that your pet only requires minor investigations and will not need to stay with us for more than a few hours. In this instance it may not be practical or convenient for you to drive home whilst these procedures are performed. There are a number of attractions in and around Maidstone, whether you are looking for good shopping, a nice afternoon out, the latest movie release, fine dining or some good old pub grub and a pint! This document provides some basic details about a few of these;

Newnham Court Shopping Village

Pinnacle Specialists is located within Newnham Court Shopping Village, home to a variety of different facilities (<http://www.newnhamcourt.co.uk>), all of which benefit from free and convenient customer parking.

Notcutts Garden Centre is a large garden centre offering a range of top quality plants and facilities. Their *Coffee Corner Restaurant* provides hot and cold food and drinks throughout the shopping day or, during high summer, a visit to the *Ice Cream Parlour* might be more worthwhile. For those wishing to indulge in a little retail therapy, the centre is home to a wide variety of businesses, from *Ark Pets and Aquatics*, to *Edinburgh Wollen Mill*, *Invicta Craft Centre*, *Limetree Pantry*, *Notcutts Gift Shop* and *Model World*. The *Maidstone Photo Factory* studio, also based within Notcutts, offers processing and printing, photographic equipment for sale, restoration services and occasion and portrait photography. Perhaps best of all, *Elite Hand Car Wash & Valet* operates in Notcutts car park, so you can have the car spruced up while you shop!

For the outdoor enthusiast, **Cotswold We Get Outdoors** provide the best in outdoor travel and gear from leisure clothing and footwear to camping equipment and accessories. Similarly, **Sweatshop Sports Shop** has a range of sporting gear for sportsmen and women alike.



If food and drink appeal more than retail therapy, **Noble House Chinese Restaurant** offer both eat-in and takeaway menus (01622 631268). If pub grub is more your thing, the **Newnham Court Inn** has a large selection of traditional pub dishes on their menu, which may be eaten in the relaxed, contemporary surroundings of their recently refurbished restaurant or in the large and welcoming garden, weather permitting!

The talented team at **Pure Hairdressing** will cut, style and colour ladies', gentlemen's and children's hair. For further information or to arrange an appointment, call 01622 632642, or go to www.purehairdressing.co.uk.



Further afield, there are a number of visitor attractions and days out not to be missed:

Leeds Castle

Home to royalty for the last 900 years, Leeds Castle offers a great day out and is a must for all budding historians. Just a few miles from Pinnacle Specialists, off junction 8 of the M20, the castle is open all year round, from 10.30am - 4.30pm daily (last admission 3.30pm) and has a restaurant, shops, gardens, an aviary and a maze. For more information, visit www.leeds-castle.com.

Maidstone Town Centre

Shopping in Maidstone is mainly done in the mall and Fremlin Walk. For a list of shops available in these two areas and information about parking and disabled access, see www.themall.co.uk/my-mall/maidstone/index.aspx and www.fremlinwalk.co.uk. In addition to excellent shopping, Maidstone has a range of theatres, cinemas and historic attractions. For further information, please contact the local tourist information office at www.tour-maidstone.com or on 01622 602169.

The River Medway Trip

As one of the Medway towns, Maidstone provides a boarding point for 1 hour and 3 hour trips aboard the Kentish Lady riverboat along the River, as far as Allington Lock and Teston Lock respectively. To book, go to www.kentishlady.co.uk.

Museum of Kent Life/Farming World

Great for children, the Museum of Kent Life/Farming World offers daily activities for children from April - November every year. From face painting and feeding the ducks to piglet racing, tractor rides, and stilt walking, there is a vast range of activities in which children can get involved. Farming World is situated just 5 minutes from junction 6 of the M20. Go to www.kent-life.org.uk for more details.

Bearsted Green

Bearsted Green is a lovely village just 2 miles from Pinnacle Specialists. There is a selection of great pubs and restaurants and the Village Green provides a fantastic open space for picnics on sunny days or even a quick game of cricket. Further information can be found at www.bearstedgreen.co.uk.

The Hop Farm

Located off junction 4 of the M20, The Hop Farm Family Park has a vast range of attractions, including a winter ice rink, an animal farm, the Legends in Wax Museum, a carousel and The Hop Story Museum to name but a few. To view the full range of activities and facilities The Hop Farm has to offer, go to www.thehopfarm.co.uk or call 01622 872068.

