

Welcome to Rottingdean Village

Discover the Charm and Community

Essential Shopping

The village has two supermarkets, a grocer, a butcher, a baker, a hardware store, and a post office.



Eating Out

There are five pubs in the village: The White Horses, The Coach House, The Plough Inn, The Black Horse, and The Duck Inn. All provide food, and most offer entertainment. Additionally, there are many cafes offering a range of refreshments and a popular bistro.

Hair and Beauty

We have three hairdressing salons, a barbers, and businesses providing a full range of beauty treatments.

Schools

There are two primary schools in the village: St. Margaret's C of E and Our Lady of Lourdes. Longhill Secondary School is at the edge of the village on Falmer Road.

Nurseries

Apple Tree Montessori Nursery has two sites in Rottingdean: one at the Village Hall and the other at the Whiteway Centre.

Green Spaces

The area around the Windmill, known as Beacon Hill, is a nature reserve managed by BHCC and the Parish Council with help from local volunteers. In the heart of the village, adjacent to the green, is Kipling Gardens, also managed by BHCC with volunteer assistance. Behind the Grange, there is a large garden with a café open in the summer. The recreation ground, with swings and slides for younger children and a large playing field, is signposted from Falmer Road. Across Falmer Road is the village cricket club, which also hosts the local football club in winter. Soon, the St. Aubyns Community Field will become the village's newest open space.

Adult Education

The Whiteway Centre is an adult education centre entirely run by volunteers. Here, you can learn to paint, brush up on a language, or join a quiz night. There is something happening at the Whiteway Centre most days and evenings. Rottingdean Library, located on the ground floor of the Grange, offers access when the librarian is not present with a BHCC Libraries extra card.

Arts and Entertainment

The village offers numerous arts and entertainment activities. Each summer, Rottingdean Arts provides a program of free concerts on the seafront terraces, followed by a series of reasonably priced autumn concerts. Rottingdean Heritage organizes exhibitions at the Grange, meetings, and talks about local historical figures. The Rottingdean Drama Society aims to put on three plays a year and a pantomime, with tickets selling fast.

Sports

There are tennis courts and football pitches at Rottingdean Recreation Ground. Across Falmer Road is the Cricket Ground, where both adult and children's cricket and football are played. Longhill School features a gym open to the public. Connors Court on the seafront is a multi-purpose court for children's ball games.

Charities

The village is home to numerous charities. PARC raises money for children's sports and leisure, and the Lions organize fundraising events throughout the year, including two summer fairs.

Churches

There are two churches: St. Margaret's, known for its beautiful stained glass windows, and Our Lady of Lourdes, which hosts a breakfast club in its Steyning Road church hall.

Rottingdean Village Fair

Held annually on the first Saturday in August, the fair has been running for the past 100 years. This year, we will celebrate its centenary.

Village News

A village magazine, the Rottingdean Village News is produced four times a year, detailing upcoming events and reports on various volunteer group activities.

Transport

Regular buses run along the coast road. The number 2 bus starts by Tesco's and travels through Woodingdean, across the racecourse, and into the city centre. Bicycles can be hired via an app next to the White Horses pub.

Representation

Rottingdean is part of Brighton and Hove City Council, a Unitary Authority providing a full range of local government services. Details of the services and elected councillors are on the Brighton and Hove City Council website. Rottingdean has a Parish Council (RPC), the first tier of local government. RPC has produced a neighbourhood plan to guide village planning and development. RPC meets on the first Monday of most months, and anyone living or working in Rottingdean can attend and raise issues. Further details are available on the Rottingdean Parish Council website www.rottingdean-pc.gov.uk

Volunteers

The range of activities in Rottingdean is made possible by committed volunteers. If you have the time, consider volunteering for activities such as coaching football or weeding at Kipling Gardens or gardening around the Village. Any time you give to the local community will be rewarding in many ways. Check out volunteering activities at <https://rottingdeancommunity.org.uk/>.