

## Welcome to Princes Risborough

The historic market town of Princes Risborough is the perfect base to explore Buckinghamshire and the Chilterns. Set at the foot of the Chiltern Hills in the centre of an extensive network of footpaths you won't have to travel far for spectacular views, historic hamlets and a host of visitor attractions. The centre of the town itself is well-served with a variety of cafes, pubs, restaurants and shops. A street market is held every Thursday with a larger farmer's market on the third Thursday of every month. The town has a story which stretches back over 5,500 years with Neolithic farmers, Saxons and Romans all having left their mark on this ancient landscape. The countryside around the town is studied with prehistoric sites including the Icknield Way that travels from East Anglia to Wessex. The name Princes Risborough relates to an important moment in medieval history when in 1343 Edward III appointed his eldest son, Edward the Black Prince, as custodian of the manor of Risbury (at the time the town was called 'Great Risbury'). The new title 'Princes Risbury' was in recognition of its new status

before becoming Princes Risborough in the 1600s which is a Saxon reference to the brush-covered hills. In 1943 Clyde 'Sparky' Cosper of the US Air Force, saved the town when he steered his stricken bomber away from Princes Risborough. He is commemorated on a plaque outside the library. The Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty features some of the finest countryside in the UK. Many of its hidden treasures can be found on the town's doorstep including picturesque villages, rustic English pubs, beautiful ancient woodlands, carpets of bluebells in the spring and magnificent red kites soaring overhead.



## Events

### June

**Bucks Open Studios:** This two

week long, county-wide event is well represented in Princes Risborough with local artists exhibiting their creative talents at various locations in the town. [www.bucksopenstudios.org](http://www.bucksopenstudios.org)

**Princes Risborough Walking Festival:**

A programme of guided walks led by the Risborough Countryside Group including full day, half day, evening, local history, wildlife, short strolls and longer rambles

### July

**Princes Risborough Town Festival:** The

annual town festival offers a host of music and arts events including concerts, local history exhibitions, guided walks and a street fair [www.princesrisborough.com](http://www.princesrisborough.com)

### August

**Cherry Pie Festival:** A celebration of the

historic cherry harvest, held each August at The Plough public house in Cadsden. [www.theploughpub](http://www.theploughpub)

### September

**Kop Hill Climb:** Kop Hill Climb is a major

fixture on the historic motorsport calendar. A weekend of family fun, this event showcases vintage vehicles and raises money for local charities. [www.kophillclimb.org.uk](http://www.kophillclimb.org.uk)

### December

**Switching on of Festive lights:** The High

Street is filled with an array of stalls and lots of festive entertainment for the grand switching on of the Christmas lights. [www.princesrisborough.com](http://www.princesrisborough.com)

For more details on events in and around Princes Risborough visit or contact Princes Risborough Information Centre.

## Princes Risborough Information Centre

Whether you are visiting for the day, enjoying a short break, or already a resident looking for some inspiration, then visit Princes Risborough Information Centre. Our friendly team are on hand to help you explore Princes Risborough and the beautiful countryside which surrounds it to help you to discover all it has to offer.

- Attractions and places to visit
- Local travel timetables
- What's On? newsletter and local events box office
- Accommodation enquiries
- Walking and cycling leaflets, books and maps
- Postcards, greeting cards and stamps
- Local gifts and souvenirs

### Princes Risborough Information Centre

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Thursday 10am – 4pm, Friday 10am – 5pm  
(please note the desk is closed daily between 1pm and 1.30pm)

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## Travel and Transport

### By Road

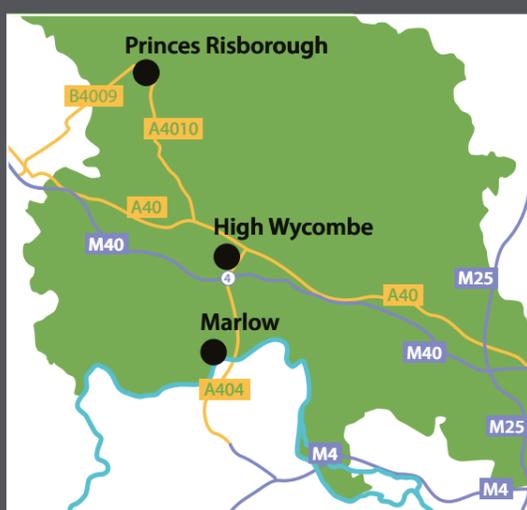
You can reach Princes Risborough from J6 of the M40 via the B4009 or from Junction 4 of the M40 via the A4010 High Wycombe to Aylesbury Road.

### By Rail

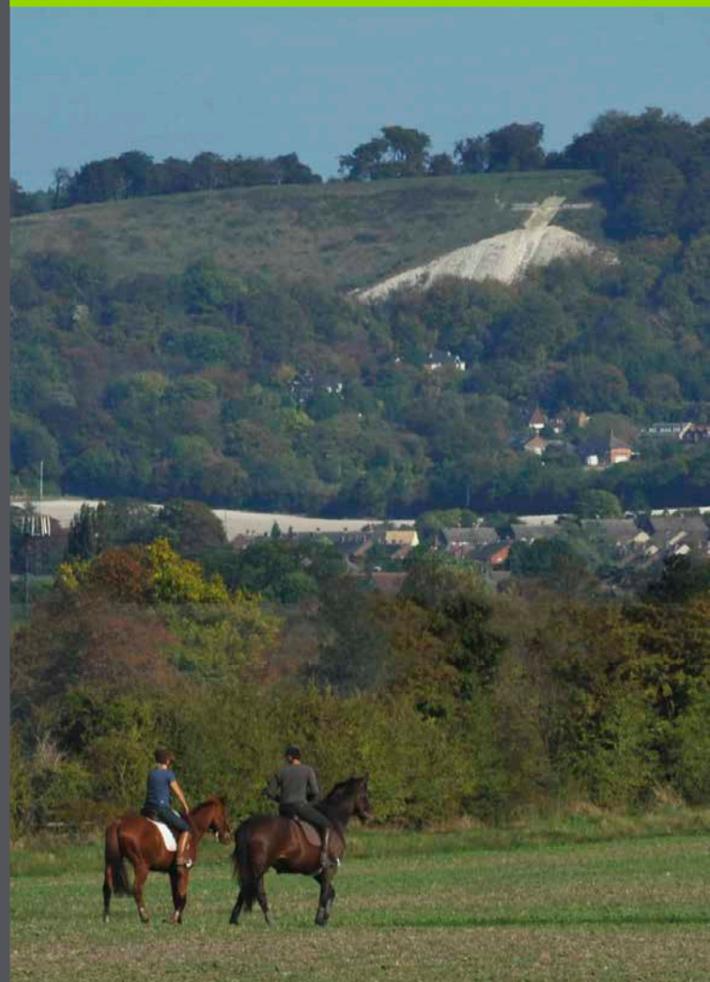
Princes Risborough station is just over half a mile from the town centre and sits on the Chiltern Railways London Marylebone to Birmingham line. Trains to London are frequent and take approximately 40 minutes. There is also a 45 minute rail connection to Oxford Parkway via Haddenham and Thame.

### By Bus

The 300 bus service travels between High Wycombe and Aylesbury up to every 15 minutes, stopping at Princes Risborough. High Wycombe bus station which is a 25 minute journey from Princes Risborough is well served with regular bus links to surrounding towns and villages and National Express coach services to Oxford and Luton and Stansted airports. A variety of other National Express services also stop at High Wycombe Coachway situated at junction 4 of the M40.

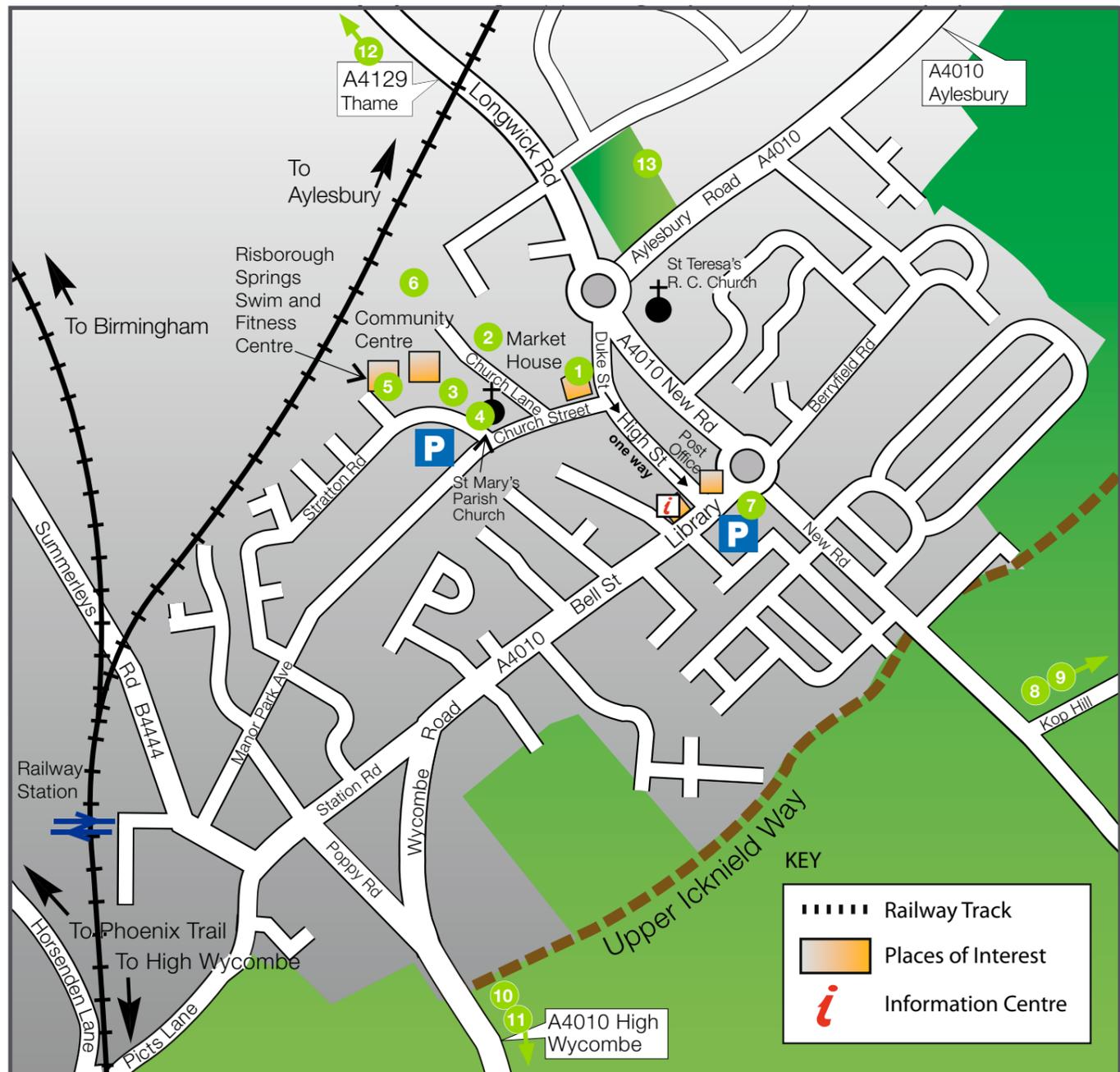
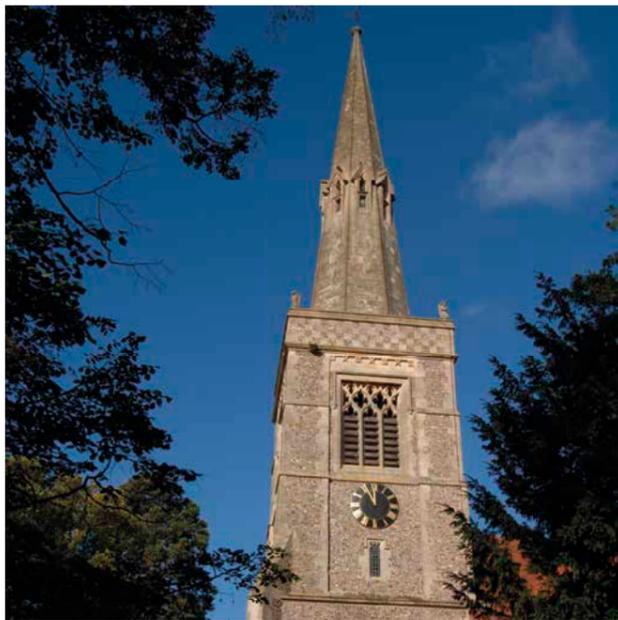


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## Exploring the Town

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- 13 King George V Recreational Ground



## Points of Interest

- 1 **Market House** – this Grade II listed building dates from the early 17th Century and was modified in 1824. It now stands as the town's war memorial.
- 2 **Manor House** – now owned by the National Trust but let as a private residence, the Manor House dates from early to mid-17th Century. It has a magnificent Jacobean staircase and balustrade.
- 3 **Monks Staithe (Amy Johnson's house)** – opposite the Manor House, this pretty 17th Century half-timbered house has a supposed connection with Notley Abbey. It was briefly occupied by the famous Aviatrix of the 1930's, Amy Johnson.
- 4 **St Mary's Church** - St Mary's is a beautiful flint church. There has probably been a church on this site since Norman times, although the earliest written record is in the 12th Century. St Mary's has undergone many modifications but the present building dates mainly from 13th and 14th centuries.
- 5 **Risborough Springs Swim and Fitness Centre** - swim and fitness centre with 25m pool, 30 station gym and fitness studio.
- 6 **Wades Park** – a large park with playing fields, enclosed children's play area for under 6s, multi-use games area and adult fitness equipment.
- 7 **Pudding Stone** – this block of pebble conglomerate commonly known as a pudding stone, sits prominently on the roundabout in Horns Lane. It is one of several in the Chilterns thought to have been way-markers for pre-historic man.
- 8 **Whiteleaf Cross** – first recorded in the 1700s, Whiteleaf Cross is a dramatic landmark cut into the chalk hillside above Princes Risborough. There is a Neolithic burial mound a few yards away as well as practice trenches used during the First World War years.
- 9 **Brush Hill Nature Reserve** - lies on the Chiltern escarpment and reflects the rich and varied habitats that can be found in the woodlands and chalk grassland in the area.
- 10 **Lacey Green Windmill** – the oldest surviving smock mill in England, open May to September Sunday and Bank Holidays 2pm to 5pm.
- 11 **The Horse Trust (Speen)** – the world's oldest horse charity providing retirement and respite for working horses as well as sanctuary for ponies and donkeys, open Thursday to Sunday 2pm to 5pm [www.horsetrust.org.uk](http://www.horsetrust.org.uk)
- 12 **Chinnor and Princes Risborough Railway** – a preserved steam railway operating passenger services between the stations at Chinnor and Princes Risborough on part of the old Great Western Railway line branch [www.chinnorrailway.co.uk](http://www.chinnorrailway.co.uk)
- 13 **King George V recreational ground** – with a large children's play area including a zip wire and a skateboard park

## Local walks

Walking is the best way to enjoy both the town and surrounding countryside. Most local walks are off road, but some use quiet country lanes.

### The Phoenix Trail

This was originally the Risborough to Thame railway. The track is now part of the National Cycle Network. It is a tranquil path shared by walkers, cyclists and horse riders. 14 miles return. [www.sustrans.org.uk](http://www.sustrans.org.uk)

### Whiteleaf Cross

Whiteleaf Hill is very popular for picnics and short walks. On a clear day there are stunning views across Buckinghamshire and it is the perfect spot to fly a kite. There is a car park located at the top of the hill on Peters Lane.

### Brush Hill

Located opposite Whiteleaf Hill car park, a beautiful spot with fantastic views and an array of wildlife. You can take a short walk of half a mile walk on level woodland ground or a longer walk of just less than a mile which extends onto the open hillside and grasslands [www.chilternsociety.org.uk](http://www.chilternsociety.org.uk)

### The Ridgeway

The Ridgeway National Trail passes just half a mile from the town centre. Heading South West, Saunderton is a 2.5 mile walk with an extra 2 miles to the railway station. Heading North East, Wendover is 6.5 miles away, with easy access to Coombe Hill for superb views over the Prime Minister's country home, Chequers. [www.nationaltrail.co.uk](http://www.nationaltrail.co.uk)

### Local Circular Walks

There are six waymarked local walks starting mostly from the town centre and designed to pass places of interest, such as Whiteleaf Cross, Monks Risborough and Saunderton. Distances vary from 2.5 miles to 7 miles. A leaflet of Circular Walks is available at Princes Risborough Information Centre.

*More information on walking and cycling in Princes Risborough is available from Princes Risborough Information Centre.*

