



Somerset – why is it a great place to live and work?

Somerset is the UK's seventh biggest county and shares borders with Gloucestershire, Bristol, Wiltshire, Dorset and Devon. It's a landscape of rural rolling hills, coastal cliffs, cityscapes and quintessential villages. It is truly a diverse and interesting place to live.



All Hallows Preparatory School is situated 7 miles from Frome, a bustling and eclectic market town keen on independence and its sense of community. A strong pull for young people and families due to the many amenities, including The Westway Cinema, the Black Swan arts centre, the Cheese and Grain music and events venue, the Frome Independent, a food market which attracts thousands on the first Sunday of the month from March to December and The Frome Arts Festival. With many places to eat and drink, high-street and independent artisan shops and not to mention being named as the Sunday Times' best place to live in the South West, this is a fantastic, vibrant and popular town.



9 miles south of All Hallows is Bruton, a small ancient town notable for being listed in the Domesday Book of 1086. Despite being small the town has many shops and amenities and some fantastic restaurants. The Chapel is well known for its food, wine shop, bakery and having one of their takeaway pizzas from the huge pizza oven is well worth a visit! Matt's Kitchen is an intimate dining experience in the comfort of Matt's living room and the well-known Hauser and Wirth Gallery with the Roth Bar and Grill is a great place for food, drinks and music. Bruton is easily accessible and has everything you need within walking distance!



Other notable places nearby are the historic spa city of Bath, the vibrant City of Bristol, the free -spirited town of Glastonbury and Wells, the smallest city in England.



With the highest percentage of listed buildings in the UK, Somerset has some fantastic architecture and many English Heritage and National Trust houses, gardens and sites to visit, including the fabulous Montacute House, historically owned by the man who made the opening statement for the prosecution against the notorious Guy Fawkes. Take a drive around the local area and you're bound to come across a few chocolate box villages or two.



Somerset is also home to the world-renowned Glastonbury Festival. The Bath and West Showground, only 6 miles away, holds many eclectic events including an Antique and Collectors Fair, New Wine and the Royal Bath and West Show. The famous Cheddar Gorge and Wookey Hole caves are 30 minutes away, and a drive south brings you to the World Heritage Site of the Jurassic Coast with its coves, beaches and cliffs.



Somerset has a friendly, laid back attitude to life and its wealth of historic and stunning towns, villages and cities and the vast array of activities, events and places to visit are the reason why it is such a great place to live and work. There is never a dull day in Somerset!

