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Ashford to Tenterden (Route 18)



A 12 mile (19km) cycle route forming part of the
Sustrans National Cycle Network



Situated in the heart of the 'Garden of England', Ashford, Tenterden and the surrounding picturesque villages offer the ideal setting for leisurely cycle tours. The 'Parish Pedals' pack, which is available from local TICs, gives details of attractive circular routes away from the busy main roads, while Ashford and Tenterden are now linked by a signed cycle trail - regional route 18. This 12 mile route, which has undergone a thorough safety audit, passes close to many tourist attractions, such as the Kent and East Sussex Railway, as well as numerous country pubs and tea rooms



Situés au coeur du 'Jardin d'Angleterre', Ashford, Tenterden et les pittoresques villages environnants offrent un cadre idéal pour d'agréables promenades en vélo. Le dossier 'Parish Pedals', disponible, auprès des syndicats d'initiatives de la région, fournit des renseignements sur les jolies routes circulaires, à l'écart de la circulation, alors que les villes d'Ashford et Tenterden sont maintenant reliées par une piste cyclable clairement indiquée, la route régionale 18. Cette route d'une longueur de 19 km a subi une inspection de sécurité rigoureuse et passe à proximité de nombreuses attractions touristiques, comme le chemin de fer du Kent et du East Sussex, ainsi que de nombreux pubs et salons de thé rustiques.

Ashford, Tenterden en de schilerachtige dorpjes in de omgeving zijn gelegen in het hart van de 'Tuin van Engeland' en bieden de ideale achtergrond voor ontspannende fietstochten. Het 'Parish Pedals' pakket, dat verkrijgbaar is van plaatselijke TICs [VVV's], geeft bijzonderheden over aantrekkelijke cikeltochten op een afstand van de drukke hoofdwegen, terwijl Ashford en Tenterden nu verbonden zijn door een fietspad met richtingborden - regionale route 18. Deze ongeveer 19 km lange route, die een grondige veiligheidscontrole heeft ondergaan, gaat vlak langs vele bezienswaardigheden, zoals de Kent en Oost Sussex Spoorlijn, en ook langs een groot aantal landelijke pubs en tearooms.

Im Herzen des 'Gartens von England' liegen Ashford, Tenterden und ihre malerischen Nachbardörfer, deren ideale Lage zu gemächlichen Radtouren geradezu einlädt. Im 'Parish-Pedal-Pack', erhältlich beim örtlicheb Fremdenverkehrsamt, finden Sie Einzelheiten zu wunderschönen Rundwegen, die weit ab der viel befahrenen Hauptstraßen liegen, während Ashford und Tenterden seit kurzem durch einen ausgeschilderten Radweg verbunden sind die regionale Route 18. Diese etwa 19 km lange Route, welche einer gründlichen Sicherheitsüberprüfung unterzogen wurde, führt direkt an vielen Touristenattraktionen vorbei, eiw z. B. die Kent und East Sussex Railway sowie zahlreiche Country Pubs und Teestuben.

ASHFORD TO TENDERDEN CYCLE ROUTE 18

Follow the numbered green dots on the map:

1. Your journey starts at **Ashford International** (Connex South Eastern domestic station). On exiting the station turn right towards the car park, cross the river to the signed cycle paths, and follow signs towards Victoria Park. After passing under the railway, when the cycle path ends, carefully cross Newtown Road, turn right and cycle along the road. Bearing left, cross the road to rejoin the cycle path. At the end of the cycle path, cross over Beaver Road and turn right. Cycle along the road for a short distance and almost immediately turn left to rejoin the cycle path.

Continue along the cycle path, crossing the bridge and through the cycle barriers to Victoria Park, following the Great Stour river for approximately 1.5 miles until it ends at Brookfield Road. After crossing the road turn right to immediately rejoin the cycle path which goes around Singleton Lake, following signs to Great Chart village. When the cycle path ends, turn left into Bucksford Lane and continue to the end of the road. At the junction, turn right on to Tithe Barn Lane and almost immediately left into Singleton Hill.

2. Once on Singleton Hill, on your left you will pass the Singleton Centre, a group of shops and the Singleton Barn pub. Continue up the hill for about ½ mile until you start to leave the houses behind you, then take the next turning on the left followed by the next turning on the right. The road then starts to go downhill as you leave Ashford behind, passing through Chilmington Green with its farms and pretty cottages.

Ashford Town Centre



3. At the bottom on the hill you will come to a T-junction. Turn left towards Shadoxhurst and Kingsnorth and head along this road taking the next right turn onto a country lane. Travel along the lane for 1 mile to another T-junction, turn left towards Shadoxhurst village. Turn right at the next T-junction, opposite the Kings Head pub. Continue along this lane, passing a garage on your right and Church Lane on your left.

4. Take the next available right, signposted High Halden. Whilst cycling along this lane you will pass woodland on your left and farms on your right. Then you come to a crossroad, after checking for traffic go straight across. Continue on for 1½ miles to the next crossroads, continue straight on again.

The Chequers Inn - High Halden



5. The road bends several times here so take care. After the last bend, the road starts to go downhill through a picturesque avenue of oak trees. As the road levels out you will come to a sweeping right hand bend - turn left into Harbourne Lane.

6. Once in Harbourne Lane follow the road round to the right, passing arable fields and then bearing left into Pond Wood - in the spring this wood is a mass of bluebells and wood anemones. Once through the wood the road bends to the left and then passes farm land to another T-junction/ Take the right fork turning into Swain Road towards St. Michaels.

7. As you continue up Swain Road you will come to a turning on your left marked Ox Lane. Here you need to decide whether you will turn left to Tenterden (2 miles) or go straight on to Tunbridge Wells (32 miles).

8. **FOR TENTERDEN** turn left into Ox Lane and continue along until you come to the Fat Ox pub and a T-junction. Please take extreme care when joining the road as the A28 is very busy. Turn left and go up the hill. This road is narrow so we advise you to dismount and push your bike to the top of the hill - about 100 metres - until the road widens. Remount and follow the road into Tenterden High Street.

Tenterden High Street



When leaving Tenterden head down the High Street in the direction of Rolvenden. Follow this road for ½ mile, passing the William Caxton pub on your left. Take the next right, signposted A228 to Cranbrook, go down the hill and over the railway crossing. Take the next right. Follow this lane for some distance around a sharp right hand bend until you come to a triangular warning sign with a picture of a cow. Turn left here to follow route 18 to Tunbridge Wells (approx 30 miles). Alternatively, for Ashford go straight on into St Michaels village to the Crown pub and the T-junction with the A28. Turn right onto the A28, taking care at this busy junction, then turn immediately left into Swain Road following the signs back to Ashford.

10. **FOR TUNBRIDGE WELLS** (by-passing Tenterden) continue straight on along Swain Road to the T-junction with the A28. Go straight across into Grange Road, heading up the hill out of the village for 1 mile, taking a right turn at Silcocks dairy farm and then down the hill to Tunbridge Wells.

For further information on the Tenterden to Tunbridge Wells section of Route 18, please look out for the 'Weald on Wheels' Tenterden to Tunbridge Wells map.



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All Connex South Eastern trains operating within Kent can carry a limited number of cycles free of charge. Train enquiries: 0345 484950

For further cycling information contact:


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The Canterbury Environment Centre
St. Alphege Lane, Canterbury
Kent CT1 2EB (Wed - Sat)
Tel: 01227 457009

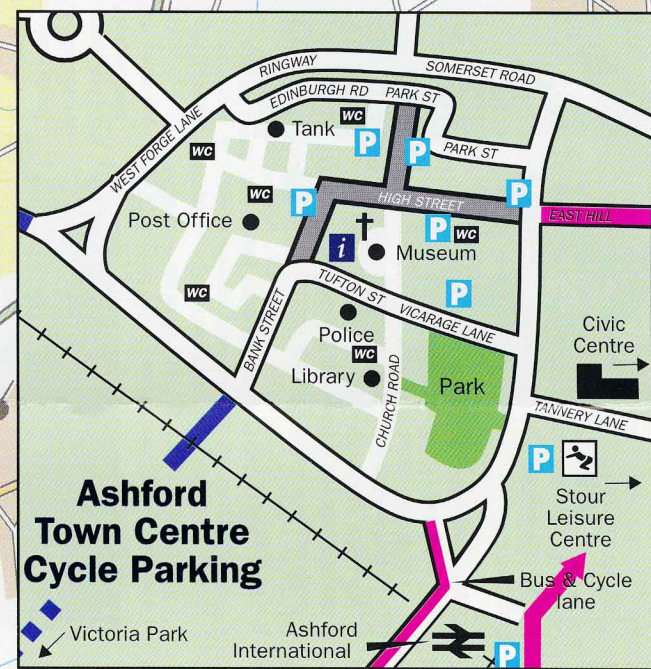
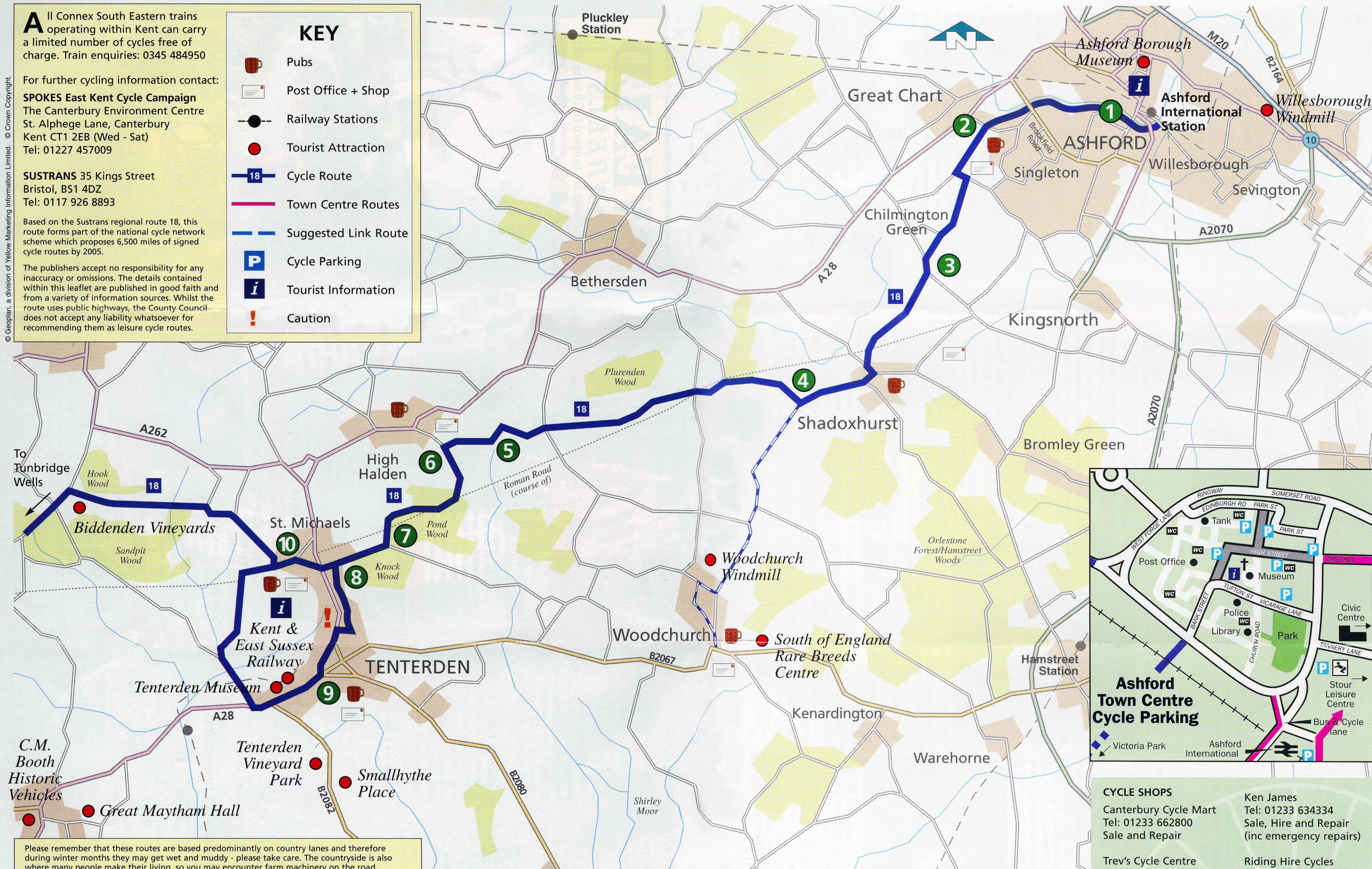
SUSTRANS 35 Kings Street
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Based on the Sustrans regional route 18, this route forms part of the national cycle network scheme which proposes 6,500 miles of signed cycle routes by 2005.

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C.M. Booth Historic Vehicles

Great Maytham Hall

Please remember that these routes are based predominantly on country lanes and therefore during winter months they may get wet and muddy - please take care. The countryside is also where many people make their living, so you may encounter farm machinery on the road. Although there are several places to stop en route for food and drink, it is always advisable to carry something with you.

For further details on the area contact:
Ashford Tourist Information Centre, 18 The Churchyard, Ashford, Kent TN23 1QG
Tel: 01233 629165, fax 01233 639166, Email: abc.media@easynet.co.uk
Tenterden Tourist Information Centre, The Town Hall, High Street, Tenterden, Kent TN30 6AN (summer only) Tel: 01580 763572, fax 01580 766863



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| Canterbury Cycle Mart
Tel: 01233 662800
Sale and Repair | Ken James
Tel: 01233 634334
Sale, Hire and Repair
(inc emergency repairs) |
| Trev's Cycle Centre
Tel: 01233 641310
Sale and Repair | Riding Hire Cycles
Tel: 01233 610001
Sale and Repair |
| Halfords
Tel: 01233 664513
Sale and repair | Apollo Cycle Sport
Tel: 01580 765612
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ATTRACTIONS IN THE AREA

- **Ashford Borough Museum**

Tel: 01233 629165

A varied collection of Ashford's history is housed here.

- **C.M. Booth Collection of Historic Vehicles, Rolvenden**

Tel: 01580 241234

Discover a unique collection of Morgan three-wheeled cars dating from 1913-1935 and a host of other automobilia.

- **Kent & East Sussex Railway, Tenterden**

Tel: 01580 765155

Take a nostalgic trip through 7 miles of unspoilt countryside behind a full-size steam engine on Britain's first full size light railway.

- **South of England Rare Breed Centre, Woodchurch**

Tel: 01233 861493

Enjoy a family day out on the farm with plenty of animals to see and touch.

- **Willesborough Windmill, Ashford**

Tel: 01233 625643

This fully restored stock mill was built in 1869, and now houses numerous articles representing Ashford's industrial heritage.

- **Tenterden Vineyard Park**

Tel: 01580 763033

Explore the herb garden, and take a guided tour around the vineyard, home of the award winning Chapel wines.

- **Biddenden Vineyards**

Tel: 01580 291726

Kent's oldest commercial vineyard with 22 acres of vines and famous for its award winning cider.

- **Great Maytham Hall, Rolvenden**

Tel: 01580 241346

Designed by Edwin Luytens around 1910 the 18 acres of grounds contain the walled Garden which inspired the classic novel the 'Secret Garden'.

- **Smallhythe Place, Tenterden**

Tel: 01580 762334

This 16th century half-timbered house contains theatrical memorabilia belonging to the famous Shakespearean actress Dame Ellen Terry. Closed Thursday and Friday.

- **Tenterden & District Museum**

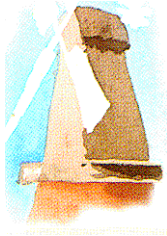
Tel: 01580 764310

Displays covering more than 1000 years of local history, relating to hop-picking and the Cinque Ports.

- **Woodchurch Windmill**

Tel: 01233 860043

This is an impressive white stock mill which enjoys extensive views over the marshes to the channel.



CYCLE FRIENDLY ACCOMMODATION

ASHFORD

Buxford Mill
Tel: (01233) 633316

Warren Cottage Hotel
Tel: (01233) 621905

The Locomotive Inn
Tel: (01233) 620741

TENTERDEN

Collina House Hotel
Tel: (01580) 764852/764004

Little Silver Country Hotel
Tel: (01233) 850321

The White Lion Hotel
Tel: (01580) 765077

The Woolpack Hotel
Tel: (01580) 762934

Old Burren
Tel: (01580) 764442

Eight Bells Public House
Tel: (01580) 762788

The White Cottage
Tel: (01233) 850583

Brattle House
Tel: (01580) 763565

The William Caxton
Tel: (01580) 763142

HIGH HALDEN

Turks Head Farm
Tel: (01233) 850279

Monarch House
Tel: (01233) 850316

Bachelors Cottage
Tel: (01233) 850280

10 The Martins
Tel: (01233) 850859

Badgers
Tel: (01233) 850158

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(inc emergency repairs)

Riding Hire Cycles
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Sale and Repair

Apollo Cycle Sport
Tel: 01580 765612
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