

Tiverton is a prospering market town situated in the heart of the Devon countryside. Being close to the North Devon Link Road and the M5 it has excellent travel links.

Tiverton Parkway Railway Station is only seven miles away and there is a Bus Station close to the town centre.



Peoples Park. Photo: Elaine Trump

About Tiverton

The north, south and east coasts of Devon are within an hours drive. Each coast offers some excellent and varied beaches with those on the north coast popular with surfers. Exmoor and Dartmoor are both within easy travelling distance and while each moor is different in character, they both have spectacular landscapes and are popular with walkers. The Grand Western Canal and Country Park begin on the edge of the town and there are lots of other tourist attractions for all ages in Devon. Tiverton is ideally situated for anyone touring the westcountry. For anyone considering staying in the and around the town there are two good large hotels and a number of smaller establishments offering accommodation in the town centre, on the edge of the town and in the countryside.

Tiverton has a thriving town centre and there are a wide variety of shops and businesses, with a good mix of national chain stores and privately owned, which makes shopping an interesting and enjoyable experience. An active Trade Association is working to promote Tiverton and enhance business in the town (for details visit www.tivertontown.org). For anyone seeking refreshment or a meal there are a number of cafes, bars and restaurants all with their own different style. Four of the larger supermarket chains have stores in and around the town and there are farming, building and DIY stores on the edge of the town. There are a number of hair and barber shops in addition to beauty and therapy businesses. Most of the main bank and building societies have branches in the town. The Pannier Market has a general market on Tuesday, Friday and Saturday each week, bringing local producers into the town. On Mondays there is an antiques and flea market. Look out for special events such as Food and Drink Festivals on Sundays. Tiverton is fortunate to still have a Tourist Information Centre which promotes events and attractions in the area. Bus tickets, books, maps and gifts can also be purchased here. During the Summer the town prides itself on the floral displays in its centre which are a part of its entry in South West in Bloom. Tiverton in Bloom has a history of success in this competition with a number of Silver Gilt awards. At Christmas it is well worth a visit to see the Christmas lights display in the town centre and Westex. There is an annual Christmas Lights Switch On Event with entertainment early in the Christmas period. A new community event is A-Light for Tiverton, a lantern procession through the town centre. Tivyfest takes place in May and brings together a full programme of events. Close to the centre in Beck's Square is Tiverton's veritable gem of a Museum. The Tivoli Cinema provides a good range of films,

including recent releases, for cinema goers. Devon County Council provides a recycling centre at Ashley, on the outskirts of the town.

For anyone interested in sport Tiverton has plenty to offer. The Exe Valley Leisure Centre, run by Mid Devon District Council, has a swimming pool and gym. Close by are the grounds of Tiverton Town Football Club and Tiverton Rugby Club and there are a number of youth teams which play on pitches around the town. Adjacent to Amory Park there is an indoor bowls centre and there are three bowling clubs with their own facilities at other locations in the town. Other sporting groups provide opportunities to play and compete in many sports including hockey, tennis, running, rowing, weightlifting etc. There is a riding stables on the outskirts of the town offering hacking and lessons.

Local drama, dance, operatic and theatre groups meet in the town and put on excellent shows at the New Hall. They offer opportunities and classes for all ages. The New Hall is a multi purpose facility, owned by Tiverton Town Council, which can be hired for a variety of events including shows, weddings, parties, meetings and training. The Town Hall also has rooms which can be hired for events and meetings. There are also three community centres in the town offering classes and facilities for hire.

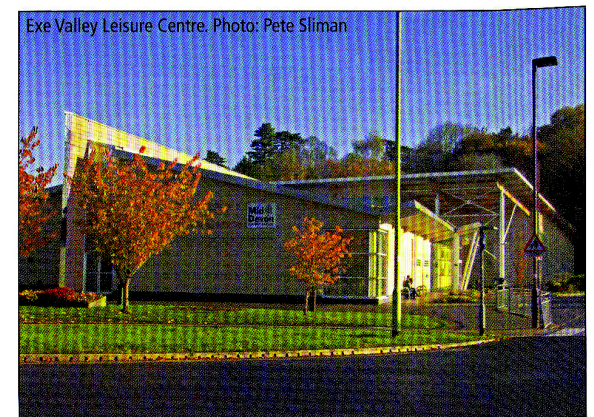
There are a number of churches and Christian Communities in the town who participate in a variety of activities and events in addition to the normal worship and service.

Within Tiverton there are two doctor practices and a small hospital with a minor injuries unit. There are dental practises offering NHS treatment. For anyone with a pet there are two veterinary practises in the town.

Tiverton offers a good choice of schools. Within the parish boundary there are seven primary schools and a secondary school. In addition there is an independent school offering education from 3 - 18 years.

Amory Park, Peoples Park and Westex Recreation Ground all provide green space not far from the centre. At Westex Rec there is a paddling pool for young children as well as play equipment. During the summer there are often concerts at the Band Stand. Peoples Park also has play equipment in addition to areas of grass and trees. Families can often be found spending a summer day in these parks. Parts of two old railway lines have been turned into walks, one of which can be used to link in with a walk along the canal, and there are a number of public footpaths in the area. The canal also offers an eleven mile cycle track. Close to the town centre is the river walk.

Tiverton is Devon's Grand Western Town.



Exe Valley Leisure Centre. Photo: Pete Sliman