Chilterns Food & Drink and the Visitor Experience

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Chilterns Food & Drink specialities?

- Historic specialities ...Aylesbury duck, Aylesbury prune, watercress, cherry pie, Bedfordshire clangers...
- Strong links to the landscape...‘terroir’
- Grass-fed lamb and beef, outdoor reared pork. Charcuterie
- Chilterns wine, beer, gin, cider
- Dairy products....cheese, milk, ice-cream, kefir
- Honey, preserves, rape seed oils
- BUT not well developed as a foodie destination – lots of potential!
A dynamic scene…

Chiltern Cold Pressed Extra Virgin Rapeseed Oil is grown, pressed, and bottled by the Mead family at Woburn Great Farm where they have been farming Chiltern Hills since 1869.

This award-winning oil has a unique and delicious flavour which is rich in vitamins E, 3, 6, and 9. Chiltern Cold Pressed Rapeseed Oil has no artificial flavourings or preservatives and is naturally high in vitamin E.

This versatile oil is ideal for dressings and marinades and with its high smoking points it is great for roasting and stir-fry. A healthy alternative to olive oil.

Visit Our Store

Awards Winning Ale

Beechwood Bitter
amber, nutty, toffee, fruity 4.3% vol.

The Chiltern Brewery

Just Biscuits

Cheddar & Chilli

Oatlip & Chilli Goblets

Quality Kentish Gherkins

Organic Still Cider

Ultra Sonic Gin

Wildlife Trusts

Herts and Middlesex

Chiltern Cream Co Blackcurrant Sorbet

Chiltern Cream Co Blackcurrant

Chiltern Cream Co Gold Ale

The Chiltern Brewery

Framlingham Cider

Bromlingstone Distillery
Potential to attract visitors: not just ‘Shop Local’

Wendover and Chilterns

FOOD AND DRINK GUIDE

The historic market towns of Wendover and Great Missenden nestle on the edge of the wooded hills, offering easy access to a wonderful choice of walks and rides, yet just 30 minutes by train from London.

It is a rural area with lots of small hamlets and a dynamic food and drink scene. There micro-breweries offering tours and tastings and some excellent country pubs and restaurants. The specialty shops, Roald Dahl Museum, Wendover Woods and fabulous afternoon tea locations will keep you coming back!

Food and drink experiences

The market town of Wendover and its rural hinterland has a growing reputation for fine food and drink.

No 2 Round Street award-winning deli specialists in artisan wines, charcuterie and cheeses. Pop in there for a coffee or

The first celebration of Chilterns Food & Drink festival

30 participating organisations

Chilterns Food & Drink Festival 2017
25 March to 2 April

A Taste of the Chilterns
A guide to our great food and drink destinations

An Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
Tour operators have developed themed F&D itineraries

The Chilterns are an underrated part of England in our opinion and offer a perfect landscape for a gentle walking tour. Just as pretty as The Cotswolds but

~ CHILTERN CYCLING AND CHOCOLATE MAKING ~
Local Producer Walks piloted...

Chilterns F&D Festival – Vineyard tours, brewery tours, Meet the Producer walks
Chilterns Walking Festival Foodie Walks

Chilterns taster - farmshop lunch & landmarks loop with Ridgeway Trail officer (007)

Buckmoorend Farm, meal deal for CWF walkers

Mini-tour and tasting

Bull on Bell Street, microbrewery tour

Christmas Common Cheese & Pub Walk (2901)
Local produce tasting at Barton Hill Nature Reserve
Lots of new farm-based enterprises opened last 18 months
Outdoor cafes ideal for walkers...Nettlebed Creamery
The Barn at Turville Heath

90% of what we serve is made on the farm or by someone very local.
Koko's at Shardeloes Lake
Look out for pop-up cafes

The Lockdown Lodge, Hambleden Lock

And new on the scene....

Fairmile Vineyard open days. family (and dog)-friendly self-guided tours & tastings. BYO picnic.
Future opportunities

• Chilterns Food & Drink Experiences – marketing and bookability
• Chilterns Walking Festival 16 – 31 October
• Chilterns Food & Drink Festivals 24 – 31 Oct
• Food and Drink trails
• Farming in Protected Landscape programme (FIPL)
• Local networks – working together!