

Members' Weekend and Plant Exchange, 5-7 June 2026

We're asking you to book your own accommodation and you'll find there's plenty on offer. We've provided some suggestions below, along with details about how to get here. We will feed you well on Friday night at the dinner event, as well as lunch on Saturday. For the rest of your stay, you might like to know that Bury St Edmunds is the foodie capital of Suffolk. You will find many places to eat and drink, each with their own unique atmosphere.

If you have any questions, please just let us know and we'll do our best to help. Email membership@plantheritage.org.uk or call the office on 01483 447540

GETTING HERE

Venue addresses:

- Guildhall: Guildhall Street, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, IP33 1PR
- Helmingham Hall: Stowmarket IP14 6EF <https://www.helmingham.com>
- Fransden Hall Barn: Fransden, Suffolk IP14 6HL

Getting to Bury St Edmunds

- By train: Bury St Edmunds has a train station with fast trains from Cambridge (30 mins) as well as trains to London and other cities. The Guildhall is a 10-15 minute walk away. From the Abbey Gate on Angel Hill in the town centre, head up Abbeygate Street to the top. Turn left on to Guildhall Street, where the Guildhall will be on the left-hand side.
- By car: West Suffolk Council has a very efficient website listing the six long-stay, one flexi-stay and nine short-stay car parks and the on-street parking in Bury St Edmunds. It also tells you which parking apps it uses, when the car parks are open, what they cost and how many spaces there are. www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/parking/car_parks/bse_car_parks/

Getting to Helmingham Hall and Fransden Barn

- By train: If you are just coming for the Saturday, the nearest station is Wickham Market (actually in Campsea Ashe) and the nearest mainline station is Ipswich. If you are coming by train, please let us know when you book and we will see if we can organise some shared lifts or taxis from the station.
- By car: There is plenty of parking both at Helmingham Hall and Fransden Hall Barn

USEFUL WEBSITES

English Heritage

www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/bury-st-edmunds-abbey

National Garden Scheme

<https://ngs.org.uk/gardens/in/bury-st-edmunds/>

The Tourist Trail

www.thetouristtrail.org/guides/suffolk-guides/a-guide-to-bury-st-edmunds/

Visit Bury St Edmunds

What's on at the Theatre Royal, cathedral, markets, cycling, walking, dog-friendly places

www.Visit-burystedmunds.co.uk

Visit East of England

www.visiteastofengland.com/post/spend-a-day-in-bury-st-edmunds

What's on, West Suffolk

<https://www.whatsonwestsuffolk.co.uk/parks/>

WHERE TO STAY

We have put together a list of potential places in and around our market town on the following pages. We have not tested all of these and we obviously cannot take responsibility for these venues as Plant Heritage but we hope it will help. There are other places to stay too. If you are coming with friends or family or staying for longer, self-catered accommodation might be a good option. Many of the places in the list have good wheelchair access and are dog friendly but you should check with them when booking.

PLACES TO STAY

Ravenwood Hall Hotel

Rougham, IP30 9JA

www.ravenwoodhall.co.uk; 01359 270345

The Abbey Hotel

35 Southgate St, IP33 2AZ

www.abbeyhotel.co.uk; 01284 762020

The Angel Hotel

3 Angel Hill, Bury St Edmunds, IP33 1LT

www.theangel.co.uk; 01284 714000

The Bull Hotel

Hall Street, Long Melford, CO10 9JG

www.greenekinginns.co.uk; 01787 378494

The Elveden Inn

Brandon Rod, Elveden Estate, IP24 3TP.

www.elvedeninn.com; 01842 890876

The Swan Hotel & Spa

High Street, Lavenham, CO10 9QA

www.theswanatlavenham.co.uk; 01787 247477

Heritage Grange At Thurston

Barton Rd, Thurston, IP31 3PQ

www.heritagegrangethurston.com; 01359 231260

The Weeping Willow

39 Bury Rd, Barrow Hill, Barrow, IP29 5AB

www.theweepingwillow.co.uk; 01284 771881

Rooms and seven lodges

The Six Bells Inn

Davey's Lane, Bardwell, IP31 1AW

<https://sixbellsbardwell.co.uk>; 01359 250820

Haughley House

The Folly, Haughley, Stowmarket, IP14 3NS

www.haughleyhouse.co.uk; 01449 763651

Luxury B&B

PREMIER INNS

Bury St Edmunds North (A14) hotel

Etna Rd, Bury St Edmunds, IP33 1JZ

www.premierinn.com; 0330 175 9014

Station 0.4 mile; parking

Bury St Edmunds Town Centre

The Churchyard, New Shire Hall, Raingate St,

IP33 1RX

Premier Inn

www.premierinn.com; 0333 321 9354

Central. Charged parking

The Dog and Partridge

29 Crown St, Bury St Edmunds, IP33 1QU

www.greenekinginns.co.uk; 01284 764792

The Fox

1 Eastgate St, Bury St Edmunds, IP33 1XX

www.greenekinginns.co.uk; 01284 705562

The Bushel

St John's St, Bury St Edmunds, IP33 1SN

www.greenekinginns.co.uk; 01284 754333

Easy walk from the station

The Limes Bar and Hotel

99 High St, Needham Market, IP6 8DQ

<https://limes-hotel.co.uk>; 01449 763652

Close to the A14