

# FROME

The historic town of Frome has shops to suit all tastes, from the larger high street retailers, to the niche independent stores that attract numerous visitors to the town each year. Browse through the quaint side streets full of character, stroll down the cobbled lanes, roam around the main street and take a look at the range of tempting markets held in the town. Frome also has a thriving arts scene and events programme, the pinnacle of which is the annual 10-day **Frome Festival**, which takes place in July and features more than 160 events around the town.

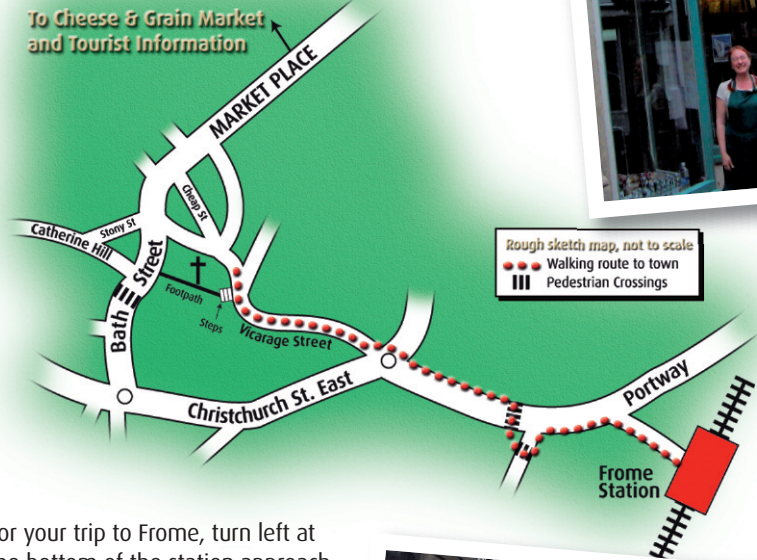
Here you will find great shopping as well as a superb range of freshly baked bread, cakes and pastries at **The Old Bake House**, healthy foods, grains and pulses at **Frome Wholefoods**, a splendid traditional independent greengrocer and other welcoming cafés and pubs. Serious food lovers should not miss **Sagebury Cheese**. An extensive range of local

cheeses is supplemented with locally sourced milk, eggs and meat, and a range of oils, condiments and ingredients to delight the most demanding chef.

At the end of Cheap Street, you come to **Market Place**. Cross over and head up Stony Street and you will find **CATHERINE HILL**, another of Frome's most popular and distinctive streets.



Frome's markets are held near here as well as in the **Cheese and Grain** market hall. From here, it is just a few steps to the **Tourist Information Centre**. Call the friendly staff there on **01373 467271** for a free map guide to the town by post, or see their website [www.frometouristinfo.com](http://www.frometouristinfo.com)



For your trip to Frome, turn left at the bottom of the station approach road and at traffic lights / pedestrian crossings continue straight ahead. At the roundabout, bear right into Vicarage Street, downhill past the church, turning left into Church Street. **CHEAP STREET** will be ahead of you, characterised by the historic water culvert running down the middle of the street.



The cobbled lane curves upwards and is lined with a wide range of quality independent shops and boutiques, great for original gifts or that special outfit. Here you will find a wide choice of shopping, from the independent designer goldsmith **Annette Gabbedey**, gorgeous lingerie at **Opal**, quality clothing and millinery at **Bea & Evie's** right up to Frome Model Shop at the top of Catherine Hill.

Back down to the Market Place head for the Cheese and Grain, venue for many of Frome's food and music events with its own excellent café, or try Divas situated in the lovely complex of art galleries and workshops at the **Black Swan Arts Centre**.



## REGULAR MARKETS IN FROME

Frome has a thriving tradition of splendid markets, and it would be well worth planning your visit around one of these.

### GENERAL MARKETS:

Every Wednesday and Saturday in the central Market Yard Car Park and in Market Place.



### ANTIQUES, COLLECTORS & FLEA MARKET:

Every Wednesday 8.30am to 3.00pm



### COUNTRY MARKET:

Every Thursday 8.00am to 12.00noon.

**FARMERS' MARKET:** 2nd Saturday 09.00 to 12.00noon.

### FARMERS' AND CRAFTS MARKET:

4th Saturday 09.00 to 2.00pm.

For more information, including additional special markets and events see [www.cheeseandgrain.co.uk](http://www.cheeseandgrain.co.uk)

## FROME STATION

First opened in 1850, this is one of the oldest functioning railway stations in Britain.



Frome Station in 1900



Frome station in 2008

The original wooden train shed is a rare survivor, and the last one in Britain through which trains still pass.

The station was restored with the help of the Railway Heritage Trust just under a decade ago, and has recently undergone further improvements by train operator First Great Western, working with the rail partnership, the Frome Public Transport Users Association and Mendip District Council.

