



Local fun

In our 'new normal' post COVID19, everything listed below is obviously now subject to change / opening / social distancing measures etc. We absolutely highly recommend that you check directly with anyone listed that they are indeed operating before heading to see them.



We are very lucky! We are surrounded by great walks, lovely villages and great pubs!
We highly recommend...

Fine Dining

The Falcon, Buntingford

Dog friendly  outside only

Distance: 10 minute drive away

www.falconrestaurant.co.uk

For a fine dining experience with classic British flavours at their heart, their menus are a celebration of seasonality, and they champion produce from local farmers and suppliers. Mention that you are staying at Bethnal&Bec and enjoy a free cocktail during your meal. They have also opened a wonderful deli for dine in and takeaway which serves casual lunch dishes alongside artisan produce.



Pubs

The Bull (our 'local'), Cottered

Dog friendly  garden only

Distance: 500m away up the main road in the village

www.thebullcottered.co.uk

A highly regarded gastropub. Unfortunately, it's the only pub that doesn't allow dogs! (they are welcome in the garden). Please note that The Bull closes between their lunch & dinner service (3.00pm-6.00pm)

The Cricketers, Weston

Dog friendly   

Distance: 5 mile walk or 10 min drive

www.thecricketersweston.co.uk/

Lovely pizzas, lovely pub.

The Fox at Aspenden, Aspenden

Dog friendly   

Distance: 7 mile walk or 10 minute drive

www.thefoxaspenden.co.uk/

Good but basic food we hear! Dogs are very welcome.



Fox and Duck, Therfield

Dog friendly



Distance: 15 minute drive away

www.foxandduck.co.uk/

Voted best pub in Hertfordshire, and one of our favourite pubs. Really great food & lovely walks from the pub. Very dog friendly. One of our favourite pubs. Ivan the landlord is fabulous! Mention that you are staying with Bethnal&Bec and enjoy a free pudding.

Jolly Waggoners, Ardeley

Dog friendly



Distance: 2 mile walk on footpaths or 5 min drive. (See our Recommended Walks).

www.jollywaggoner.co.uk/

Very basic pub food which was one of our favourites but sadly is not so much now. Dog friendly but we recommend going over the road to Church Farm Cafe (as mentioned below).

The Sword Inn Hand Pub, Westmill

Dog friendly



Distance: 8 minute drive away

www.theswordinnhand.co.uk/

Fabulous food, great friendly staff, dog friendly, Re-opened in August 2020, lovely pub garden with views and great local menu.



Tearooms / Farmshops

Brewery Tearooms & Giftshop, Walkern

Dog friendly  outside only

Distance: 7 minute drive away

www.brewerytearooms.co.uk/

Voted Hertfordshire's best Independent Tea and Coffee shop 2017 & 2019. Lovely cakes and light lunches. There are great walks around Walkern too.

Church Farm, Ardeley

Dog friendly   

Distance: 2 mile walk on footpaths or 5 min drive

www.churchfarmardeley.co.uk/

The Farm has a cafe and farm shop. Allows dogs - in fact positively encourages them! Our dog Hendrix loves it here!

Pearce's Farmshop, Cafe and PYO, Buntingford

Dog friendly  patio only

Distance: 10 minute drive away

www.pearcesfarmshop.com/

Fabulous, large independent business. Sells a wonderful afternoon tea. Dogs are allowed on the patio.



West Mill Tearoom, Westmill

Dog friendly  outside only

Distance: 10 minute drive away

www.westmilltearoom.co.uk/

Set in the stunning village of Westmill, a 10 minute drive away (the walk is fabulous but it's a good 1.5-2 hours). Cute little tearoom, dogs welcome outside.





Food Delivery Options

There are a number of places who deliver to us at Bethnal&Bec. When ordering, please ensure that you give them the following address (this will ensure that the delivery comes to the retreats and not the main house): Bethnal&Bec, Nottinghams, Cottered, Hertfordshire, SG9 9PU

British Raj | Royston | 01763 244 544

www.britishraj.co.uk

Please look online for their latest menu. They are a fabulous local business having donated 3,000 meals to NHS workers in this area during the height of the pandemic. They know us well!

Mughal Kitchen | Royston | 01763 243 750

www.mughalkitchen.co.uk/

Another great curry house.

Efes Pizza & Kebab | Buntingford | 01763 272 246

Closed on Mondays. We think this is the best, freshly cooked kebabs, pizzas and fried chicken. You will find their menu on their Facebook page.

Smoky Boys | Royston | 01438 364 444

www.smokyboys.com

BBQ & Grill.





Local Areas & Villages

Ashwell

A short 20 minute drive away. A lovely large village to have a wander around and beautiful walks too.

Buntingford

Our nearest 'town' which has some lovely shops and a few pubs.

Buntingford Coffee Shop

www.thebuntingfordcoffeeshop.co.uk/

Nice little spot for coffee and cake. Also make a fine light lunch. Spend over £20 and get £5 off.
(mention us and you'll be enjoying the discount)

The Black Bull

Dog friendly



www.thebuntingfordcoffeeshop.co.uk/

Newly refurbished and shows all sports 'stuff' - a real locals pub. Dogs are welcome.



The Cheese Plate

Dog friendly



www.thecheeseplate.co.uk/

For cheese purchases and you can pre-order grazing boxes to be in your retreat on arrival. Even better is that we have negotiated a deal where you get a fiver off on any purchases over £20! They stock over 200 cheeses and you can sample and be educated - a MUST if you love your cheese!

Flutterby's

www.flutterbysboutique.co.uk/

From designer pieces to vintage treasures Flutterby's is a different kind of dress agency.

Hall & Glory

www.hallandglory.co.uk/

Great homeware and clothing shop full of independent labels.

Take Away House

Buntingford's fish & chip shop & Chinese food.





Datchworth

A 15 minute drive with a wonderful coffee shop and an award winning pub. Not to mention the stunning walks.

Datchworth Coffee Shop

Dog friendly



www.coffeeatdatchworth.com

The Tilbury Pub & Dining Room

Dog friendly



outside only

www.thetilbury.co.uk

The Tilbury has been awarded 2 AA Rosettes for 5 years running & has been awarded with the prestigious AA Notable Wine List award. The menu focuses on refined British cuisine and great flavour combinations.





Hitchin

20 minute drive away from us is the utterly wonderful market town of Hitchin. Unique & eclectic and the main set of the Dr Foster programme!

This town has such a lovely vibe. It's full of independent shops, has great second-hand furniture shops, & so many places to eat and drink.

The weekly market on Tuesday & Saturday is good.

The monthly farmers market (last Saturday of each month is very good).

www.hitchinherts.com/explore-hitchin

Cantina Carnitas

www.cantinacarnitas.co.uk/

Absolutely brilliant mexican food and atmosphere

Chia Vegan Cafe

Dog friendly  outside only

www.chianaturallyhealthy.co.uk

The Groundworks

Dog friendly  outside only

www.thegroundworks.co.uk

Amazing breakfasts & lunch



Kazokuwww.facebook.com/kazoku.hitchin/

One of our family's favourites... Japanese at it best!

Kite at the Red Hart

Dog friendly

www.kiteredhart.co.uk

Love this place! Cosy, modern friendly pub, with a fabulous outdoor space too.

Los Reyeswww.losreyes.co.uk

Unique and independent tapas restaurant set in a beautiful Tudor Pub.

Quotidian Bakerywww.quotidianbakery.com/about

Award-winning, family run artisan bakery. Everything is made by hand and baked daily on the premises.





Letchworth

The world's first Garden City undergoing a lot of re-generation and attracting some really independent small and quirky businesses.

<https://www.loveleetchworth.com>

Broadway Cinema / Gallery & Theatre	www.broadway-leetchworth.com/
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Digswell Art Trust	www.digswellarts.org/
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Supporting local artists.

Junk & Disorderly	www.facebook.com/Mackaysantiques/
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See above for our LOVE of this place too! all the main furniture in Bec came from here.

Garden City Brewery	Dog friendly 
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www.gardencitybrewery.co.uk/

A very dog friendly Brew-Bar with an ever changing menu of beers.



The Green House Community Market

www.greenhouselethworth.co.uk/

LOVE LOVE LOVE this place... many items in your retreats are from here and if you want amazing value on antiques & collectables this is your place!

No.12 Coffee & Wine

www.number12coffee.co.uk/

Vutie Beets

www.vutiebeets.co.uk/

Vegan restaurant in a lovely setting. New and very good.





Touristy Stuff

Cambridge	30 minute drive away
Lee Valley	www.visitleevalley.org.uk/
Hatfield House	www.hatfield-house.co.uk/
Henry Moore Studios & Gardens	www.henry-moore.org/visit/henry-moore-studios-gardens
Hitchin Lavender (Summer only)	www.hitchinlavender.com/
Imperial War Museum, Duxford	www.iwm.org.uk/visits/iwm-duxford
Knebworth House	www.knebworthhouse.com/
Newmarket	www.newmarket.thejockeyclub.co.uk/
Wimpole Hall	www.nationaltrust.org.uk/wimpole-estate
White Water Rafting on the Olympic 2012 canoe course	30 minute drive away www.gowhitewater.co.uk/



Local Taxi Firms

We recommend giving as much notice as possible when booking any taxis.

Riverside Taxis	01763 43 43 43
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Abra Cab Abra	01763 27 46 65
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