

Budleigh Salterton

Budleigh Salterton is a small town on the coast in East Devon, England, 15 miles (24 km) south-east of Exeter. The town lies within the East Devon Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.^[1] It forms a major part of the electoral ward of Budleigh. The ward population at the 2011 census was 5,967.^[2]

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Features

Budleigh Salterton lies at the mouth of the River Otter, where the estuary forms an area of reed bed and grazing marsh: an important haven for migratory birds and a Site of Special Scientific Interest for those interested in bird watching. It has a designated area for naturalists.^[3]

Budleigh Salterton lies on the South West Coast Path, with clifftop routes eastwards to Sidmouth and westwards to Exmouth. The pebble beach and cliffs are part of the Jurassic Coast World Heritage site.

Facilities and transport

Fairlynch Museum is housed in a listed, thatched marine cottage orné dating from 1811. It covers the history and geology of the region, and opened in 1967, offering exhibitions and a local archive. It possesses a large collection of period costumes.^[4] The town has a male-voice choir which performs for charity^[5]

Budleigh Salterton lies on the B3178 and the B3179 ends on the western edge of the town. It is served by three bus routes: The Coasthopper 157 (hourly) to towns Exmouth and Sidmouth, the 357 (hourly to Exmouth, also forming the local town service), the 58 every two hours to Exeter and the 57C (one journey each way) to Exeter and Bicton College. Between 1897 and 1967, Budleigh Salterton

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The seafront looking west towards Exmouth. The red cliffs are around 250 million years old.



Budleigh Salterton shown within Devon

Population	6,575 (2012)
OS grid reference	SY066818
District	East Devon
Shire county	Devon
Region	South West
Country	England
Sovereign state	United Kingdom
Post town	BUDLEIGH SALTERTON
Postcode district	EX9
Dialling code	01395
Police	Devon and Cornwall
Fire	Devon and Somerset
Ambulance	South Western
EU Parliament	South West England

was served by a station on the Budleigh Salterton Railway, a line built and operated by the London & South Western Railway, which ran from Tipton St Johns to Exmouth,^[6] which is now the nearest railway station (8 km).

UK Parliament

East Devon

Sports

Budleigh Salterton is home to the scenic East Devon Golf Club.^[7] Its 11-lawn croquet club (offering croquet, bowls and bridge), founded in the late 1860s, is one of the oldest and largest in the country.^[8] The first team of the Budleigh Salterton Association Football Club plays in the South West Peninsula League Division One East. The club also has a second team, a ladies' team and a youth team.^[9] In addition, there is a cricket club, a rifle club, and a games club offering tennis, bowls and other pursuits.^[10]

Churches

Budleigh Salterton Anglicans were originally served by a chapel of ease that came under the parish of All Saints, East Budleigh. As the population grew, this was replaced in the 1890s by what became the parish church of St Peter in 1901. The church was heavily damaged by enemy aircraft bombing on 17 April 1942, but reopened in 1953. Today the Raleigh Mission Community at St Peter's, Budleigh Salterton, and All Saints, East Budleigh, are part of a joint mission with St Michael's, Otterton.^[11]

The Roman Catholic Church is also dedicated to St Peter.^[12] The Temple Methodist Church was completed in 1904, to replace an earlier, smaller chapel dating from 1812, built by the bookseller James Lackington, an associate of John Wesley.^[13] There is a Baptist church in the town, whose congregation dates back to 1843.^[14]

Notable residents

Writer Dame Hilary Mantel, author of Wolf Hall and Bring Up the Bodies dwells in the town.^[15] It is also the home of (the fictional) BBC Radio 4 comic character Giles Wemmbley-Hogg. Charles Warrell, creator of the *I-Spy* series of children's books, lived in the town from his retirement in 1956 until his death in 1995.^[16] The German-born English painter Hubert von Herkomer died at Budleigh Salterton in 1914.

In popular culture

In 2003, Budleigh Salterton featured in episode 3 of series 3 of *Top Gear* as the destination for a road test by Jeremy Clarkson of a Bentley Continental GT. It is also mentioned in an episode of the BBC series *Blackadder the Third*.

See also

- List of places on the Jurassic Coast

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The sea front, looking east towards Sidmouth



Blue plaque commemorating Sir John Everett Millais

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External links

- [Budleigh Salterton](#) at Curlie (based on [DMOZ](#))
 - [Otter Valley Association](#)
 - [Otter Valley Weather](#)
 - [Budleigh Salterton: geology of the Wessex Coast](#)
 - [East Devon Pebblebed Heaths Conservation Trust](#)
 - [Budleigh Salterton Town Council website](#)
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