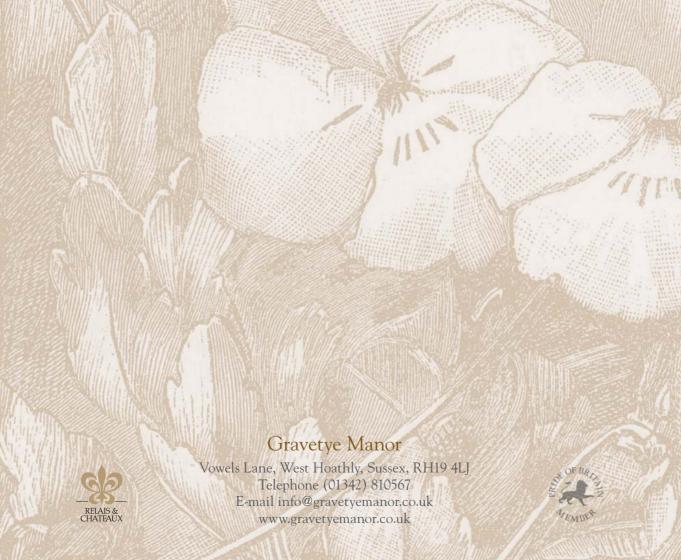


| THINGS TO DO AND SEE |



Gravetye Manor

Gravetye Manor is a small country house hotel set in 1000 acres of wooded parklands and gardens, famous for being created by William Robinson, arguably one of England's greatest gardeners.







"...beauty was never lost sight of; nothing was done without considering its effect on the landscape from every point of view..." William Robinson on Gravetye - 1918

















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As a guest at Gravetye Manor, we want you to get the most out of your stay with us. We hope this guide will compliment and enrich your stay at Gravetye with little extra ideas for you to fill your time with.

Gravetye can spoil you with a wealth of things to do and see whilst here. Our staff are always on hand and happy to help or advise with any queries you may have regarding activities in and around the Manor.

Please enjoy.

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AT GRAVETYE |

Gravetye's peace and seclusion means whether you want to relax with a good book or take a stroll in the beautiful gardens there are still a number of things you can do on the estate.











I Croquet

William Robinson's playground, where local children used to dance on his birthday and still do to commemorate his special day, is a great spot for fun croquet in the summer.

No reservation is required - It's first come first served!

l Blossom & Jasmine Beauty Treatments

The following treatments are available to guests in the privacy of their rooms: Aromatherapy Massage, Swedish Body Massage, Signature Spa Facial, Manicure and Pedicure. For further information and pricing please speak to our reception team.

I Deer stalking

Individual deer stalking can be organised by prior arrangement on the Gravetye Estate.

Please speak to our reception team for further details.

I Afternoon Tea

Why not enjoy the Gravetye Afternoon Tea during your stay either in front of the fire or relaxing in the garden. Tea is available seven days a week from 3.30pm until 5.30pm. For further details and to make a reservation please contact reception.

I Picnics

To aide in the planning of your day we can arrange light picnics of sandwiches, fresh fruit and cakes/biscuits which can be eaten either within the grounds at Gravetye or can be taken for a day trip. 'To Go' picnic boxes can also be arranged for when you depart the hotel.

I Functions and Events

We hold events throughout the year which include tours of the garden, floral demonstrations and lunch/dinner events with guest speakers on wine and other topics. Our events schedule is available from reception.





AT GRAVETYE |

Exploring by Foot

We have planned some wonderful walks in the local area, ranging from 30 minutes to over 4 hours. Wellies are available for all! For further details contact reception for relevant maps.

The Cat Walk

The Cat Inn is a pleasant English country pub serving a large range of beverages. The current building dates from the 16th century and had a reputation as a smugglers haunt. The full circular walk is 5.5kms (3.5 miles) and will take 70-90 minutes, plus stops.

The Kew Walk

This is a linear walk of 5.5kms (3.5 miles) each way and will take 75-90 minutes. An opportunity to visit Wakehurst Place (Kew Royal Botanic Gardens) and the Millennium Seed bank. The route passes the Cat Inn at West Hoathly and the Priest House.









I The Weirwood Walk
This is a fairly energetic,
circular walk of 8km
(5 miles) taking in
Stone Farm Rocks,
the Reservoir Nature
Reserve and Bluebell Railway.

I The Standen Walk

The full circular walk is 11kms (7 miles) and is the longest from the hotel. It affords an opportunity to visit the National Trust property at Standen - an interesting building designed by architect Philip Webb for a prosperous London Solicitor. The 'Arts & Crafts' hillside gardens offer magnificent views over the reservoir and local countryside.

ACTIVITIES NEARBY

Whilst peace and tranquility prevail at Gravetye, there is still plenty to see and do in the area. Whether it's golf, horse riding or a ride on a steam engine, we are sure you will be charmed by this picturesque corner of Sussex...

l The Royal Ashdown Forest Golf Club

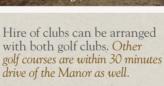
Founded in 1888, it is ranked by Golf World as one of the top 100 clubs in the British Isles. Within a 20 minute drive of Gravetye, speak to our reception team during your stay to receive preferential rates.

www.royalashdown.co.uk t: 01342 822 018

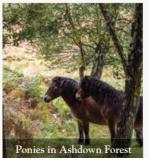
I East Sussex National Golf Club They have two stunning Championship courses where they have hosted European Opens. The course is located just outside Uckfield (40 minute drive). Open daily from 8.00am with eighteen holes taking 4½ hours to complete. www.eastsussexnational.co.uk t: 01825 880 256















I Bluebell Railway

A heritage Steam Railway running through the glorious Sussex countryside with a station on Gravetye's doorstep. As the name suggests, at the right time of year swathes of bluebells line the tracks. William Robinson himself would throw bulbs from the moving train to encourage the flowers. The railway runs from Kingscote (at the end of Vowels Lane - 20 minute walk from the Manor) to Sheffield Park via Horsted Keynes. There are several events held throughout the year.

L Ashdown Forest

6,500 acres of High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, a great place for walking and enjoying spectacular views over the Sussex countryside. Also known the world over as the 'home' of Winnie the Pooh. Visit the famous Pooh Bridge near the village of Hartfield, only 15 minutes by car from Gravetye.

I Shooting

The area boasts some fine game shooting in the Winter.

Our reception team will be happy to assist if you have any questions.



ACTIVITIES NEARBY |

I Clay Pigeon Shooting
Based at Tulley's Farm and
only 10 minutes from Gravetye
Manor, clay pigeon shooting
appeals to all ages and
personalities and demands
calm concentration, a keen
eye and quick reactions. Fully
instructed sessions are available
for beginners, with diverse and
challenging sporting targets
designed to test your target
skills.

I Polo

Sussex Polo - A professional and welcoming club. Ideal for players wanting high standards of low goal Polo or to learn to play in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere all year round. Only a 10 minute drive from Gravetye Manor.

















| LOCAL AREA |

Nestled in the Sussex countryside, means that Gravetye is surrounded by pretty towns and villages. Discover village greens, antique shops and period architecture all within a short walk or drive.

London

Central London is only an hours train ride away. You may decide you wish to spend a day touring the city, visiting the many attractions or attending a show in the vibrant theatre district. Reception will be more than happy to assist you with any arrangements you would like to make. www.visitlondon.com



LOCAL AREA

| Villages |

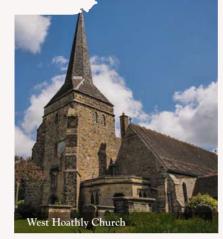
I West Hoathly (10 minutes) This is the closest village to Gravetye and is a thirty minute walk on foot. The village is home to The Cat pub opposite St Margarets Church and the Priest House. The latter is now a museum and is the only 15th century Wealden house open to the public.

Open March to October.

Lindfield (20 minutes)

Just North of the town of Haywards Heath the village gained national notoriety when it had to withdraw from the Best Kept Village in all of Sussex competition to give other villages a chance!

I Forest Row (20 minutes)
The village is located on the outskirts of Ashdown Forest along the A22 just South of East Grinstead. The village has a wide range of small shops. The village of Hartfield is only a short distance away where AA Milne lived while writing the famous Winnie-the-Pool stories.











Towns

East Grinstead (10 minutes) This is the closest town to the hotel and although a commercial town, its high street boasts one of the longest streets of 14th century timber framed Tudor buildings in the UK. Other notable buildings include Sackville College built in 1609. This is where the Christmas Carol 'Good King Wenceslas' was written by John Mason Neale. The Greenwich Meridian runs through the grounds of the historic 1769 East Court, now the home of the Town Council.

I Tunbridge Wells (45 minutes) This historic town is the only Spa town in the South East of England. The town's historic past is reflected very much in its architecture from elegant Regency villas to large Victorian houses. You can either visit the historic Pantiles walkway or enjoy some retail therapy in the wide variety of shops.





Cities

I Brighton (45 minutes)
Brighton is one of the most diverse cities in England.
Attractions include the Pier and the beach front against the stunning heritage of the Royal Pavilion and Regency Architecture. Shopping in the city can range from the retro chic of the North Laines to exclusive antiques, jewellery and inspirational art.

LOCAL GARDENS

With so many important gardens close by, Gravetye Manor is a garden lovers paradise! Here are a few of the important ones to whet your appetite...

I Wakehurst Place (4 miles)
Open throughout the year,
Wakehurst is the country estate
of the Royal Botanic Gardens,
Kew. This beautiful botanic
garden is internationally
significant, for both its
collections and vital scientific
research and plant conservation.
The Millennium Seed bank is a
must when visiting.

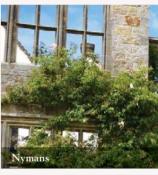
www.nationaltrust.org.uk/
wakehurstplace

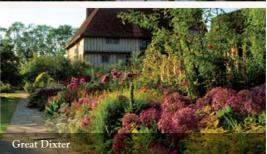
t: 01444 894 066

I Nymans (14 miles) Three things make the garden at Nymans special: the beautiful, theatrical design, a superlative plant collection, gathered from around the world, and the elevated position which offers wonderful views over Sussex. www.nationaltrust.org.uk/nymans t: 01444 405 250











I Borde Hill Gardens (8 miles)
Described as 'one of the country's
truly great gardens' by Country
Life magazine, the formal garden is
planted as distinctive 'rooms', each
offering an abundance of colour
and interest throughout the seasons.
www.bordehill.co.uk
t: 01444 450 326



I Sheffield Park (11 miles) A magnificent example of a 'Compatibility' Brown landscaped garden, stretching over 120 acres and incorporating four lakes, waterfalls and cascades. There is a profusion of colour all year round, from bluebells in the Spring to trees in spectacular Autumn colours. www.nationaltrust.org.uk/sheffield t: 01825 790 231

I High Beeches Gardens (9 miles) A tranquil and beautiful woodland and water garden in the William Robinson style. With excellent Spring colour and fragrance, the wildflower meadow flowers in June and has some of the best Autumn colours in Sussex.

www.highbeeches.com t: 01444 400 589

I Great Dixter (45 miles)
The birthplace of Christopher
Lloyd: gardener, writer and
journalist. One of the finest
examples of Arts & Crafts
gardens in the South East.

www.greatdixter.co.uk
t: 01797 252 878



I Pashley Manor (32 miles) A quintessential English garden, offering a sumptuous blend of romantic landscaping, imaginative plantings and fine old trees, fountains, springs and large ponds. www.pashleymanorgardens.com t: 01580 200 888



Sissinghurst Castle (32 miles)
Gardens

The creation of Vita Sackville-West and her husband Sir Harold Nicolson. A series of small, enclosed garden rooms, intimate in their scale and romantic in their atmosphere, giving immense pleasure and inspiration through their superb design and outstanding colour combinations throughout the seasons.

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/sissinghurst

t: 01580 710 700



HISTORIC HOUSES

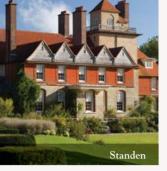
As with many parts of England, we have numerous historic houses and castles in the area to visit. Here are a few but there are so many more places to discover...





I Hever Castle (18 miles)
This was the childhood
home of Anne Boleyn, Henry
VIII's second wife. In 1903,
the estate was bought by
the American millionaire,
William Waldorf Astor who
spent an immense amount
of money and imagination
restoring the castle.
www.hevercastle.co.uk
t: 01732 865 224









(5 miles) Standen Dating from the 1890s and

containing original Morris & Co furnishings and decorations, Standen survives today as a remarkable testimony to the ideas of the Arts & Crafts movement. www.nationaltrust.org.uk/standen t: 01342 323 029

The Priest House (3 miles) The only one of its kind open to the public, this beautiful 15th century Wealden hall house stands in a traditional cottage garden in the picturesque nearby village of West Hoathly. The house was owned in turn by Henry VIII, Thomas Cromwell, Anne of Cleves, Mary I and Elizabeth I. https://sussexpast.co.uk/properties-todiscover/the-priest-house

I Chartwell (24 miles) The family home of Sir William Churchill from 1924 until the end of his life. Museum and Exhibition rooms contain displays, sound recordings and superb collections of memorabilia from Sir. Winston's political career. www.nationaltrust.org.uk/chartwell t: 01732 868 381

t: 01342 810479



I Brighton Pavilion (30 miles) The Pavilion is the former residence of King George VI. Originally a simple farmhouse, in 1787 architect Henry Holland created a neo classical villa on the site. It was later transformed into its current Indian style by John Nash between 1815 and 1822. A breath taking Regency Palace. www.brighton-hove-rpml.org.uk/ RoyalPavilion t: 0300 0290 900

HISTORICAL HOUSES |

Arundel Castle (36 miles)

Dating from the 11th century, the Castle is both ancient fortification and stately home of the Dukes of Norfolk and their ancestors. It is the principle residence of the present 18th Duke and Duchess and their family.

www.arundelcastle.org

t: 01903 882 173

Batemans (40 miles)

This was the home of Rudyard Kipling for over 30 years. This home inspired him to write some of his well-loved works including: 'Puck of Pooks Hill', 'Rewards' and 'Fairies'.

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/batemans t: 01435 882 302

l Bodiam (48 miles)

This is the perfect example of a late medieval moated castle. Enough of the interior survives to give an impression of the castle. There are spiral stair cases and battlements to explore and lovely views over the Rother Valley. Located an hour's drive from Gravetye, this would best be combined with the gardens of Great Dixter.

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/bodiam t: 01580 830 196



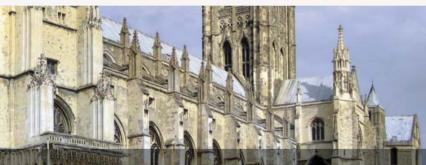














HISTORIC TOWNS

Rye (47 miles)
Although 1 ½ hour's drive from
Gravetye, Rye is a beautiful town
with a maritime cinque port.
The town overlooks the River
Rother and Romney Marsh with
its enchanting cobbled streets,
Medieval church and beautifully
preserved historic houses from
Tudor and Georgian times.

I Canterbury (75 miles) The Canterbury skyline is dominated by the magnificent Cathedral, the oldest in England. Canterbury is steeped in history and heritage with stunning architecture but is also a vibrant and modern city. Although it is over 1 ½ hour's drive, there is plenty to see and do to fill what will be a wonderful day trip.

I Alfriston & The Cuckmere Valley (30 miles) The beautiful village of Alfriston is located adjacent to the Cuckmere River which meanders its way through the South Downs before entering the sea at Exceat, Cuckmere Haven next to the Seven Sisters. This is the only undeveloped river mouth on the Sussex coast. You can enjoy a gentle stroll along the river's paths.

EATING OUT |

If you would like a change of cuisine during your stay, why not try one of the following restaurants or tea rooms. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact reception.

| Pubs |

I The Cat

Located in the local village of West Hoathly if you're feeling energetic, why not walk to this pub (30 minutes by foot and 10 minutes by car). Voted 'Best Pub in London & the South East' in 2012 by British Pub Guide.

www.catinn.co.uk t: 01342 810 369

I The Fox

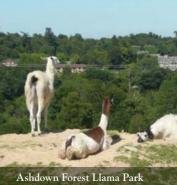
Located in West Hoathly, The Fox is a relaxed and quirky gastro pub with menus that change daily, dependant on the fresh produce which has been ordered in that day. www.thefoxwesthoathly.co.uk t: 01342 810644











I The Griffin

Popular restaurant and pub for many years with an excellent reputation for good locally sourced produce. Located in the village of Fletching, a 30 minute drive South. Perhaps a good place to stop if you are returning from a day trip to the coast. www.thegriffininn.co.uk t: 01825 722 890

The Coach & Horses

Located in the heart of Danehill village on the edge of Ashdown Forest, this inn offers a good selection of pub classics and local ales.

www.coachandhorses.danehill.biz t: 01825 740 369



I Duddleswell Tea Rooms

If your day trip involves a visit to Ashdown Forest then this tea room is a must. Home-made scones, cakes and puddings with traditional tea room dishes, served with loose leaf tea.

Open Monday to Friday from 10.00am to 5.00pm.

Closed on Bank Holidays www.duddleswelltearooms.co.uk t: 01825 712 126







I Ashdown Forest Llama Park Located directly off the A22 in the Ashdown Forest. The tea room is situated within the Visitors Centre of the park (you do not have to pay admission to enjoy tea here).

www.llamapark.co.uk t: 01825 712 040 Heaven Farm Tea Rooms

Located just outside the village of Danehill on the outskirts of Ashdown Forest. This farm is situated with 100 acres of beautiful parkland with a Bluebell Nature Trail and Farm Museum. The tea room serves light lunches and traditional Sussex cream teas as specialty.

www.heavenfarm.co.uk t: 01825 790 226

EATING OUT |

Indian

LTarana

This restaurant is only a 10 minute drive from Gravetye and offers a wonderful variety of authentic Indian dishes all freshly prepared. In 2011 Tarana won the 'Best Indian Restaurant' in the UK as voted for in the Spice Times.

www.taranarestaurant.co.uk t: 01342 716 363

Chinese

I Emperor

Located in Felbridge, 10 minutes from Gravetye. This is a well established restaurant. with a good reputation for its quality of food.

t: 01342 301 388

| Thai |

I Thai Siam

Located in East Grinstead. 10 minutes from Gravetye and offering freshly prepared dishes using only the finest ingredients.

www.thaisiamrestaurant.co.uk t: 01342 327244





Thai Siam

| Italian |

l Paglia e Fieno

Situated on London Road. East Grinstead. This restaurant specialises in meat dishes and Italian classics. The meat is aged in their own cellar at a temperature of between 0 and 4 degrees to ensure it is tender and full of flavour. www.pagliaefieno.co.uk

t: 01342 328713

| Spanish |

LLa Farola

Based in East Grinstead this restaurant offers authentic Spanish food and wine with Tapas and a bar.

www.la-farola.co.uk

t: 01342 322 399



Paglia







e Fieno



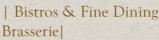




| Japanese

I Wabi

This restaurant specialises in contemporary Japanese fine dining with cocktail bar. Located in the town of Horsham this is 30 minutes from Gravetye. This is listed in the 'Top 100 UK Best Restaurant' in the National Restaurant Awards 2010. www.wabi.co.uk t: 01403 788 140



I Jeremy's at Borde Hill Contemporary Fine Dining

Brasserie set in a classical setting located 15 minutes from Gravetye. Closed Sunday evenings & all day Monday.

www.jeremysrestaurant.co.uk t: 01444 441 102

Limes Bistro

Situated in the historic and picturesque village of Lindfield, 20 minutes from Gravetye. Contemporary dining room with daily specials using locally sourced produce. Closed on Sundays and Mondays. www.limesoflindfield.co.uk t: 01444 487 858





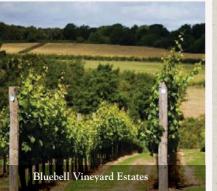


VINEYARDS

Kingscote Estate

This 150-acre estate on Gravetye's doorstep features fifteen-acres of vines including Pinot Meunier, Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Bacchus, Pinot Blanc and Regent grapes. The vineyards have been established to produce more than 100,000 bottles of still and sparkling wine every vear and 2014 saw Kingscote Estate's first harvest. Tours and tastings available, prebooking essential. Wines available from their shop, open every day 10:00am-5:30pm.

www.kingscoteestate.com 01342 327535







I Bluebell Vineyard Estates
Bluebell Vineyard Estates is an award-winning vineyard and winery in the heart of Sussex, on the edge of the Ashdown Forest. Their range of 'Hindleap' sparkling wines has been awarded over sixty national and international awards in just 5 years, confirming their reputation as one of England's leading producers. Tours and tastings available, pre-booking essential. Open for visitors 10.00am-4.00pm, Monday to Saturday.

www.bluebellvineyard.org 01825 791 561

| Bolney Wine Estate

The Estate specialises in producing premium red, white, rosé and sparkling English wines that have won numerous awards. In 2012, Bolney Wine Estate won UK Wine Producer of the Year in the International Wine and Spirit Competition. Tours and tastings available. Wines available from the shop, open 9.00am-5.00pm Monday to Saturday, 10.00am-3.00pm on Sundays. Café open Tuesday to Sunday. Tours and tastings available.

www.bolneywineestate.com 01444 88157

Ridgeview Wine Estates

Founded in 1994 by Mike and Chris Roberts, Ridgeview is dedicated to creating world class sparkling wines using traditional sparkling grape varieties and methods in the South Downs of England. The world class status of their wines is reflected by the number of national & international medals and trophies they have received since the release of their first wines from the 1996 vintage. Open every day, 11.00am-4.00pm. Pre-booked tours available.

www.ridgeview.co.uk 01444 242040







| BEFORE YOU DEPART

Before you depart the area why not visit one of the local farm shops to take home a reminder of the wonderful Sussex produce...

I Grange Farm Shop

This farm is just 10 minutes from Gravetye Manor in the small town of Crawley Down. In addition to fruits, vegetables, meats, chutneys and honeys you can also find greetings cards, handmade jewellery and paintings.

Open Tuesday to Saturday from 9.00am to 5.30pm t: 01342 714002

Plaw Hatch Farm

Plaw Hatch is a 200 acre farm on the edge of the Ashdown Forest near Sharpthorne. They sell a wide variety of farm produce such as dairy, meat, fruit and vegetables, eggs and even the sheep's wool in season.

Closed Sundays and Bank Holidays t: 01342 810 201

Tablehurst Farm

Located just outside the village of Forest Row this 200 acre farm is primarily a meat enterprise rearing its own beef, cattle, sheep, pigs and poultry. Fifteen acres of the land is given over to an apple orchard which produces Jonagold and Elstar apples.

Closed Sundays t: 01342 823 173

GLYNDEBOURNE

Glyndebourne's founders, John Christie and wife Audrey Mildmay, opened the first festival in 1934. Today the world renowned auditorium and standards of excellence are testament to John's original ethos: "Not just the best we can do but the best that can be done anywhere". Glyndebourne continues to be led by the Christie family: John's son George succeeded him in 1962 and grandson Gus took over in 2000. Glyndebourne on Tour was founded in 1968 to enable the company to take operatic productions around the UK, making

opera more accessible to everyone.

Today the festival runs from May to August with a programme of six operas in a world-class 1,200 seat opera house. Together with Glyndebourne on tour, it presents about 120 performances each year...

The operas generally commence late afternoon with dinner to be taken in one of the four restaurants. You may wish to enjoy the garden instead, with a picnic arranged through Glyndebourne or Gravetye Manor.





I Glyndebourne & Gravetye Manor

Gravetye Manor is a proud Corporate Member of Glyndebourne. This wonderful partnership means that we are able to offer the exclusive opportunity to purchase tickets when booking an overnight stay.

Selected performances will be available each year. Spaces are limited so we recommend you register your interest as soon as possible! And you can enhance your visit by booking an executive car for the journey to and from Glyndebourne.

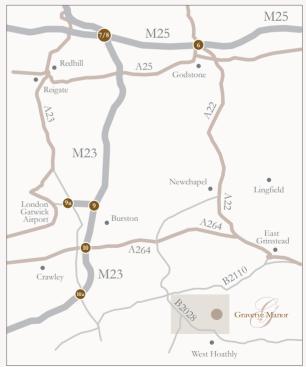
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- | 12 miles from Gatwick Airport
- 30 miles from Central London
- 5 miles from East Grinstead (mainline train station)





LOCAL ATTRACTIONS |



- **A** Chartwell
- **B** Hever
- © Penshurst
- Standen
- **E** Sissinghurst Castle
- F High Beeches Gardens
- **G** Wakehurst Place
- Ashdown Forest
- Pashley Manor Gardens

- Nymans
- Borde Hill Garders
- Bluebell Railway
- M Sheffield Park Gardens
- N Bateman's
- O Bodium Castle
- P Great Dixter
- Q Arundel Castle



