

Petts Wood Area Guide



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Petts Wood is singularly characterised by the large expanse of Woodland which is owned and managed by the National Trust. The village itself is separated by the railway line into Petts Wood East and Petts Wood West. Both sides boast a large selection of shops and restaurants, which serve the local community. It's proximity to the City and excellent communication links as well as it's sense of community attract young working professionals as well as families to the area.

Transport Links

Trains
The railway service today has some 100 trains servicing all London south east main line stations (Charing Cross, Waterloo, Cannon Street, London Bridge, Victoria, and Blackfriars), taking 30 minutes on average.

Buses
Petts Wood is served by several Transport for London bus services connecting it with areas including Bromley, Biggin Hill, Catford, Chislehurst, Hither Green, Lewisham, Orpington and St Mary Cray. There is also the N47 night bus from Trafalgar Square.

Airports	
Biggin Hill	Approx 4.4 miles
City	Approx 8.0 miles
Gatwick	Approx 19.7 miles
Heathrow	Approx 23.6 miles

These distances have been calculated using www.freemaptools.com and are as the crow flies from our Petts Wood Office.





Education

Petts Wood has numerous schools, which are extremely popular. Many people move to the area to benefit from the schools. Please note that catchment and or entrance examinations areas may apply.

Primary Schools within easy walking distance

- Crofton School
- St James's Catholic school

Secondary Schools

- Beaverwood School for Girls
- Bullers Wood School
- Crofton Junior School
- Coopers Technology College
- Chislehurst & Sidcup Grammar school

Independent Schools

- Babington House School
- Farringtons School
- Breaside Preparatory School
- Bickley Park School for Boys
- Bromley High School for Girls
- Eltham College



Going out

The village has three drinking establishments, all within close proximity. There is a vast selection of restaurants ranging from Turkish to Mexican and Indian. Of note, Indian Essence which is owned by Atul Cutcher or Cyprianis, both of which are a stone's throw from our office in Station Square. Whatever you fancy you should be able to find something to satisfy your craving.

Property

Most of the house building in Petts Wood occurred during the 1930's, mainly to provide good housing for the London overspill at affordable prices in the "country". Part of the attraction to prospective buyers was a main line station with over 200 trains per day to various London stations and a service.

Nowadays you will find a good mix of property spanning from smaller terraced houses up to large period family homes. A large proportion of the older properties in Petts Wood are Noel Rees houses, which characterise the area and which are always sought after when they come to the market. These houses can be found in Great Thrift, The Covert, Prince's Avenue, Wood Ride, Kingsway, Chislehurst Road, The Chenies and many other roads in Petts Wood.



Recreational Facilities

Petts Wood is singularly characterised (as the name suggests) by the large expanse of Woods which divides it from neighbouring Chislehurst. These woods really are an oasis of peace and tranquillity and are managed and run by the National Trust. The Woods are packed full of local history and a haven for birds, butterfly, amphibian and plant life. There are a number of organisations operating and facilities available in the area which are too numerous to mention in full but examples include Willett Recreation Ground which includes: children's play area, cricket, tennis and bowls; Petts Wood Snooker Club (above Morrison's); and Orpington Ojays Swimming Club.



Little known facts about Petts Wood

- Petts Wood takes its name from the woods surrounding the area that were once owned by Phineas Pett, an Elizabethan ship builder. Reputedly the wood from Petts Woods was sent to Chatham and Deptford dockyards for ship building.
- Many residents of Petts Wood worked in Fleet Street, as it was the most affordable area with the latest last train for them to catch home after putting the morning's papers to bed
- The Petts Wood Cricket Club was established in 1834, making it the third oldest club in the London Boroughs.
- In 2009, the local Woolworths Manager, realising his store was the last one to close, gathered the remains of the Pick-and-Mix sweet section and auctioned the bagful of sweets, which would normally have retailed for a couple of pounds, for £14,500.
- William Willett was the man who devised daylight saving after riding his horse in Petts Wood one summer morning and noticing how many blinds were still down. After years of campaigning, the government adopted the system in 1916, a year after Mr Willett's death. He is now commemorated in Petts Wood by a memorial sundial, while The Daylight Inn is named in his honour.
- Charles de Gaulle resided here during World War II, and deadpan comic Jack Dee hails from the area.

Nobody knows Petts Wood quite like we do.

With our unique and expert local knowledge we are best placed to advise you on all your property needs.



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