



## Information for the Visitor Information Centre

# Historic Church Stretton

Church Stretton and surrounding villages contain 88 listed buildings including St Laurence's Church which is grade 1 listed. The charming compact town centre is ideal for a short walking tour.

Be sure to head for the corner of Easthope Road and Sandford Avenue where you will find a wall-mounted timeline tracing the Strettons from earliest geological times to the present day.



*The Bucks head Pub*

There are 'Historic Church Stretton' Information Boards dotted around the town. The Bucks Head pub was originally built as a medieval hall thought to be late 13th century. The Kings Arms public house is partly timber framed and partly roughcast, with a tile roof. It was originally built in the late 16th or early 17th century.

In the High Street you will find other examples of ancient timbered buildings including the shop Entertaining Elephants - which is a restored medieval barn. If you walk further down the High Street towards Little Stretton, you will reach Tudor Cottage, a late 16th century timber framed house.



*Entertaining Elephants*



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Church Stretton's parish church is St Laurence's. This church was founded in Saxon times and mentioned in the Domesday book. The Norman nave is the oldest part of the present building.

Its exterior carvings include St Laurence holding a gridiron, and a rare sheila-na-gig, probably of Saxon date.



*St Laurence Church*



*All Saints Church, Little Stretton*

Both All Stretton and Little Stretton are well worth a visit and can easily be reached by a number of attractive walks.

Little Stretton has a number of charming half-timbered properties, a thatched church and two excellent historic pubs, the Ragleth & the Green Dragon.

## Useful Resources

**Historic Church Stretton Town Trail** by Barrie Raynor, can be purchased at the Visitor Information Centre

**Free Geotourist audio tour** can be downloaded to your mobile phone

**Treasure Trail:** If you have children [www.treasuretrails.co.uk](http://www.treasuretrails.co.uk) offers a Church Stretton Historic Town Treasure Hunt Trail for £9.99

**Church Stretton through the Ages** by Tony Crowe and Barrie Raynor (208 pages) can be purchased at Burway Books

**The library** has a local history reference section & local history volunteers can help you find out more about your Shropshire ancestors. Call the library on 01694 722 535 to check the best time to call in.