



Beverley Minster pictured just after sunset. Photo: Danielrao/Getty

LET'S MOVE TO

BEVERLEY

Neighbourhood know-how, people and places

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place for walking in and living in, it will not disappoint any visitor who chances upon it.' So said the late Poet Laureate, Sir John Betjeman, in praise of Beverley – the East Riding market town brimming with as much charm today as when he first admired it.

With pretty streets featuring Georgian townhouses, a vibrant cultural scene, friendly folk and a buzzing centre, Beverley is a town punching above its weight for its size.

Visitors are spoilt for choice when it comes to amenities – shops, cafés, bakeries, bars, hotels, B&Bs, and highly regarded restaurants are aplenty – and there's a vibrancy to the town's offering that would give some cities a run for their money.

Several high-end names have chosen to open stores in Beverley – a testament to its appeal as a place to live, work and shop, and it's no surprise that it has featured on 'best places to live' lists.

There's a pleasant, convivial atmosphere in the town and a sense of community, as friends stop to chat, little ones are pushed in prams, cafés play host to catch-ups and market traders keep tradition alive.

Those looking for a culture fix will find a packed programme of events at the East Riding Theatre, as well as in the Champney Treasure House – home to Beverley Art Gallery – and the Grade I-listed Guildhall, which holds the Beverley Community Museum.

The majestic Beverley Minster stands watch over the town. It's a sight to marvel at as the sun sets and the stunning architecture is bathed in golden light.

For commuters, Beverley's train station offers good links to other towns and cities, including Hull, York, Sheffield, Leeds, Bridlington and Scarborough. There are some direct trains to London for those venturing to the capital, while the M62 is also within easy reach.

Houses in Beverley sold for an average of £279,258 over the last year, according to Rightmove. The property website says most properties sold in the town during that time were semi-detached and sold for an average price of £248,782. Detached properties sold for an average of £378,560, with terraced properties fetching £247,651.

Overall, sold prices in Beverley over the last year were three per cent down on the previous year and similar to the 2022 peak of £277,491.



SHOPPING FIX



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For a market town, Beverley packs a real punch when it comes to shopping, with a fantastic mix of high-street favourites, high-end stores and independent boutiques.

In the town centre, you'll find well-known names including The White Company, Oliver Bonas, Space NK, Barbour, Jo Malone, Jigsaw and Daniella Draper.

For a stylish designer offering, head to Riley's Menswear & Ladieswear. Nearby are Nest and Mimi Boutique, both packed with unique clothing items and accessories, and if you love to explore a department store, the independent, family-run Browns is

ideally placed in the heart of the town. The store has a great range of retailers, including Moda in Pelle, Phase Eight and Hobbs, as well as a beauty hall.

If you're looking for a gift for a loved one, Islay Bloom is full of beautiful items, from pretty pieces of clothing to candles, make-up bags, and more.

A keen reader? Add The Beverley Bookshop to your list of places to visit, where you'll be spoilt for choice as you browse its collection of almost 10,000 books.

For a sweet treat, check out Beverley's range of chocolate shops, including Gemini Chocolate, Katie Chocolatier and Terroir Artisanal Chocolate.

2 BEVERLEY HOMES TO BUY



Grayburn Garden House, Newbegin, Beverley, £760,000

An extremely characterful period house with an attached annexe and southerly facing garden. In a prime location between Beverley town centre and Beverley Westwood, the property retains many original period features.



Southfield, Little Weighton Road, Walkington, £1,195,000

An extensively renovated period residence situated on the edge of the village of Walkington. The property marries the timeless elegance of its historical architecture with a contemporary, high-spec interior. quickclarke.co.uk



Cows graze near Beverley Minster.

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A PLACE FOR GATHERING

A visit to Beverley Minster is a must. With a fascinating history and towering high above the town, the minster is one of Britain's finest examples of medieval Gothic architecture.

Vicar Jonathan Baker says: 'It inspires awe and wonder in everyone who approaches the magnificent twin towers of the west front; even more when they enter inside.' For more stunning architecture, head to St Mary's Church.

A stone carving of *The Pilgrim Hare* is said to have been the inspiration for the White Rabbit in Lewis Carroll's famous book, *Alice in Wonderland*.

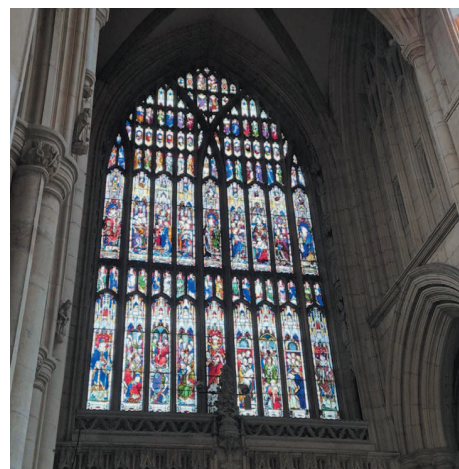
You can also discover the paintings of Fred and Mary Elwell as you walk through

the centre of Beverley – the town and its people were a major source of inspiration for the couple and feature significantly in their art.

High-quality replicas can be seen in locations throughout the town, taking the artists' work to a wider audience in the settings that inspired them, while originals are housed at the Beverley Art Gallery and the nearby Beverley Guildhall.

If you visit the town on a Wednesday or a Saturday, you'll find its famous markets.

A bustling hub of community life, the markets attract thousands of shoppers every week with a vibrant mix of food, fruit and veg, freshly baked goods, clothing and more.





Beverley Westwood is unique and cherished pastureland in the town.
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Town life

Anna Riley, who owns Riley's Menswear & Ladieswear, tells *Yorkshire Life* why she loves the town.

She says: 'Beverley is a warm and welcoming historic market town, centred around the magnificent Beverley Minster, a true masterpiece!'

'Our town has so much to offer both local residents and visiting tourists. Independently run shops like ours strive to deliver the very best customer service to everyone who steps through our doors and we genuinely enjoy welcoming new faces.'

'There are so many fantastic independent businesses to discover, making it easy to spend a full day exploring everything Beverley has to offer. The list is endless and this vibrant independent scene truly sets us apart from many other small towns across the UK.'

'We all support one another and champion the "shop local" message as much as we can, whether you're visiting clothing boutiques like ours, restaurants, pubs, coffee houses, jewellers or gift shops.'



HEAD OUTDOORS

The lush, 500-acre Beverley Westwood is a cherished and unique part of the town. The common pastureland has been under the guardianship of the Pasture Masters for generations.

While home to hundreds of grazing cows, the historic piece of land is also used for leisure purposes (you'll see parkrunners there on a Saturday morning) and is home to Beverley Racecourse, Beverley & East Riding Golf Club, as well as Black Mill – a former windmill that stands as a reminder of the town's agricultural past.

Beverley Beck is also a charming spot for a meander. Amble along the

canal to the River Hull and enjoy the walk as the landscape changes from town to country in less than a mile.

The canal is home to the historic barge *Syntan*, which is owned by the Beverley Barge Preservation Society. Rowing boats, motorboats and barges are also available for hire.

In the town centre, hidden away on North Bar, you will find Coronation Gardens, a peaceful oasis with a sensory area, water feature and seating. It was created to commemorate the 1953 Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II.

The sensory garden was created in 2005, particularly for the benefit of people with a disability.

3 of the best PLACES TO EAT



Wild Organic

Its ethos is to serve organic, sustainable food made with care, using local, seasonal ingredients. Wild Organic is described as 'more than just a café' but a place for community, creativity and connection.



L'Opaline Bistrot

Eddie Scott, 2022 *MasterChef* champion, opened L'Opaline in 2024. Nestled near Beverley Minster, this spot boasts a chic exterior and mouthwatering menu, celebrating Scott's passion for both Indian and French regional cuisine.



The Westwood

Included in the *Michelin Guide* 2025, and with two AA Rosettes, The Westwood features changing menus to allow diners to 'taste the seasons'. At the heart of The Westwood's offering is simple, satisfying food using locally sourced ingredients.