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Explore Midsomer Chilterns by foot, bike and boat – new on-line guide

A new on-line guide has been produced to help people explore the Chilterns Top 10 most popular Midsomer Murders locations, including scenic routes by foot, bike and boat. The information has been added to the [Visit Chilterns](http://www.visitchilterns.co.uk) website and features the many other attractions, walking routes, pubs, visitor accommodation and sights in Midsomer Chilterns.

The Chilterns is a popular filming location, with its picturesque villages and rolling hills clad in beech woods. Says Sarah Osborne from VisitMidsomer.com:

“A few days seeing the Chilterns Top 10 will take you through around 30 episodes of Midsomer Murders and includes the iconic, but fictitious Midsomer villages of Badger’s Drift, Midsomer Mallow, Lower Warden and, of course, Causton”.

It is the distinctive landscape and architecture of the Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty which lends the ITV detective series its continuity as the quintessential English countryside. Midsomer Murders has an audience of 6.5M in the UK and is also one of Britain’s top TV exports, airing in over 100 countries. Amongst the top 3 TV shows in Denmark and watched by 20% of Swedes, Northern Europe makes up a large proportion of visitors coming to Midsomer, and it’s also very popular in Canada, Australia and the US.

The majority of Chilterns Midsomer locations are tucked away in rural Buckinghamshire and South Oxfordshire, in lovely market towns such as Henley-on-Thames, Wallingford and Amersham. Now visitors can tour the villages, stay in the hotels that featured in the many series, take a Midsomer guided tour, see where dark deeds were committed or raise a pint in some of the pubs frequented by DCI Barnaby himself. If you’re a fan of Inspector Barnaby and the glorious English countryside seen in the series then take a trip through this [Chilterns ‘Top 10’ Midsomer](http://www.visitchilterns.co.uk)

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Notes to Editors

1. This release has been distributed by the [Chilterns Tourism Network](#) Ltd (CTN), a not-for-profit organisation that represents over 200 local Chilterns tourism organisations who have the collective aim of promoting this Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty to potential visitors. The CTN manages the www.visitchilterns.co.uk website.
2. For further information and images about the Chilterns contact Annette Venters at the [Chilterns Conservation Board](#) on 01844 355500 or aweiss@chilternsaonb.org
3. For more information about [Visit Midsomer](#), Midsomer tour guides and Midsomer images, contact Sarah Osborne, sarah2108@msn.com 07787 122050
4. The Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) was designated in 1965, covers 833 sq kms (326 sq miles) stretching from Goring, in Oxfordshire, to near Hitchin, in Hertfordshire, and has a resident population of 80,000. It is one of 38 AONBs in England and Wales.