

PRESS RELEASE

This March, you can enjoy ‘A Taste of the Chilterns’

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Good taste comes naturally in the Chilterns, where local produce is enjoyed fresh from the farm to your plate, picnic hamper or glass. There's temptation over every hill!

The Chilterns is an area of international importance for its geology and ecology and a living, working area of beautiful countryside whose character has been shaped by agriculture, industry and the people who have lived and worked here over the centuries. Once the larder of London, the historic market towns, tucked-away villages, pubs, farmland, chalk-fed streams and ancient woods all hint at the growing, trading and of course, enjoyment of good local food and drink.

This March, during the new Chilterns Festival of Food & Drink, you are invited to sample some of the delicious local fare that is produced with love, skill and an attention to detail that reflects what is of the Chilterns; quality, distinctiveness and great taste.

Sue Holden, Chief Officer of the Chilterns Conservation Board and huge supporter of buying local says; “this will be first time that we can really show off what the Chilterns does best; produce high quality produce that makes us all really proud to live and work here. I’m particularly keen on the local beer and wine!”



Here is a taster of the types of events you can experience:

- In a Chilterns hillfort, enjoy a meal that our Iron Age ancestors would have prepared and eaten.
- In the 1000-year old working Redbournbury watermill, the miller will be preparing the flour for bread baking in the onsite bakery.
- On the historic Chequers estate, meet the farmer who raises some of the tastiest #Chilterns lamb, and if you're lucky, lambing will have started too.
- Meet the brewer and sample some of the locally-inspired beers and ales at the Chiltern Brewery
- Meet the distillers who have brought gin to the Chilterns as they share with you insights into the distillery processes whilst you taste their produce.
- Join a guided walk through beautiful Chilterns countryside, stopping off along the way to enjoy refreshments and local produce.



For further information:

- The Chilterns Festival of Food & Drink takes place from 25 March - 2nd April 2017, during [English Tourism Week](#) at various locations across the Chilterns.
- Bookmark www.visitchilterns.co.uk/foodanddrink to find out more about the festival events.
- Spaces will be limited, so it will essential to book your tickets to attend any of the Chilterns Celebration events.
- This Defra-funded project is a joint initiative of the Chilterns Conservation Board and Chilterns Tourism Network, with input from the Chiltern Society who will lead events and guided walks as well as organising the Food & Drink awards.
- Join in the conversations on twitter @VisitChilterns or on Facebook and share your experiences and use this hashtag #Chilterns.
- High quality food & drink images are available from mary@visitchilterns.co.uk

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