

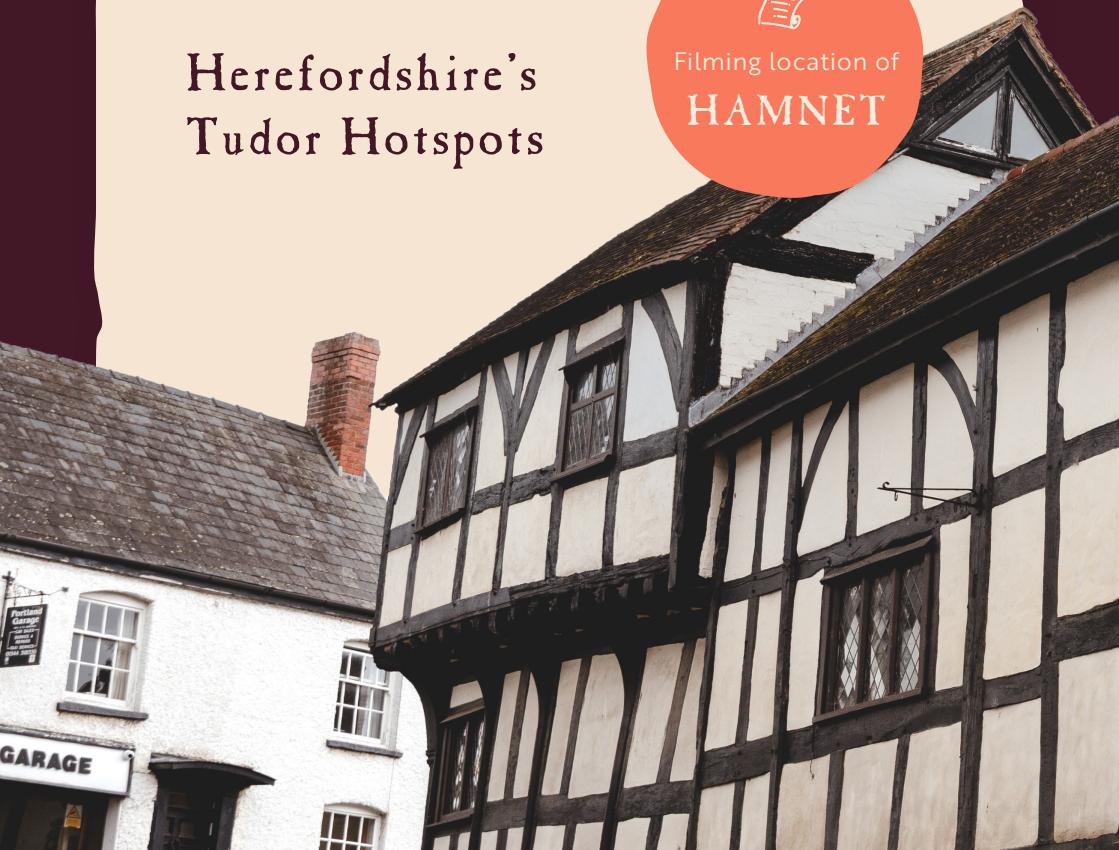


# A POCKET GUIDE

Herefordshire's  
Tudor Hotspots



Filming location of  
**HAMNET**





## A Herefordshire Journey Inspired by Hamnet

Can you keep a secret? The film adaptation of Maggie O'Farrell's critically acclaimed novel, *Hamnet*, was filmed in Herefordshire!

The sleepy black and white village of Weobley was transformed into Tudor Stratford-upon-Avon, while the National Trust's Cwmmau Farmhouse played a starring role as Agnes's family home. You might even spot a scenic dip in the River Wye.

In today's Herefordshire, you don't have to go far to find these historic landscapes and tread a Tudor trail.

Winding rivers, ancient woodlands and timeless architecture captured the hearts of the film's location scouts, and now they're yours to explore.

Browse our pocket guide to plan your own Hamnet-inspired adventure.



IN THIS HANDY POCKET GUIDE,  
YOU'LL FIND OUR COUNTY'S  
TOP SHAKESPEAREAN-ERA  
HOTSPOTS.



Behind the  
Scenes of  
Filming

(Courtesy of NBCUniversal)



STEP BACK TO SHAKESPEARE'S TIME

## Hamnet-Inspired Directory

### 1 The Green Dragon Hotel,

📍 HEREFORD

This hotel is one of the oldest in the country, and its Garrick Lounge Bar has a little-known Shakespearean connection. The bar is named after David Garrick, the well-renowned actor-manager who single-handedly revived the works of William Shakespeare in the 18th Century.



### 2 Williams Handmade,

📍 KNAPTON

It is widely known that Shakespeare's father was a leather glove maker, so what better way to immerse yourself in his family history than to try your hand at working on a project with real leather.



### 3 Grange Court,

📍 LEOMINSTER

This Grade II listed market house built by the 'Kings Carpenter', John Abel, has a fascinating 400-year history. Initially a thriving butter market, it was dismantled and lay unused for many years, until being meticulously rebuilt and turned into a family home.



## 4 16th Century Painted Room,

📍 LEDBURY

Tucked away down a cobbled street in historic Ledbury is Number One Church Street, one of the oldest timber-framed houses in the town. Hidden in an upstairs room, it holds an exquisite Elizabethan treasure - some of the best surviving examples of wall painting from the era, dating back to around the 1560s. If you're visiting before April, you'll need to book ahead of time!

## 5 Hedgerow Medicine,

📍 PUTLEY

Central to the tale of Hamnet is Agnes, Shakespeare's wife, and her deep-rooted connection to nature as a skilled herbalist and homoeopath. In her garden sanctuary at Hewlands, she grew intricate combinations of plants for healing remedies and poultices. Join a workshop with Rowan McOnegal (a qualified herbalist with over 30 years' experience) to channel your inner Agnes and learn the power of plant-based medicine first-hand.

## 6 Old House,

📍 HEREFORD

Standing proudly in the heart of Hereford City centre is this beautifully preserved, iconic 17th Century timber-framed house. Step inside the Black and White House Museum, and discover a captivating glimpse into what day-to-day Jacobean life was really like. You'll find a series of re-created rooms, curated everyday objects, and even replica clothing from the era (if you've got kids in tow, they'll love a try-on). Fun for all the family!





## 7 The Feathers Hotel,

📍 LEDBURY

If walls could talk at this 400-year-old traditional coaching inn, we'd be privy to a fascinating tale or two. Tudor-era charm, boutique style, and all the mod cons (smart TVs and espresso machines) make this the ideal spot to rest your weary head during a Hamnet-inspired Herefordshire escape.



## 8 Hellen's Manor,

MUCH MARCLE

Hailed by Country Homes Magazine as 'The jewel in the crown of Herefordshire homes', this much-loved Tudor/Jacobean manor is a living monument to much of England's history. Attractions from the Shakespearean era include heirlooms of Anne Boleyn.



## 9 Oldfield Forge,

📍 GARWAY

Try your hand at this artisan craft, once at the heart of life in Tudor England. Work with fire and steel in a real-life working blacksmith forge and get hands-on to create your own masterpiece. Knife, sword, axe, whatever you turn your hand to, you'll come away with a memento of an ancient craft and a new found respect for its heritage.



## 10 NT Cwmmau Farmhouse,

📍 BRILLEY

For the real-Hamnet-deal, book a stay at this beautiful 17th Century manor. It was recently used to depict Hewlands, the childhood home of Agnes, in the film Hamnet. It's a truly Hollywood-worthy setting, enveloped by stunning scenery and within a stones throw of a host of local attractions.

## 11 Wye Valley Falconry,

📍 HEREFORD

Channel your inner Agnes (Shakespeare's wife in Hamnet) and book a private handling encounter with a falcon. See up close and personal the natural majesty of these incredibly powerful birds as you watch them soar through the skies and lure them back with techniques honed over centuries.

## 12 NT Brockhampton,

📍 BROMYARD

This 687-hectare estate boasts 600 years of history. At its heart stands a romantic 14th Century timber-framed house complete with moat and Tudor gatehouse. Plan time to explore the surrounding orchards, woodlands, and parkland. Don't miss the second-hand bookshop on site; you might even find a copy of The Complete Works of Shakespeare...

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## The Old Court Hotel,

📍 SYMONDS YAT

Just a five-minute stroll from the banks of the River Wye sits this beautiful Grade II listed Manor House, now a delightful family-run Hotel. Serving the finest in local fayre and ales, it offers both historic charm and proximity to nature. If you're an active sort, walking, canoeing, fishing, or wild swimming are but a stone's throw from the front door. Choose from hotel rooms or self-catering accommodation for larger groups.



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## Fair Oak Cider,

📍 BACTON

In Tudor Herefordshire, cider flowed from orchard to table, forming an important part of rural life. At Fair Oak, artisan ciders are still made in a seventeenth-century stone mill powered by a horse, preserving traditional cider-making techniques. Contact them directly to arrange tastings, purchases and to see the horse-drawn mill in action. This place really is an evocative glimpse into the rural world Shakespeare would have known.



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## The Market House,

📍 ROSS-ON-WYE

This remarkably preserved 17th Century Market House is one of Ross-on-Wye's most iconic historic landmarks. While the current sandstone structure dates back to the 1650s, its roots reach all the way back to the 12th Century when the town was first granted the right to hold a market. Today, that tradition is as vibrant as ever with markets still taking place every Thursday and Saturday. Upstairs you'll find the Made In Ross gallery, a real treasure trove of local arts and crafts.





## Share your Tudor landscape shots!

Captured any stand-out snaps of your Hamnet-inspired journey? We'd love to see them, so please give us a tag.

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