



“The Jewel In A Granite Setting”

Dartmoor  
to  
Gateway

CHAGFORD



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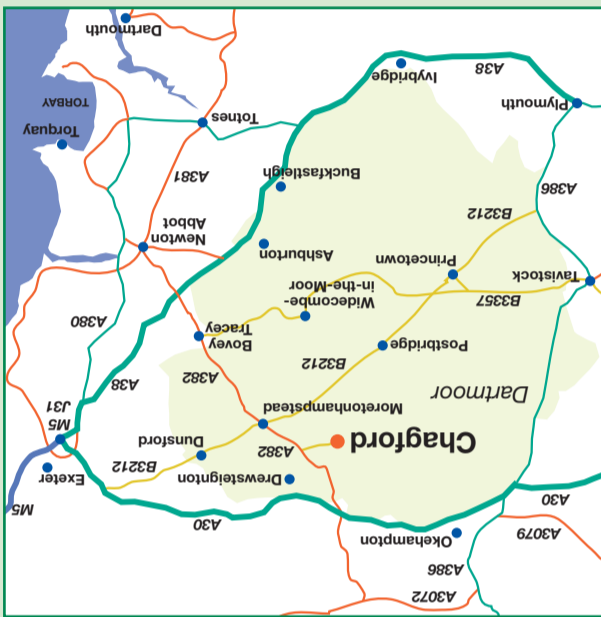
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Chagford nestles at the heart of Dartmoor, some say “The jewel in a granite setting”.

**C**HAGFORD is an unique place: a magnet that attracts visitors from all over the world throughout the year. Man has lived here for thousands of years and Chagford was probably established in Saxon Times. The name means “The ford where the gorse grows”.

In 1305, Chagford became a Stannary town, one of four in Devon. Here, miners brought their tin for weighing and valuing. The last tin mine in the area closed in 1903.



The eight-sided Market House, a focal point in Chagford, is on the site of the old Stannary Court.



**W**ANDER AROUND and you'll see old thatched granite buildings, many dating from the 16th century. St Michael's Parish Church dates back to the 15th century, although originally dedicated in 1261.



**W**HATEVER THE TIME OF YEAR Chagford is an ideal holiday destination. A lively and strong social spirit amongst its people ensuring an active calendar of events for all ages to enjoy throughout the year.



**S**PECIAL EVENTS  
Chagford Show - 3rd Thursday August  
Two Hills Race - Late May Bank Holiday  
Arts Festival - Alternate summers in July  
Check out our website for services and local events.  
[www.chagford-parish.co.uk](http://www.chagford-parish.co.uk)  
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Stone Cross at Week Down © Chris Chapman



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**D**ARTMOOR NATIONAL PARK is one of the few truly wild and natural areas left in Britain. Over 200 square miles of beautiful moorland peppered with historical sites, such as Grimspound dating from about 1500 BC, and dramatic tors, presenting challenging terrain for the adventurous. A myriad of footpaths through spectacular scenery can also be explored by those simply wanting an enjoyable ramble.



Peter Randall-Page sculpture

**T**HE RIVER TEIGN runs through Chagford. Fingle Bridge, a favourite beauty spot, can be reached by an enchanting riverside walk where, if you're lucky, you will see salmon leaping.



Castle Drogo © Tracey Elliot-Reep

**C**ASTLE DROGO, owned by the National Trust, and the last castle to be built in England, is nearby. There is an abundance of wildlife: you can see wild deer and have buzzards circling overhead while you walk.

**Y**OU CAN FISH for trout in a moorland stream, the River Teign, or enjoy the tranquillity of Fernworthy Reservoir, a vast stretch of water high on Dartmoor. Nature has a wonderful way of replenishing the spirit and relaxing the body and Chagford is at the heart of it all. Chagford is the perfect base for the horse rider, cyclist, photographer, walker, naturalist, historian, fisherman or golfer. There are tennis courts, a bowling green and an open air swimming pool that is fed by river water. A superb sports field provides county quality cricket and football pitches, set against the spectacular backdrop of Meldon Hill.



## SHOPPING

**S**The shopping facilities in Chagford mirror the vitality of the town; it has everything you need in the way of food and everyday requirements plus the services of chemist, doctor, vet, banks and post office. Bowdens and Webbers shops are Chagford institutions, having been in existence for over 100 years. They are known locally as “the shops that have everything”. The Square and surrounding streets are the perfect places to browse amongst a variety of shops selling antiques, art, clothes and unusual gifts.



## EATING OUT

**E**Whether you want a relaxing breakfast, a quick lunch or a special dinner, you can find them all within a few minutes of the Square. Home cooked, organically - and often local - grown fare is available. Enjoy coffee and croissants in the open air and watch the world go by or, for an extra special evening, visit one of the international award winning restaurants.



## PUBS AND HOTELS

**P**Chagford boasts superb pubs and hotels, each with its own particular character. They offer excellent food and accommodation and visitors are assured a warm welcome from staff and locals who can provide that extra special angle on the town's history and its characters.



## ARTS AND CRAFTS

**A**There are art galleries in the Square and you can visit local potters and basket makers. Many artists and crafts people choose to live in the area, and pride is taken in using local materials from sustainable sources. There is a strong, ecologically sensitive community within Chagford which is an important influence on the character of the town.

