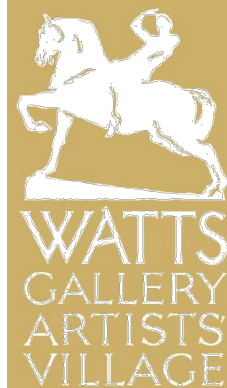


# GROUP VISITS 2022

## WATTS GALLERY - ARTISTS' VILLAGE

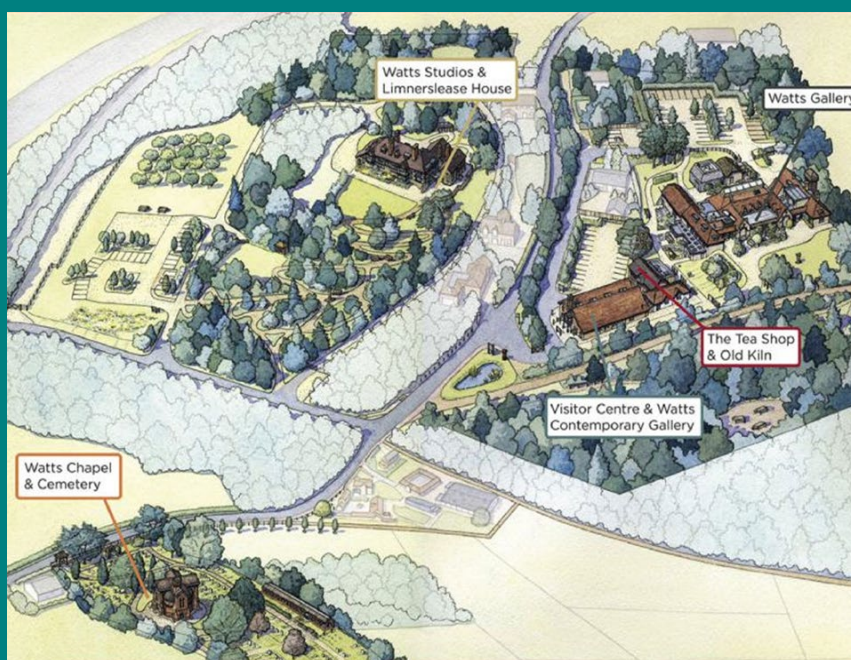
A unique Arts & Crafts village in the Surrey Hills



### VISIT

Watts Gallery - Artists' Village is the Arts & Crafts home, gallery, studios and chapel of Victorian artists, **George Frederick Watts (1817-1904)** and his wife, **Mary Watts (1849-1938)**.

Visit our historic galleries to see remarkable paintings and sculpture by G F Watts, wander to the Grade I listed Watts Chapel, take in the beautiful surroundings of our site or find out more about the lives of G F and Mary Watts in our range of guided tours. On site you will also discover our exciting programme of temporary exhibitions.



### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Watts Gallery - Artists' Village is following Government Guidelines to provide a safe environment for all our visitors, volunteers, and staff.

As the Government Guidelines change, we will be adapting our Group Visits Experience. Tours & Packages that are currently unavailable due to Covid-19 restrictions may become available later in the year. We may also have to alter tours, catering, and group sizes should guidelines change before your visit. Our Groups Organiser will be in touch about any changes that may affect your group booking.

### GROUP BOOKING BENEFITS:

- Group rate of £11.00 per person (minimum of 8 people)
- 10% discount in our Shop
- Private tours.
- Free familiarisation visits for group leaders.
- Free coach parking available upon request.
- Pre-booked catering options.

## A COVID SECURE VISIT

- ✓ **A risk-free booking:** payments will be taken only 2-weeks in advance of your visit. Bookings will remain fully refundable should the visit be altered or cancelled due to changes in Covid-19 Government Guidelines.
- ✓ **We have introduced many measures to ensure we maintain social distancing,** including pre-booked admission, limited capacity across our site and clear Covid signage and one-way systems to help guide you and keep you safe.
- ✓ **We are undertaking additional cleaning;** We have an in-house cleaning team who will be cleaning our site prior to opening and making checks throughout the day. The rest of our team will also be supporting the cleaning team in specific areas such as our shop and Tea Shop.
- ✓ **To help keep everyone safe, all staff and volunteers will continue to wear masks.** We encourage visitors to wear face coverings in our indoor spaces. Protective screens have also been installed at the Visitor Centre and Tea Shop.
- ✓ **Hand sanitiser is provided on site,** at the entrance points to buildings and key locations. Hand washing facilities are also available.
- ✓ **Numbers will be limited to the Government Guidelines in place at the time of your visit.**
- ✓ **We are encouraging visitors to check into the NHS app** on their phones and QR codes are provided around the site.
- ✓ **We expect all our group visits to be operating their trips in accordance with the Government's safer transport,** following their local coronavirus restrictions, social distancing, and group size requirements.



# ACCESSIBILITY

We have an 'Art for All' ethos and endeavour to meet all access needs.

Watts Gallery, Limnerslease: Artists' Home, Artist in Residence Studio, Shop and Teashop are full accessible. Due to the historic nature of our buildings, we regret that Watts Chapel and Watts Contemporary gallery are currently inaccessible for wheelchair users.

Please advise your group to wear comfortable shoes as the Watts Gallery – Artists' Village covers a large site.

**Please let us know of any particular access needs for your group when booking.**



# GUIDED TOURS

Under the current Government Guidelines, we are only currently operating three guided tours. Audio Tours are also available on the Smartify App. Should other tours become available before your visit we will try to accommodate this.

## Watts Chapel Tour

Explore the beautiful Grade I listed Arts & Crafts masterpiece, with unique interior decoration, created by Mary Watts and the local community of Compton. A rare chance to see a unique example of Art Nouveau and Celtic design.



## Artist Village Walking Tours

Take a walking tour across the Artists' Village to discover more about the historic Arts & Crafts architecture. You will visit the Pottery Building – home of the Compton Potters' Guild – the Gallery, the Chapel, and Limnerslease. Please wear comfortable shoes!



## Limnerslease: The Arts & Crafts Home

Discover the Grade II listed Arts & Crafts home of George and Mary Watts, completed by Sir Ernest George in 1891. Learn more about the history of the building see the original gesso ceilings designed by Mary Watts and hear about the artistic and literary guests who visited Limnerslease.

# CATERING

Catering **must be pre-booked** for all group visits and private tours. Groups have the exclusive use of the Old Kiln for all catering options.

We offer a range of lunch and light refreshment options for your group to suit all tastes and budgets. Special diets and allergies can be accommodated. Please let us know when making your booking.

All catering options are listed in the Groups Booking form.



# YOUR VISIT

Watts Gallery – Artists' Village is open 7 days a week including Bank Holidays and New Year. We are closed on 24 – 26 December each year.

The site is open between **10.00am – 5.00pm** all year round, unless in the event of a Government lockdown. We recommend at least 4 hours for your visit.

## GETTING HERE

Watts Gallery -Artists' Village is located in the village of Compton, Surrey in the heart of the Surrey Hills, an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

### By Coach or Car

We are signposted off the A3 at the Godalming / Compton slip road. Take the first left onto Down Lane from the B3000 and we are located 500m down the road.

Your coach can drop you off at the Visitor Centre before parking at designated coach parking, a short drive away. Please ask your coach driver to turn off their engines when picking-up and dropping-off. All coaches must be pre-booked.

Car parking is free for all visitors. We have Blue Badge parking available on site.

### By Rail

There are regular services from London, Surrey, Berkshire and Hampshire to and from Guildford, Godalming and Farncombe stations. Each station is 10 minutes from Compton and taxis are available.

### By Bus

The 46 Stagecoach bus runs to and from Guildford town centre (Friary Bus Station) directly to the Artists' Village running once an hour between 9.20 and 6pm, Mondays to Saturdays. The journey takes approximately 10 minutes. Up to date bus information can be found on [their website](#).

### Walking Trails

Watts Gallery - Artists' Village is located along the North Downs Way, a National Trail of 153 miles. Much of the trail follows the historical Pilgrims' Way, running through Surrey following the line of the North Downs until it reaches the Kentish border, where it continues on to Canterbury.

The Artists' Village is located in the heart of the Surrey Hills, an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). The OS coordinates for Compton are SU958468.

### Cycling routes

Watts Gallery - Artists' Village is located along National Cycle Route 22, which can be picked up from Puttenham and Guildford. The Artists' Village has a number of secure bike racks spread across the site for bicycle parking. Bicycles are also available to hire from Guildford station.

## CONTACT US

To discuss any group visits or private tours please contact our Groups Organiser on **01483 813589** or email [groups@wattsgallery.org.uk](mailto:groups@wattsgallery.org.uk).

Please return your completed booking form via **email or post**. Please address to:  
Group Visits, Watts Gallery – Artists' Village,  
Down Lane, Compton, Guildford, Surrey, GU3 1DQ.