



Opening Times

Open Saturdays to Thursdays from 1 March to 31 October, 10am-5pm.

Closed Fridays (except Bank Holidays)

Open to pre-booked groups only from November 1 to the end of February. Please contact us to book.

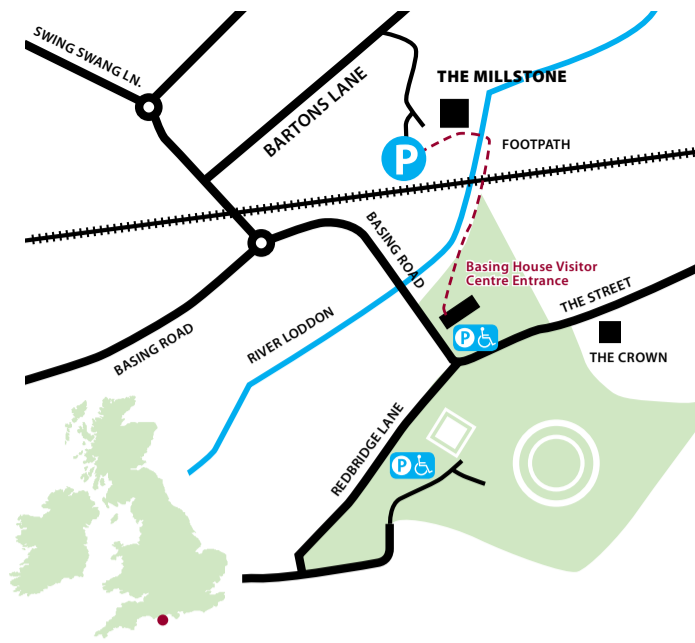
Ticket Prices – on the day

Adult	£4.50
Concessions (aged 60+ / Student)	£4.00
Child (aged 5-15 yrs)	£3.50
Family 2 adults + 2 children or 1 adult + up to 3 children	£12.00
Under 5 years	FREE

The Annual Pass

An annual pass to Basing House offers you the chance to return as many times as you like during our opening times. A great chance to visit us again with friends and family for a picnic or a pleasant walk around the picturesque site. The pass is also a great gift idea. Terms and conditions apply. 10% off on selected items in the gift shop.

Adult	£15.00
Child (aged 5-15 yrs)	£10.00
Family 2 adults + 2 children or 1 adult + up to 3 children	£35.00



How to find us

The free Basing House car park is well signposted from the Basingstoke Ring Road.

There's a pleasant short walk along the River Loddon to the visitor centre.

The car park location and postcode is: Barton's Lane, Old Basing, RG24 8AE (near the Millstone Pub)

Please note that there is no street parking in Old Basing village itself.

Contact us:

This address is for correspondence only:

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Accessibility

The site is large and although most of the site is accessible to all, there are areas with limited access due to rough terrain or steep inclines. Please contact us before your visit to discuss your requirements or visit our website to find out more about access around the site.



www.basinghouse.org.uk



Welcome to Basing House

Discover the many stories of Basing House, a nationally important historical site. This magnificent attraction dates from the Norman period, was the site of the largest private house in Tudor England and suffered at the hands of Oliver Cromwell during the English Civil War.

Highlights of your visit will include:

- Start your visit at the Basing Grange buildings, restored and converted to provide new visitor centre, gift shop, refreshments and toilets/ baby changing facilities.
- Step inside the battle scarred Great Barn dating from 1535 and experience the new audio/visual show.
- Download the new audio tours via our website on to your smartphone/MP3 player in advance of your visit.
- Across the road from the Basing Grange buildings you will find new interpretive panels guiding you around the ruins of the Tudor Palace, 17th Century Civil War defences and the newly refurbished museum telling the many stories of Basing House.
- Enjoy a picnic in the re-created Jacobean garden.



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| 1 Way In and Out | 8 Site of Norman Castle and Tudor Old House |
| 2 Visitor Centre
Tickets, Exhibition, Refreshments, Gift Shop | 9 Site of Tudor New House |
| 3 Learning and Community Centre
Toilets, Accessible toilet, Baby changing | 10 Civil War Defences |
| 4 Tudor Great Barn
Sound and Light Show | 11 Basingstoke Canal (course of) |
| 5 Garrison Gate
Toilets, Accessible toilet, Baby changing | 12 Children's Archaeological Pits (open for specific events) |
| 6 Museum
Accessible toilet | 13 Walled Jacobean Garden |
| 7 The Bothy Tearoom | 14 Car & Coach Park (with Accessible parking) |
| | 15 Accessible parking |
| | 16 Accessible parking |



Basing House timeline

Roman	Medieval	Tudor	Stuart	Georgian	Recent History
Farm Stead	Ringwork and bailey castle built at Basing 1150	William Paulet – Right hand man to Tudor Monarchs – rebuilds Basing House as a great Palace. Henry VIII visits Basing House – 1535. Edward VI visits Basing House – 1553. Queen Mary I & Philip of Spain Honeymooned here – 1554. James I and Queen Elizabeth I also visited the house on several occasions	English Civil War Basing House falls to Cromwell – 1645 Landscaped as a leisure garden for the Dukes of Bolton 1690s	Basingstoke canal built through site – 1790s.	Excavations begin – 1870 WWII defences – 1940 Basing House opened by Hampshire County Council – 1976 Duke of Kent opened Jacobean garden at Basing House – 1991 Site facilities enhanced with Heritage Lottery Funding – 2010. New Bothy tearoom due to open Spring 2011



Unearth its stories

Basing House was once the country's largest private house and home to the powerful courtier William Paulet, Marquess of Winchester. It was the scene of many royal visits, by Henry VIII, Elizabeth I and others. The earthwork banks and ditches of an earlier medieval castle still dominate the ruins. The wealth and power of the Paulet family, their loyalty to the crown and nearness to London brought disaster to Basing in the Civil War. After long sieges and bombardments the House fell to Oliver Cromwell in person.

Volunteers and Friends

Become part of the Basing House team as a valued volunteer. You will have the chance to help out with a range of tasks from greeting visitors to gardening - or even giving guided tours (training will be given!).

The minimum age for volunteers is 16 but there is no upper limit.

Please email or telephone us with your contact details.



Venue Hire

Basing House can offer a unique and memorable setting for your meeting, conference, product launch or events. The magnificent Great Barn can accommodate up to 250 persons seated and the Learning & Community Centre can seat up to 32 people and is fully equipped with broadband access and an interactive whiteboard for presentations, lectures or training. The lovely Jacobean Knot Garden and other open spaces are also available for hire.

Wedding Receptions

Imagine your wedding reception and photography in the magnificent surroundings of Basing House. The Great Barn can seat up to 250 guests.

For venue hire or wedding reception enquiries please email basinghouse@hants.gov.uk or for more information visit our website.



What's on at Basing House in 2011

Please telephone or check our website for more information - all subject to availability.
Tel: 01256 463965 www.basinghouse.org.uk



Bat Talk Saturday 26 March, 2-3pm

Join us for a fascinating Bat Talk in the Learning and Community room. Presented by Claire Andrews, Berkshire and South Buckinghamshire Bat Group. Adult £3, Concessions £2.50, Child £2.00, Family £8.00.

A tour of Basing House with Alan Turton

Sunday 27 March, 3pm

Expert Alan Turton will lead this interesting tour of Basing House, unearthing its many stories. Please pre-book at the admission desk on arrival.

Tour and entry to Basing House: Adult £7.50, Concessions £6.00, Child £5.50, Family £20.00.

Live Music and picnic in the Walled Garden

3 April (Mothers' Day), 1 May, 5 June, 3 July, 7 Aug and 4 Sept, 12 noon to 3pm

Enjoy your picnic whilst listening to live music in the picturesque surroundings of the Walled Garden. Standard entry charge for these dates. Please telephone or visit our website for more details of musicians.



Easter Egg Trail

Saturday 9 to Monday 25 April, 10am-5pm.

Standard entry charges apply + £1.50 per person for the trail.

Sealed Knot Easter

Sunday 24 & Monday 25 April, 10am-5pm.

Watch Soldiers drill with pike and muskets at 12.30 and 3pm and take part in fun activities throughout the weekend such as mini pike and drumming.

Adult £7, Concessions £6.50, Child £6, Family £20.



5km Run Series

28 April, 26 May, 30 June & 21 July, 7pm.

Keep fit this summer or train for the Basingstoke Half Marathon by taking part in the 5km run series. Adults and children welcome. £3 per person, per race or £10 for the series of four. Please pre-book via telephone, website or in person at Basing House from 1 March.

Royal Wedding weekend

29, 30 April, 1 & 2 May, 10am-5pm

Bring your children or grand-children (aged 0-15 yrs) dressed up as a Prince or Princess and get FREE entry for that child with one full paying adult or concession. Enjoy activities to celebrate this special occasion. Tickets can be purchased on the day, no need to pre-book.



Bat Walk 14 May 8.30-10.30pm

Come and see the bats at Basing House. Claire Andrews of Berkshire and South Buckinghamshire Bat Group will lead you around the site to spy on these amazing creatures. Please pre-book for this walk via website or telephone. Adult £4.50, Concession £4.00, Child £3.50, Family £12.00.

Archaeological Dig 23 May to 5 June, 10am-5pm

Please contact us for more information if you wish to be involved in this dig. Supervised family groups are welcome too.

Tudor Weekend 28-30 May, 10am-5pm

Experience a Tudor themed weekend to commemorate the 450th Anniversary of the completion of Basing House. Standard entry charges apply.

Supernatural Tour Saturday 18 June, 7.30pm

Join 'Supernatural Tours' and their Medium on a paranormal tour of Basing House. Please see website or telephone for more details and to book tickets.

Fathers' Day BBQ and Blues

Sunday 19 June, 12-3pm

Celebrate Fathers' Day at Basing House with a BBQ and listen to the Blues 11 performed by the band 'Barcodes'.

Standard entry charges apply + BBQ food.



Love's Labours Lost

Presented by the Proteus Theatre Company

23, 24 & 25 June, Bring a picnic from 6pm, performance at 7pm

Join the Proteans - Proteus Theatre's acclaimed adult workshop group with their witty and swooningly romantic interpretation of Shakespeare's original screwball comedy.

Tickets are limited so please pre-book via our website or telephone. Adult £10, Concession £8, Students and Children £5.

Tudor Banquet in the Great Barn Saturday 2 July

Join us for this Old Basing Fundraising event.

£25 per ticket. Please see our website or call for more details.



Macbeth performed by the Pro-teens in the Great Barn

Mon 4 & Tues 5 July, 7pm

The Pro-teens are proud to present one of Shakespeare's greatest and well known tragedies in a site specific version at Basing House. The Pro-teens are made up of teenage performers from across Basingstoke and North Hampshire and are the flagship theatre company attached to the Central Studio and Proteus Young People's Theatre. Adult £8, Concession £7, Students and Children £6. Please pre-book through Central Studios Tel: 01256 418318

Summer Holiday fun 28 July to 4 Sept, 10am-5pm

Check our website or call us for various children's activities throughout the summer such as colouring, flag making, badge making and more!

Archaeological Pits sessions

Wednesdays 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31 Aug

Children can learn more about the art of Archaeology in our new Archaeological pits. Places for these children's sessions must be pre-booked via telephone or website.

Wedding Fair Sunday 11

September, 10am-5pm

Join us for our first Wedding Fair in the majestic Great Barn. It is FREE to enter the Great Barn for this event. Please purchase a ticket from the visitor centre if you wish to visit the rest of the site.



Basingstoke Archaeological and Historical Society Conference Saturday 17 September, 2-7pm

Visitors are welcome to attend this conference, please pre-book via our website or telephone.

Geo-caching Saturday

1 October, 10am-5pm

Families and individuals can have fun with this high-tech treasure hunting game. You can hire one of our GPS devices. £3 per team. Team can book a timed session on arrival.



English Civil War Society weekend

8 & 9 October, 10am-5pm

Great family event where you can learn what it was like at Basing House during the Civil War, with re-enactors, workshops and more! Adult £5.50, Concessions £5.00, Child £4.50, Family £15.

Ghost Walks

Friday 28 October & Saturday 29 October, 6pm & 7.15pm

Enjoy this spooktacular historical ghost walk followed by hot chocolate and toasted marshmallows. Pre-book your places on line or via telephone. Suitable for children aged 5 yrs+. Adult £4.50, Concession £4, Child £3.50, Family £12.



Travelling Souk Christmas Fair in the Great Barn

Tuesday 8 November, 11am-4pm

The Travelling Souk will be passing through Old Basing for one day only - bringing a tempting assortment of unique gifts that you can't buy elsewhere!

The Christmas fair is not just for Christmas presents - you will find personalised Birthday presents, quality clothes, shoes, jewellery and decorative home accessories.

Most importantly every purchase will support The Pelican Cancer Foundation. Admission £5 on the door. For details about sellers and pre-booking for fast-track entry visit www.thetravellingsouk.com



Father Christmas Grotto

10, 11, 17 & 18 December, 10am-5pm.

Meet Father Christmas in the delightful setting of Basing House. £7 per child aged 0-15 yrs. Ticket price includes gift. Parents/ carers/ adults are FREE. Please pre-book your time via telephone.