

## EAST GRINSTEAD

East Grinstead is a town and civil parish in the northeastern corner of Mid Sussex district of West Sussex in England near the East Sussex, Surrey, and Kent borders.

*The High Street contains one of the longest continuous runs of 14th-century timber-framed buildings in England.*

Other notable buildings in the town include Sackville College, the sandstone almshouse built in 1609. The adjacent St Swithun's Church, stands on the highest ground in the town and was rebuilt in the eighteenth century (the tower dating from 1789), its imposing building dominates the surrounding countryside for many miles around. In the churchyard are commemorated the East Grinstead Martyrs.

The Greenwich Meridian runs through the grounds of the historic 1769 East Court mansion, home of the Town Council, giving the visitor an opportunity to stand with a foot in both the east and west.

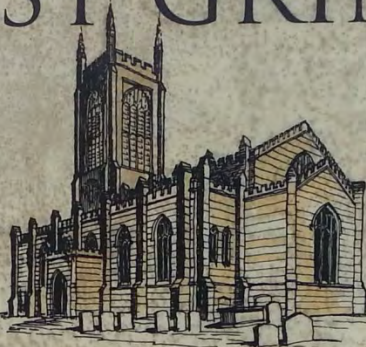




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# HISTORIC EAST GRINSTEAD

Welcome to the heart of East Grinstead. Ancient tracks met here in prehistoric times. About the year 1000 a Church was built to serve the small settlements in the surrounding countryside. The High Street was laid out as a borough in the early 13th century on an important road from London to the south coast ports, to serve and profit from the passing traffic. The wide street for markets and fairs was flanked on either side by a row of burghage houses with a strip of land (portland) behind each one. It is now a Conservation Area.



**PARISH CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN**, originally designed by the leading architect James Wyatt (dower by J. T. Grosse) to replace that destroyed by the fall of the tower in 1785. The style - unusually for late 18th century - is Gothic, believed to have been chosen to be in keeping with its medieval predecessor.



**TO EAST COURT**, a country gentleman's house of 1769, now in a public park and home to the Town Council and Town Museum.



**CLARENDON HOUSE**, a fine 'Wealden' house of about 1470 extended by the building of Old Stone house in about 1630 and further extended in 1889.



**TOWN CENTRE PLAN**



**DORSET HOUSE** presents the appearance of an irregularly styled Queen Anne town house of 1705. Restoration in 1993 showed that the brick masonry concealed timber framing from two earlier houses.



**SACKVILLE COLLEGE**, an almshouse founded by Robert Sackville, Earl of Dorset, in 1609 and still in residential use.



**CROMWELL HOUSE**, built as a prestigious town house for the prosperous head of a local family, allegedly in 1599.





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THE EAST GRINSTEAD MARTYRS

Thomas Dungate  
John Forman  
Ann Tree

Were burned to death on  
18th July 1556 in the High Street,  
for refusal to renounce their  
Protestant faith.

EAST GRINSTEAD TOWN COUNCIL





Clarendon House

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