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The only way is Sussex

A-list neighbours, historic houses and a wild festival scene — **Samuel Finck** has a guide to Harry and Meghan's new playground

DURING the lockdown we've seen a lot of celebrities moving to the south coast. It's not just the stars of the screen, but also the stars of the stage. Harry and Meghan have chosen Sussex as their new home, and it's a beautiful choice. The county is home to some of the most beautiful scenery in the UK, and it's a great place to live. There are plenty of historic houses, and the food is fantastic. It's a great place to live, and it's a great place to visit. Sussex is a beautiful county, and it's a great place to live. There are plenty of historic houses, and the food is fantastic. It's a great place to live, and it's a great place to visit.



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Local history
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Hastings, adjunct to the scene of the eye-popping battle of 1066, has also had a makeover, ditching its unwanted reputation as a seedy backwater in the 90s to re-emerge as a thriving tourist destination, crowned by the contemporary Jerwood Gallery. Wittering, meanwhile, is middle class beach half-term heaven, which is nice if you like that sort of thing.

Sussex, pubs, and suspicious pairings

Among all this sun and fun, the people are often parched. Fortunately, the public are well served with ale houses: Horse Guards in Tillington was runner-up in this year's Good Pub Guide, crowned a "gently civilised and particularly well run 18th-century inn" with Arundel Castle, Harveys Best and

Skidders Betty Stogs on handpump. This is also a vineland to rival the West Coast (or at least Wales). Sussex produces some of the best sparkling wine in the world – notably, Rathfinny Vineyard launched its first blanc de blancs sparkling wine in April this year, perfect for toasting the new duke and duchess in sparkling Sussex style.

If you like, you can pair this all with a Sussex pond pudding, a rather decadent dessert which uses an obscene amount of butter to create a melted pond.

Art attack

Who's afraid of Virginia Woolf? Not East Sussex, which is home to Charleston House, the one time romping and stomping ground of the Bloomsbury group whenever the set retreated to the countryside.

In Rye, Henry James and EF Benson both lived at Lamb House, and JMW Turner supposedly found more picture-worthy subjects in the environs in one day than he had in any part of Europe in one week. More contemporaneously, the swirling sounds and heady banquets of Glyndebourne opera house resonate across East Sussex.

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