



Situated in central south-west England, Somerset is one of the most beautiful areas of the country.

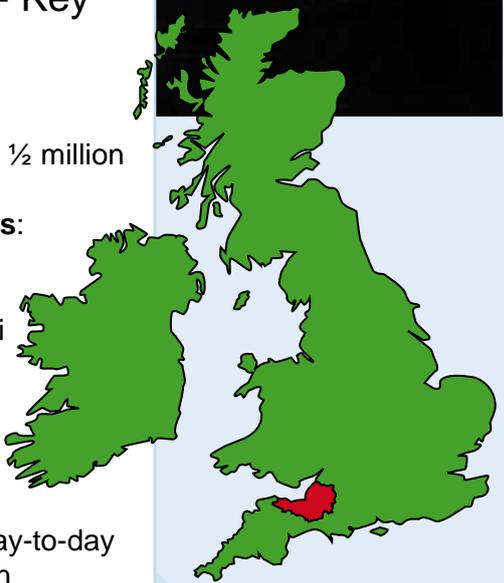
Spectacular historical, coastal and natural scenery make it an ideal place to explore, enjoy and to study in.

Somerset - Key Facts

Population:
Approximately ½ million

Ethnic Groups:
African
Chinese
Bangladeshi
Portuguese
Polish
Filipino

English is the language of day-to-day communication



Street

Location: Street is located in the centre of Somerset county in the Mendip area. Street is the second largest town in the Mendip region.

Population: Approximately 11,000.

Key Industries: Street is a sub-regional shopping centre with a large outlet shopping centre at Clarks Village thus retailing and wholesaling are important trades; education; hotels and restaurants; public administration.

Transportation: Street is located about one hour's drive from Bristol and Bath and about three hour's drive from London. The nearest train station is Castle Cary which is about 12 miles from Street. Regular bus services pass through Street to Wells, Taunton, Bridgwater, Shepton Mallet, Castle Cary and beyond.

Housing: Street is a historic village with a pleasant high street containing a variety of useful shops. Housing is low level and made of brick. Houses typically have central heating but not air conditioning. Some houses are hundreds of years old.



Studying at Strode College allows students to have the best of both country and city living. The college is just 20 miles from Taunton, the county capital of Somerset and 30 miles from Bristol, the largest city in the south-west. Bristol Airport is about 30 miles away.



The Street and Mendip ‘not to be missed’ List

Visit Clarks Shoe Museum

Hot air ballooning over the Somerset Levels

Explore the Bishop’s Palace at Wells

Climb up Glastonbury Tor

Walk up Jacob’s Ladder and Tour Cheddar caves

Visit Shapwick Heath and view the Starling migration clouds

Watch wicker baskets being made on the levels

View locations where the film “Hot Fuzz” was made

Dance at the Glastonbury Festival and Extravaganza

Drink a pint of famous Somerset cider

Watch cheese making at the Somerset Rural Life Museum



Climate

Street’s climate is temperate without extreme highs and lows. The rainfall is low.

There are four seasons: Summer, Autumn, Winter and Spring