

COLNE

A GREAT PLACE
TO LIVE...



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Bonnie Colne on the hill

Sitting proudly on top of its ridge in the majestic Pennines, Colne is a town of contradictions and surprises.



SHOPPING IN COLNE



Time to shop

Unlike nearby tourist trap towns, Colne is all about real, independent shops lining its handsome High Street, down the characterful side roads and in the elegant arcades leading off it. Artisan bakers, high end interiors, professional services, an old-fashioned sweet shop, a bookshop and a real cobblers, Colne caters

for most needs, as well as some specialist ones you hadn't even considered. It is also home to the famous Boundary Outlet department store, which acts as a magnet for shoppers all over the region in search of a bargain. It is not surprising that with all this on offer, Colne was runner up in The Great British High Street Competition a few years ago.



MARKETS IN COLNE

Local produce

Packed with independent shops, as well as some food chains, there is much to delight the foodie in Colne. There are bakers galore, including, in one of the arcades, an innovative artisan baker who draws on fresh produce from her own garden. Butchers are also liberally sprinkled throughout the town. And then there is the Market,

with its deli and famous purveyor of the celebrated local delicacy, Stew n' Hard. There are also regular food orientated outdoor markets held throughout the year on Saturdays.





NIGHT LIFE IN COLNE

Go have a few

At night, Colne offers a really amazing variety for a town of fewer than 20,000 residents. There are a staggering 19 live music venues, from the large to the minuscule and, as a result, there is a flourishing, diverse music scene.

It also boasts an incredible three theatres, while its restaurant and bar culture has ramped up considerably in recent years, so that people say they prefer socialising in Colne to a night out in much bigger towns and cities.

TRANSPORT IN COLNE

Getting about

Colne is served by its very own motorway, with the M65 stopping just shy of the Primet Conservation Area, which still boasts mills, foundries and a stupendous Grade II Listed chimney at

Greenfield Mill. Travel times by car to Leeds, Manchester and Preston are less than an hour. There is also a railway station with trains to Burnley and Preston.



WALKING IN COLNE

Time to explore

Colne's position on a hill means that walking around gets you fit, but it also guarantees you magnificent views wherever you look. At any given time it is virtually impossible not to be gazing upon Pendle, Lenches, Boulsworth, Mire Ridge and Noyna Rocks which together form a sumptuous backdrop to the town. There are also pretty villages well worth visiting... Foulridge, Barrowford,



Wycoller and Winewall to name just a few. There are feats of engineering like the amazing mile long tunnel on the Leeds Liverpool Canal, with Bronte connections in historic Wycoller. However, it is perfectly possible to devote a couple of days to exploring Colne, visiting our Grade I Listed church, mooching round the shops, following heritage and other walking trails and sampling the lively cafés.

LIVING IN COLNE



Your home sweet home

Colne's Victorian past is everywhere you look. Those serried ranks of stone terraces, marching down the slopes of the ridge, housed the workers in the cotton mills which made the town famous back then. The mills have largely disappeared, but much of the architecture remains, so that Colne offers a range of housing at surprisingly affordable prices. In fact, house prices in Colne are among the lowest in England. One bedroom flats

hover around £50,000, a truly amazing price to get your feet on the property ladder. £100,000 can buy you a typical two bed terrace, while by doubling the budget, you can secure a family sized, three to four bedroom home. £300,000 is the typical price for a modern four bed house on the periphery of town. Country houses with land can be snapped up for between £500,000 and a million.





LIVING WITH CHARACTER IN COLNE





LIVING AS A COMMUNITY IN COLNE

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SPORTS IN COLNE

Keeping fit

What's the catch? Well, there isn't one. It's a hackneyed phrase, but Colne is Lancashire's undiscovered secret. It is a town with access to miles and miles of glorious walks and cycle routes, while at the same time offering all the facilities a family would expect, like parks, a

swimming pool and sports hall. It even has some leisure facilities you might not expect, like a pump track for cycling in addition to the six-mile cycling and bridle trail over the moors at Trawden. There is a sailing club on one of the reservoirs, a nine hole golf course, a tennis club and a shooting club.



WHY WOULD YOU CHOOSE TO LIVE
ANYWHERE ELSE? **COME TO COLNE!**



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