

# STEP INTO THE VICTORIA PLACE FAMILY TRAIL

**LOOK OUT!**  
For all the interesting sights along the trail!



**DISCOVER:**  
Hidden gems at Victoria Place, exciting sculptures and things to do around Woking

**DON'T FORGET!**  
If you find a sculpture, take your pics around the trail and tag us in for your chance to win!

# TIME FOR DISCOVERY!

Discover everything that Victoria Place has to offer. There is plenty to keep you entertained including movies at the cinema, theatre shows, free kids' play activities and bowling\*  
\*Woking Superbowl coming soon.

Plus discover the amazing art and curiosities waiting to be explored in Woking.  
Getting Around: Woking is generally very flat, so the trail takes you on a leisurely 1-1½ hour walk around the town (if visiting all the points on the map). Suitable for wheelchairs and pushchairs.

**OPENING HOURS\***  
Weekdays 9.30am - 6pm  
(Thursdays 8pm)  
Saturday 9am - 6pm  
Sunday 11am - 5pm  
Bank Holidays 10am - 5pm  
\*Individual store opening hours may vary.

PLUS  
**WIN A  
£20  
VOUCHER**

**#WokingTrail**  
To be entered into our monthly prize draw and for your chance to win a £20 voucher to spend at Victoria Place, take a photo of yourself with one of the sculptures along the trail. Then post your photo on either Facebook or Instagram and include the hashtag above\*  
**GOOD LUCK!**  
\*See [vpwoking.co.uk](http://vpwoking.co.uk) for T&C's

**VICTORIA PLACE  
WOKING**



# EXPLORE VICTORIA PLACE

## JACKMANII CLEMATIS

Look up above Superdry to see the glass installation of the locally grown Jackmanii Clematis. The plant is now popular all over the world, and was originally cultivated in Woking in 1863 by George Jackman at his family's extensive nurseries in the Mayford and Goldsworth areas.



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## RICK PARFITT BLUE PLAQUE

Then head towards Market Walk and you'll see a blue plaque on the side of the wall commemorating Woking born, Status Quo's Rick Parfitt.

## SEAN HENRY SCULPTURE: 'WOMAN (BEING LOOKED AT)'

Walk into the Peacocks Centre within Victoria Place and find one of Sean Henry's sculptures, 'Woman (being looked at)'.



## CINEMA AND THEATRES

In Victoria Place on Level 1, you'll find Nova Cinema. This is a newly refurbished 7-screen cinema, where you can enjoy a range of family movies with tickets starting from just £5. Also on this floor you can enjoy a range of shows at Buzz, New Victoria and Rhoda McGaw Theatres.

## SHOPS

With over 150 shops, Victoria Place really has got it covered. Whether you want the latest pair of killer heels, accessories, gifts or a new phone, you'll find everything you need and more.



## DINING

Be it for breakfast, lunch, dinner or a quick coffee, Victoria Place has something for all tastes and budgets. Stop for lunch in the food court, enjoy a meal at Italian Kitchen or The Ol' West Diner and Grill or enjoy a sweet treat at Wenzel's or Gail's.



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## SEAN HENRY SCULPTURES: 'STANDING FIGURES' (MAN AND WOMAN)

Follow the signs in the centre to Henry Plaza. Here you will find two more of Sean Henry's sculptures, two standing figures of a man and a woman.

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# AROUND WOKING

### AFTER A VISIT TO VICTORIA PLACE, THERE IS STILL LOTS TO BE DISCOVERED AROUND WOKING.

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## SEAN HENRY SCULPTURE: 'CATAFALQUE'

Head through Boots and go out of the Victoria Square exit. In the square, you'll find the sculpture of a man laying down on a large rusting steel platform.



## SEAN HENRY SCULPTURE: 'WALKING WOMAN'

Go down Commercial Way and you'll find a sculpture of a 'Walking Woman'.

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## SEAN HENRY SCULPTURE: 'STANDING MAN'

Head to Jubilee Square and in front of Christ Church, you will see the sculpture 'Standing Man' by Sean Henry. Sean Henry, always claimed as a Woking boy, actually grew up in Pirbright and started making little clay figures at school at the age of 14. Over the years, his distinctive figures have been installed across the town centre and feature later on in the trail.

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## TOWN GATE

Located between Christ Church and Barclays Bank, the Town Gate, designed by Alan Dawson and built in 1992, outlines key elements in Woking's history: the Basingstoke Canal, the railway, Scots pine trees and 19th century brick kilns, parts of the Borough's coat of arms and H.G. Wells' novel, 'The War of the Worlds', represented through a silhouette of a Martian fighting machine.



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## 'THE MARTIAN'

After heading through Town Gate onto Church Street East, you will come across Michael Condron's 'The Martian'. Seven metres tall, the sculpture commemorates the 100th anniversary of H.G. Wells' classic 'The War of the Worlds'. In the book, one of the famous tripods lands and wreaks havoc in Horsell Common, which is not far from Woking. Patterns in the paving represent the shock waves resulting from the pod's landing. Also set in the pavement is the bacteria responsible for eventually destroying the invaders.



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## H.G. WELLS SCULPTURE 'THE NOVELIST AND THINKER'

Go straight ahead towards Wells Plaza and you'll see the sculpture of H.G. Wells, titled 'The Novelist and Thinker', which was unveiled on Wells' 150th

birthday in 2016. The sculpture was designed by local artist Wesley Harland and takes inspiration from some of Wells' stories. In his hand he holds the Favorite-Sphere spaceship from 'The First Men on the Moon', and creeping around the bottom of his chair is alien red weed from 'The War of the Worlds'.

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## THE LIGHTBOX

The Lightbox is an award-winning gallery and museum on the junction of Victoria Way. It is one of the most exciting cultural spaces in the South East, featuring three stunning galleries and an interactive museum about the town's history. The venue is free to enter (closed Mondays) and has a café and shop on site.



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## 'THE BEDSER TWINS'

Walk towards the bridge and you will see the bronze figures of Eric and Sir Alec Bedser enjoying a game of cricket. 'The Bedser Twins' by artist Allan Sly, celebrates the twins from Horsell, who both joined Surrey County Cricket Club at the age of 19.



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## BASINGSTOKE CANAL

Regarded as one of the most beautiful waterways in Britain, the Basingstoke Canal traverses the borough from Brookwood to West Byfleet. You can enjoy boat trips on the canal and grab a coffee and a sweet treat from Kiwi & Scot, the canal boat café.



## WWF LIVING PLANET CENTRE

The home of the WWF is one of the greenest buildings in the UK. Pop inside to find out more about the secrets of the natural world through the free WWF experience. Explore the four interactive zones and immerse yourself in the sights and sounds of nature.



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## GLOUCESTER SQUARE

Cross back over the bridge and onto Victoria Way using the pedestrian crossing and continue ahead towards the Ambassador Theatre into Gloucester Square, where you will find...

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Town Centre Swift and Bat Sign: designed by 51 architecture. It incorporates nesting chambers for both swifts and bats in its upper section. The middle section features fingerpost-style arms showing the way to Woking's twinned towns, all atop a specially engraved, conical stone base charting the route of migrating swifts.

Orchid Fountain: designed by artist William Pye.  
'Going Underground' sculpture: an Indiana limestone animal sculpture by Reece Ingram.

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## 'WINNING SHOT' SCULPTURE

Head south, past Woking Library and as you reach Jubilee Square, you will see 'Winning Shot', a bronze sculpture of Paralympian Ade Adepitan, created by local artist, Christine Charlesworth.

