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# REAL ALE IN HERTFORD

A Guide to Ware overleaf

## Historic Hertford

Why not come to Hertford and try some of the great pubs and beers on offer. The county town is situated on the River Lea 20 miles north of London and is famed as the site of the first Church Synod in AD673. It is blessed with many fine buildings including Hertford Castle, the Shire Hall and St.Nicholas Hall. Hertford is the home of two breweries - the family brewer McMullen and Sons with its proud 180 year pedigree and Victorian brewery and the small emerging craft brewer Red Squirrel. You are sure to find a pub to your taste from Hertford`s fine choice.

## Travelling to Hertford

Hertford North Railway Station connects with Kings Cross, Moorgate and Stevenage. Hertford East Station links to Ware, then Liverpool Street and to Cambridge via Broxbourne. Local buses include the 310, 351, 388, 395 and 524 services and the cross-Hertfordshire 724 route. By road, Hertford can be found on the A414, near the A10 and 8 miles from the A1(M) turn off at Hatfield. Ware lies 2 miles to the north east.



CAMRA South Herts

**Baroosh (1)**  
76, Fore Street 01992 532200  
www.baroosh.co.uk  
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**McMullens Country**  
Large, new-style town centre bar created from a former bank - a popular newcomer to the pub scene - watch out for queues at weekends. There's a patio and no-smoking eating area. Breakfasts from 09.30. Food all day until 22.00 (21.00 Fri & Sat)

**Black Horse (2)**  
29-31, West Street 01992 583630  
www.blackhorseherts.co.uk

☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹  
Greene King IPA & Abbot, GK or other guests  
Always top condition beer served in this excellent pub in picturesque West Street. There are some unusual pub games and a pleasant garden. The pub rugby team is uniquely RFU affiliated. Sunday quiz. Food lunchtimes and evenings. Open all day Saturday & Sunday. Closed Tuesday lunchtime. Dog friendly. GBG06

**Bridge House (3)**  
North Road 01992 558063  
www.bridgehouse-hertford.co.uk  
☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹

McMullens AK & Country  
Recently refurbished roadhouse opposite Hertford North station. Formerly called the Sele Arms. There is no smoking in the lounge bar. Food every lunchtime including carvery from Thursday to Sunday. Open all day

**Duncombe Arms (4)**  
24, Railway Street. 01992 581445  
☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹

Greene King IPA & Abbot.  
Busy, newly-refurbished pub with large garden and TV showing live sport. Karaoke Thursdays, DJ Fridays and live bands on Saturdays and Sundays. Open all day with lunchtime food extending to 6pm Saturdays and Sundays. Edward Slingsby Duncombe was MP for Hertford in the 1830s.

**Golden Griffin (5)**  
Windsor Drive 01992 582733  
☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹

McMullens AK  
Lively pub on Sele Farm estate. Here, sport is a major feature - darts, pool, table football and 8 TVs! Live music on Saturdays with karaoke on Sundays. Try the internet juke box. Open all day. Rolls and hotdogs available

**Great Eastern Tavern (6)**  
29, Railway Place 01992 582048  
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McMullens AK, Specials  
Close to Hertford East station, this bustling back street "local" has 2 bars and gardens, offering TV sport and, often, interesting rock and blues piped music. Sandwiches if requested, hot food Fri & Sat until 6. Spot the model railway. Open all day.

**Greyhound (7)**  
146, Bengoe Street 01992 583867  
☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹

McMullens AK & Country  
Reliable two bar community pub with greyhound artefacts around the bars. This was McMullen's first tied house, purchased in 1836. Food available at lunchtimes & Tuesday-Friday evenings. Open all day.

**Harts Horns (8)**  
86, Horns Mill Road 01992 558287  
☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹

Greene King IPA, Guest Ale  
Clean and comfortable pub at the edge of town with a separate dining area and pleasant riverside garden. Food lunchtimes 12-3 and evenings 7-9. Sunday roast 1-4, bookings taken. Open all day.

**Hillside (9)**  
45, Port Hill 01992 554556  
www.thehillside.co.uk  
☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹

Fullers London Pride  
A restaurant with bar offering an excellent modern European à la carte menu. Closed afternoons and Sunday evenings. Recently awarded Egon Ronay 1 Star.

**Lord Haig (10)**  
South Street 01992 582706  
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McMullens AK  
Named after the determined WW1 British General, this busy 1930s town "local" is keen on sport with a large TV screen. Tiny outside drinking area. Live music on Saturdays. No food but open all day.

**Millstream (11)**  
88, Port Vale 01992 582755  
www.millstream-hertford.co.uk  
☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹

McMullens AK & Country  
Welcoming "local" with restaurant, worth the walk from Hertford town centre. Food Tuesday-Sunday lunchtimes and Friday and Saturday evenings. Occasional summer BBQs. Open all day.

**Old Barge (12)**  
2, The Folly 01992 581871

☎ ☎ ☎ ☎ ☎ SKY  
Greene King IPA & Old Speckled Hen, Shepherd Neame Spiffire, Charles Wells Bombardier, Fullers London Pride + 2 Guests  
Pleasantly situated canal-side on Folly Island. Quiz every Sunday and jazz every fortnight on Thursdays. Daily lunchtime food and on Tuesday-Thursday evenings. Watch the narrowboats as you enjoy your pint. Open all day

**Old Cross Tavern (13)**  
8, St Andrew Street 01992 583133  
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Fullers London Pride, Crouch Vale Brewers Gold, Timothy Taylor Landlord, Mighty Oak IPA + 4 Guests  
Immaculately kept beers are guaranteed in this real ale freehouse. A regular winner of CAMRA awards, the pub holds beer festivals in late May and October. No TV nor music, just old fashioned conversation. Hot food at lunchtime and rolls until they run out. Open all day. GBG06.

**Ram Inn (14)**  
108, Fore Street 01992 583876  
☎ ☎ ☎ ☎ ☎ ☎ SKY ☎

McMullens AK + Specials  
A traditional local in the town centre, this pub has a history dating from the 17th Century. It has a

small outside seating area and food is available lunchtimes seven days a week. Open all day.

**Salisbury Arms Hotel (15)**  
Fore Street 01992 583091  
www.salisbury-arms-hotel.co.uk  
☎ ☎ ☎ ☎ ☎ ☎ SKY ☎  
McMullens Country & AK + Specials  
Historic and listed county town hotel with many interesting architectural features and a history traceable to 1431. Open for breakfasts and food available all day until 10 (9:30 Sun). No smoking in the small lounge. Car park in Bell Lane.

**Snug (16)**  
32-36 Railway Street 01992 587674  
www.thesnugbar.co.uk  
☎ ☎ ☎ ☎  
Guest Ale  
Opened late in 2005, this is Hertford's first all no-smoking bar. It has a laid-back feel with friendly service and specialises in cocktails. Food is available all day from 10 until 9:30.

**Sportsman (17)**  
117, Fore Street 01992 551621  
☎ ☎ ☎ ☎ ☎ SKY  
Greene King IPA, Fullers London Pride, Charles Wells Bombardier  
Free House offering Thai Cuisine and traditional pub food: 12-3 & 6-9 Tuesday-Sunday. At least one

Real Ale usually available. Plenty of TV screens for sport. Open all day.

**Two Brewers (18)**  
30-32, Port Vale 01992 500780  
☎ ☎ ☎ ☎ ☎ ☎ SKY ☎  
Fullers London Pride  
Small free house amongst terraced houses with photographs of old Hertford. Closed lunchtimes Mon-Thur but open all day Fri-Sun. Rolls & sandwiches until they run out. Live music sometimes on Saturdays.

**Warren House (19)**  
New Road 01992 509506  
☎ ☎ ☎ ☎ ☎ SKY ☎  
Greene King IPA  
Tucked down a side street, this Bengeo free house is popular with regulars and offers big screen TV for sports fans. Occasional live music. No food. Open all day.

**White Horse (20)**  
33, Castle Street 01992 501950  
☎ ☎ ☎ ☎ ☎ ☎ Q ☎  
Fullers ESB, London Pride, Discovery, Chiswick, Adnams Bitter always + 2 Guests  
Tiny, characterful Fullers Free House with a deserved reputation for fine ale. Two bars and further rooms upstairs for families, meetings, bar billiards and non-smokers. There is a full range of country wines. Beer festivals in early May and August Bank Holidays. Food lunchtimes and on Monday Speciality Night. Open all day Friday to Sunday. GBG06

**White Lion (21)**  
59, Bengeo Street 01992 509717  
☎ ☎ ☎ ☎ ☎ SKY ☎  
Greene King IPA, Fullers London Pride  
In the heart of Bengeo, this two-bar pub offers contrasting drinking areas, with darts in the original front bar and a large TV screen in the more modern rear bar. Lunchtime food. Open all day.

**Woolpack (22)**  
Mill Bridge 01992 583766  
☎ ☎ ☎ ☎ ☎ SKY

McMullens Country & AK + Specials  
McMullens' "Brewery Tap" is riverside at the head of the River Lea Navigation with a colourful garden. TV sport. Interesting menu, food 12-5 all week + Sunday roast. Quiz Monday evenings; Karaoke on Wednesdays. Open all day.

**Chapmore End**

**Woodman SG12 OHF**  
30, Chapmore End 01920 463143  
www.woodmanpub.com  
☎ ☎ ☎ ☎ ☎ ☎ Q ☎  
Greene King IPA & Abbot + GK or other Guest.  
Classic two bar country pub. Small friendly and popular with well kept beers served straight from the cellar behind the bars. Closed Monday lunchtimes and weekday afternoons. No evening food. Petanque in the garden. GBG06

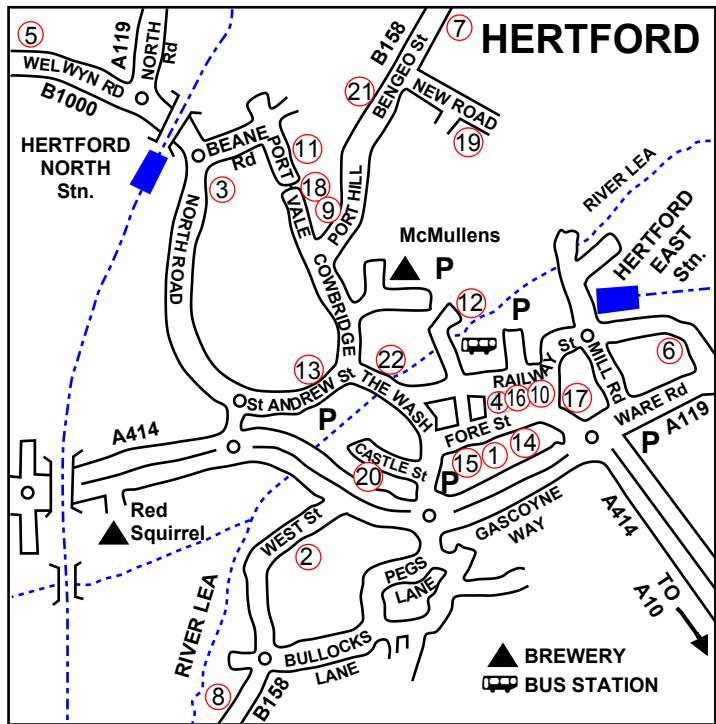
**Hertford Heath**

**Goat SG13 7RJ**  
25, Vicarage Causeway 01992 584117  
☎ ☎ ☎ ☎ ☎ ☎ P ☎ ☎  
Greene King IPA & Abbot  
Village pub on the green and with restaurant and low ceilings. Veteran cars meet there first Sunday lunchtime of each month. Good food with special menus Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Summer BBQs on Sundays.

**Jolly Pindar Hotel SG13 7PN**  
40, London Road 01992 500668  
☎ ☎ ☎ ☎ ☎ ☎ ☎ SKY ☎  
Greene King IPA, Flowers IPA  
Pleasant roadside pub close to Haileybury College with two contrasting bars. Food Friday to Sunday evenings and a Sunday carvery. Closed during the afternoons.

**Silver Fox SG13 7RH**  
16-18, London Road 01992 589023  
☎ ☎ ☎ ☎ ☎ ☎ ☎  
Greene King IPA, Abbot & Old Speckled Hen + GK or other Guest  
Comfortable village pub with a restaurant and an attractive secret patio garden. Traditional home made food available weekday lunchtimes and evenings and between 12 & 7 on Sundays. Open all day.

**Townsend Arms SG13 7RL**  
21, London Road 01992 582241  
☎ ☎ ☎ ☎ ☎ ☎ ☎ SKY ☎  
Greene King IPA, Timothy Taylor Landlord  
Warm and welcoming two bar community local with restaurant. Enormous garden with children's play



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☎	Accommodation
♿	Disabled Access
♿WC	Disabled Toilet
🔥	Real Fire
🌿	Garden
📰	Newspapers
🚭	No Smoking Area
P	Car Park
🛋️	Family Room
🕒	Quiet Pub
♣️	Pub Games
📺	TV
SKY	SKY TV
🚌	Bus Route
🍽️	Meals
GBG06	Good Beer Guide '06

area. Food all day until 9 Monday to Saturday and 6 on Sundays. Camping nearby. The Marquess of Townsend owned the nearby Balls Park Estate.

### Hertingfordbury

#### Prince of Wales SG14 2LJ

244, Hertingfordbury Road 01992 581149

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Greene King IPA + Guest

Village local now recovering from a period of instability, the future now looks assured. Home cooked food at lunchtime. Open all day.

#### White Horse Hotel SG14 2LB

Hertingfordbury Road 08704 008114 01992

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www.aquariushotels.co.uk

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Courage Bitter

Comfortable hotel with bar and restaurant. Although you are greeted by a Georgian frontage, parts of the building date from the 16th Century. There is a huge garden and food lunchtimes and evenings (except Sunday evenings).

### Real Ale and CAMRA

Real Ale is beer brewed from the traditional ingredients of malted barley, hops and yeast and kept in casks which allow it to secondary ferment and condition in the pub cellar. Dispense to your glass should not involve the use of extraneous gas. For over 30 years CAMRA (The Campaign For Real Ale) has fought tirelessly to promote real ale and continues to be the foremost drinkers' champion on matters as diverse as pub closures, full pint measures and revised licensing laws.

### Membership

To become a member contact CAMRA HQ on Tel: 01727 867201 or visit [www.camra.org.uk](http://www.camra.org.uk).

### South Herts Branch

Hertford and Ware and most of the villages herein are covered by the South Herts branch of CAMRA. Look out for "Pints of View", our bi-monthly newsletter which carries news on the world of brewing, beer, local pubs and branch meetings. You can find our website at [www.hertsale.org.uk](http://www.hertsale.org.uk) and can contact us at [ask@hertsale.org.uk](mailto:ask@hertsale.org.uk) or on 07810 314336

### Children

Many of the pubs in this guide are pleased to welcome adults with children so long as they are closely supervised and well behaved. However, there may be some time restrictions particularly in the evening. To avoid disappointment can we suggest that you telephone ahead.

### Accessibility

Some pubs herein are fully accessible for wheelchair users, others partially and some not at all. Some are awaiting adaptation work to improve accessibility. A small number have WCs that meet current accessibility standards.

### Other Pubs and Clubs

You may come across other pubs and bars but these have been omitted from this guide as they do not offer real ale. Some clubs offer real ale but you will need to be a member (or a guest of a member) before you can enjoy it.

### Sport and Real Ale

Special mention for Hertford Rugby Club in Hoe Lane, Ware. They offer Greene King IPA to thirsty supporters at home fixtures.

