

## Did you know?

**Last of the Summer Wine** was the first comedy series to do away with the live studio audience, moving all of the filming to Holmfirth. The episodes were filmed and then shown to preview audiences, whose laughter was recorded and then mixed into each episode's soundtrack.

**Peter Sallis** featured in each of the 295 episodes as Clegg.

**Ronnie Hazlehurst** produced the theme tune. He was also responsible for the *Only Fools and Horses*, *Yes Minister* and *Are you being Served?* theme tunes.

At the height of its success, *Last of the Summer Wine* attracted **18.8 million viewers**. Repeats still receive ratings of up to 5 million.

## Explore Holmfirth

Holmfirth is a quirky market town where boutique shops and galleries nestle side by side.

Use this map to familiarise yourself with the area and to spot some of the town's most famous **Last of the Summer Wine** landmarks.

### 1 Nora Batty's steps

#### Nora Batty's Cottage

Tel: 07860 366888

Web: [www.nora-batty.co.uk](http://www.nora-batty.co.uk)

Open: Please telephone to book your stay in this holiday cottage. The steps can be viewed from the outside.

### 2 TV location tour

#### Summerwine Magic Tour

Tel: 01484 687231

Web: [www.summerwine.tv](http://www.summerwine.tv)

Open: Summer, Tues – Sun 11.00 – 16.00

Winter, Sat - Sun 11.30 – 15.00

(weather permitting)

### 3 Ivy's café

#### Sid's Café

Tel: 07706 823855

Web: [www.sidscafe.com](http://www.sidscafe.com)

Open: Daily from 10:00



### 4 Bill Owen's resting place

**St Johns Church**, Upperthong Lane, Holmfirth, HD9 3BQ  
*Bill Owen, who played Compo, died at the age of 85 on 12 July 1999.*

### 5 Compo's home

**Last of the Summer Wine Exhibition and Gift Shop**

Tel: 01484 766897

Web: [www.summerwine-holmfirth.co.uk](http://www.summerwine-holmfirth.co.uk)

Exhibition open:

April to October

Mon – Sat 10:00 – 16:00, Sun 11:00 – 16:00

March, November and December

Check website for opening times

Closed January and February.

### Wrinkled Stocking Tea Room

Tel: 01484 681408

Web: [www.holmfirthtearoom.co.uk](http://www.holmfirthtearoom.co.uk)

Open: All year round Mon - Fri 9.30am-3.20pm,

Sat 10am-4pm. Closed Wednesday.

Check website for Sunday opening.

### 6 Summer Wine pub

#### The White Horse Inn

Scholes Road, Jackson Bridge, HD9 1LY

Tel: 01484 683940

Web: [www.whitehorseholmfirth.com](http://www.whitehorseholmfirth.com)



Nora Batty's steps



## Welcome to Holmfirth 'Summer Wine' country

Holmfirth is home to the longest ever running British TV comedy series, **Last of the Summer Wine**.

Broadcast by the BBC for 39 years, this iconic British sitcom written by Roy Clarke, and produced primarily by Alan Bell, first premiered on 4 January 1973. The final episode 'How not to cry at Weddings', was broadcast on 29 August 2010 after 31 series. Shown in over 25 countries, Last of the Summer Wine is the longest running sitcom in the world.



Filming took place in Holmfirth and across the Holme Valley. You'll recall familiar scenes when you visit **Nora Batty's steps**, **Sids Café** and the **Last of the Summer Wine Exhibition**. Located in Compo's former home, are photographs, memorabilia and a selection of unusual inventions dreamed up by the characters.

You can even stay the night in **Nora Batty's house**, now a self catering cottage decorated as a shrine to Nora with memorabilia and signed photographs of cast and crew.

Starting outside Sids Café, the **Summer Wine Location Tour** takes you to many of the best known locations across the Holme Valley with an interesting commentary enroute. Keen-eyed viewers may also recognise scenes from the TV series "Where the Heart Is".

The village of Jackson Bridge, two miles away, is home to the Summer Wine Pub, the **'White Horse Inn'**. Its exterior has been featured in many episodes and its interior recreated in the TV studios. Rare behind the scenes, autographed photographs cover the walls.



### Getting here

Holmfirth is 30 minutes by **car** from Junction 23 of the M62, and sits on the A616 from Huddersfield. The A635 from Manchester also comes into the centre of Holmfirth, and makes a pleasant 40-minute moorland drive from the city. You'll find plenty of parking spaces; see [www.kirklees.gov.uk/parking](http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/parking) for details.

**Coaches** can drop off at Holmfirth Bus Station; long stay parking is available at Holmfirth Pool on the A6024 towards Huddersfield.

Regular **bus** services run daily between Huddersfield and Holmfirth. For timetable and ticket information call Metro, 0113 245 7676 or visit [www.wymetro.com](http://www.wymetro.com)

### Accessibility

Steps will need to be negotiated in many of the attractions. Please contact the attraction you'd like to visit to ensure your needs can be met.



### Visitor information and accommodation

For more information about Holmfirth and the wider area, to book accommodation or theatre tickets, or purchase souvenirs and postcards, contact:

#### Holmfirth Tourist Information Centre

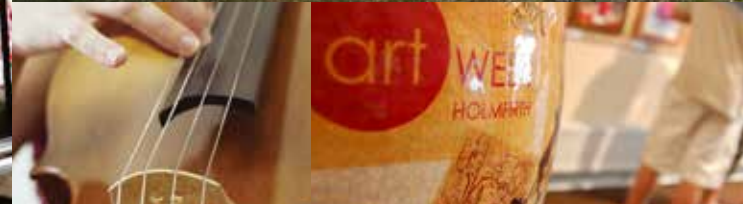
49-51 Huddersfield Road, Holmfirth, HD9 3JP

Tel: 01484 222444 or 01484 221000

Email: [holmfirth.tic@kirklees.gov.uk](mailto:holmfirth.tic@kirklees.gov.uk)

Web: [www.visitholmfirth.com](http://www.visitholmfirth.com)

Open: Mon – Fri 09:00 – 17:00,  
Sat 10:00 – 17:00, Sun 11:00 – 16:00



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