

Explore Ulverston

Make the most of your visit with our collection of walking & resource leaflets for the town and surrounding areas:

01 The Sir John Barrow Monument

Grade II* listed structure with glorious views over Morecambe Bay, the Langdales and the Yorkshire Dales

02 Stan's Ulverston town trail

Experience the historic market town of Ulverston as Stan Laurel, the town's most famous son, would have known it

03 Six gentle walks around Ulverston

Explore the historic market town of Ulverston with six gentle walks, starting and ending at The Coro

04 A tour of Ulverston - from coast to hills

11 mile circular walk around Ulverston with extensive views of Morecambe Bay and the surrounding fells and mountains

05 Family friendly Ulverston

From toddlers to teens, family activities in the area



How to find us

BY ROAD Leave M6 J 36 and follow the signs for A590 Barrow & Ulverston.
BY BUS For timetables and fare enquiries visit [traveline.info](https://www.traveline.info)

BY RAIL The Furness Line, north from Lancashire or south from Carlisle is a scenic coastal journey, calling at Ulverston. Services from Manchester Airport to Barrow-in-Furness also call at Ulverston.

For details of all public transport in Cumbria visit Traveline on [traveline.info](https://www.traveline.info)

FURTHER INFORMATION For enquiries about visiting Ulverston, booking accommodation or events, please go to chooseulverston.co.uk

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Family Friendly Ulverston

Whether you live in town or you are a visitor to Ulverston, you'll find lots of things to do with a young family.

This is meant to be a simple guide to the options available. We strongly advise you check the websites for all venues and organisations, for the latest information regarding opening times and activities. On the inside of this leaflet is a list & map of activities and resources for you to explore.

All distances are based on a starting point of the town's famous statue of Stan Laurel & Oliver Hardy, right outside The Coro.

Look out for the magenta spot on the map.



Parents with young families will find our list of **play groups, parent & toddler activities** and **playgrounds** particularly useful.

Families with slightly older children will find our list of **family-friendly areas, venues and activities** particularly handy. Families with bags of energy will enjoy climbing Hoad Hill to get up close to the Sir John Barrow Monument, exploring Ford Park or enjoying an ice cream by the beach at Bardsea.



From music & dance on the streets to lantern processions. You can even make your own lantern!



Most if not all of the festivals & events are family friendly with special activities designed to keep kids happy.



Ulverston prides itself as being a festival town. There is a myriad of organisations putting on events and celebrations throughout the year, many on the streets of the town centre.

The town produces an annual guide - the "Festivals, Heritage & Attractions" leaflet, to promote these events. This leaflet can be picked up from car parks and a variety of venues around town.

Other Resources

For more ideas and latest information visit:

Geocaching®

Geocaching is a fun activity that help you explore. Physical containers hidden all around the world are found using a set of co-ordinates. There are several located around Ulverston. Visit [Geocaching.com](https://geocaching.com) to find out more and how to download the app.



They include 'Ride with GPS' links : chooseulverston.co.uk/category/cycle-routes



The chooseulverston.co.uk website features several cycle routes produced by the Velo Retro cycle festival team.

Cycling Routes



The chooseulverston.co.uk website has more walking routes for the family to explore.



They can also be downloaded in PDF format from here: chooseulverston.co.uk/download-ulverston-walk

Walking Routes

There are several leaflets featuring walks for the family to enjoy: *Stan's Town Trail*, *Six Gentle Walks around Ulverston* and *Tour of Ulverston*. Pick one up from the town centre.

Welcome to **ULVERSTON**

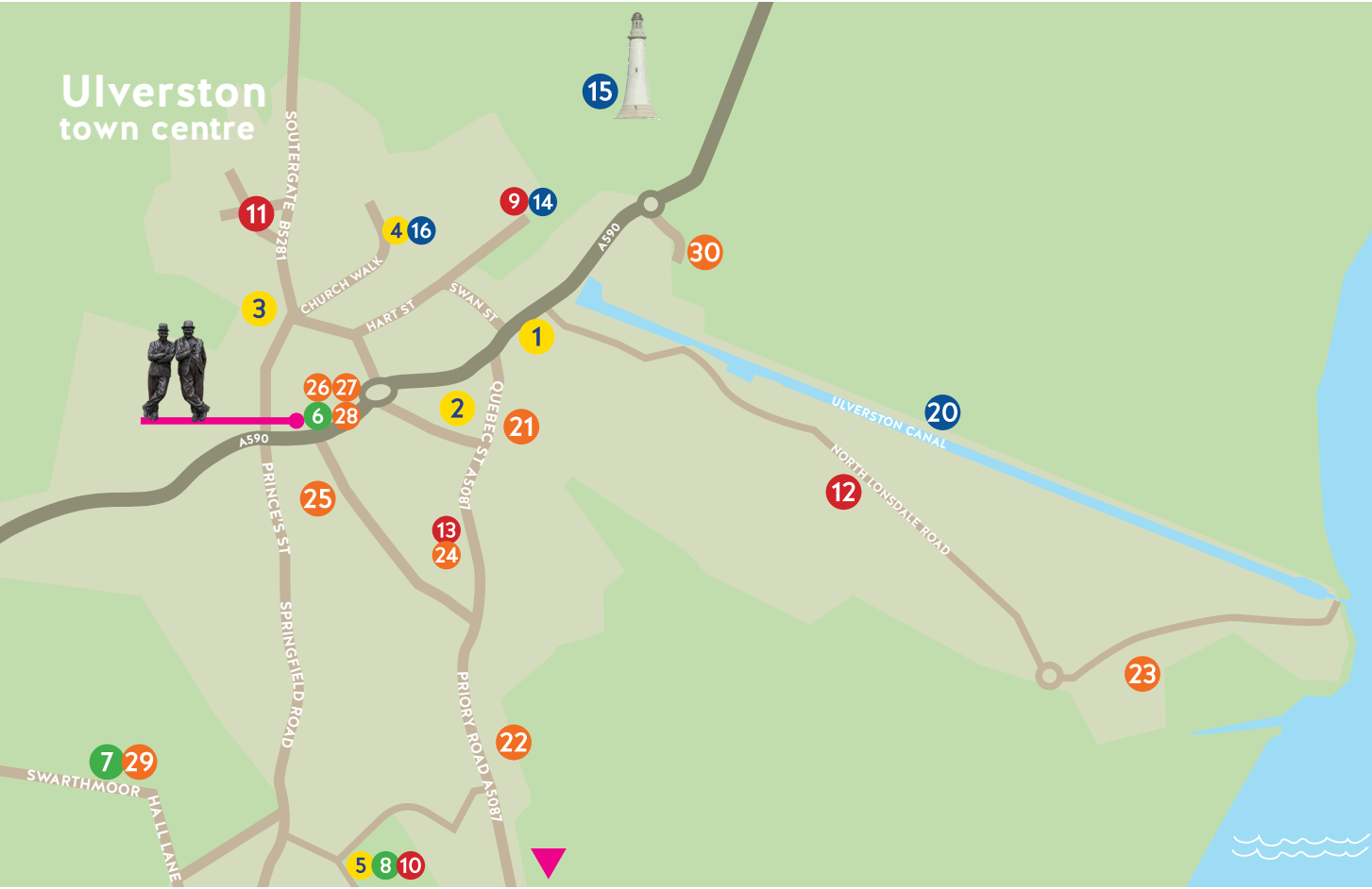


05 Family friendly Ulverston



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Please check with each venue or organiser about latest information and availability of activities.

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Play groups

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Grace Tots | 0-3 years | Free/donation
Grace Baptist Church | Mon 9-11am



Singing, playing and dance, sensory activities, books to read plus refreshments.
gracechurch-ulverston.org.uk/grace-tots
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Methodist Church Toddler Group | Fee
Ulverston Methodist Church | Mon (term time)



Playing, singing, dancing plus refreshments & snacks. Excludes bank holidays.
facebook.com/groups/1379617102327509
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Emmanuel Centre Toddlers & Babies | Donation
Emmanuel Christian Centre | Tue 10am-Noon



Refreshments, snacks, crafts, stories, singing & dancing.
emmanuelcc.org.uk/emmanuel-toddlers
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Parish Church Toddler Group | Donation
Ulverston Parish Church | Wed 10-11.30am & 1-2.30pm



Refreshments, snacks, crafts, singing. Term time only.
facebook.com/UPCToddlers
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Little Nippers' Parent & Toddler Group | Donation
Croftlands Community Centre | Thu 9-11.30am



Crafts, music, refreshments, snacks. Term time only.
croftlandscommunitychurch.org/little-nippers

Parent & toddler activities

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Story Time | Free
Library at The Coro | Tue 9.30am



Book reading & fun. Term time only.
thecoro.co.uk/ulverston-library-the-coro
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Baby Sensory | 0-13 months
Swarthmoor Hall | Thu various times
Croftlands Community Centre | Sat



Songs, cuddles & gentle play to strengthen parental bond.
babysensory.com/southlakes
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Rhythm Time Ulverston |
Croftlands Community Centre | Tue



Join one of their group classes to share the joy of learning through music with others.
rhythmtime.net/south-lakes-furness or call 07507 725621

Playgrounds

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Ford Park
13 mins walk
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Croftlands
22 mins walk
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Mill Dam
10 mins walk
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North Lonsdale Road
22 mins walk
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Lightburn Park
9 mins walk

Family friendly destinations

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Ford Park | 13 mins walk



Gateway to Hoad Hill and the Sir John Barrow Monument. The park is free but there is a variety of family events programmed through the year. Check listings for events.
ford-park.org.uk
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SJB Monument / Hoad Hill | 32 mins walk



Fantastic views are the reward for the climb up Hoad Hill to the Sir John Barrow Monument. Accessed via several routes. Monument is open between April – October.
ulverstoncouncil.org.uk/sir-john-barrow-monument
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Ulverston Parish Church | 10 mins walk



Explore the architecture and the wildflowers, with trails around the site.
ulverstonparishchurch.org
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Birkrigg Common | 1 hr walk | 7 mins by car

A vast open area of limestone countryside criss-crossed with footpaths and home to a Bronze Age stone circle. Boasts superb views as far as Blackpool to the south, Lake District to the north & Yorkshire Dales to east.
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Bardsea | 1 hr walk | 6 mins by car

Close to the town centre is the village of Bardsea which has a great beach front with toilet and food facilities and stretches to Sea Wood which has walking paths.
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Manjushri Kadampa | 45 mins walk | 6 mins by car



Next to Bardsea is the contrasting architecture of the modern Manjushri temple and the older priory. It's grounds boast woodland walks down to the beach. Refreshments available in the 'World Peace Cafe'.
manjushri.org
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Ulverston Canal | 42 mins walk



At 1.25 miles long, it's the straightest canal in Britain. It's a good walk for families on the flat. Starts from near Booths and finishes at Canal Foot, where there is a pub for refreshments.



Family activities*

*May require a fee to enter or per session.

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The Wall | 8 mins walk



Small bouldering venue in the town catering for all ages. Also sells refreshments.
thewallulverston.org
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Ulverston Leisure Centre | 19 mins walk



Swimming, mini & junior tennis / badminton plus fun soft play equipment and bouncy castles.
better.org.uk/leisure-centre/westmorland-and-furness/ulverston
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Ulverston Park Sports Club | 35 mins walk



Table Tennis every Wednesday from 7.30-9.30pm. Plus Radio-control Car Club on Saturday mornings.
ulverstonpark.co.uk
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Lightburn Park Railway | 9 mins walk

Every Saturday 1.30–4.30pm, from April – October (weather permitting). £1 per ride.
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Dance Active at the Red Rose | 2 mins walk



Classes for age 4-16 years fusing together funky dance moves with high energy exercise.
facebook.com/louisedanceactive/
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Roxy Cinema | 1 min walk



The town's art deco cinema has children's screenings during school holidays as well as latest releases.
ulverston.nm-cinemas.co.uk/ulverston/now
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Laurel & Hardy Museum | 1 min walk



Featuring Laurel & Hardy movies on the big screen all day and one of the largest collections of memorabilia in the world.
laurel-and-hardy.co.uk
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The Coro & Coro Craft Club



Home to variety and family shows. Check listings for what's on. Plus family craft mornings, projects and workshops.
thecoro.co.uk
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Swarthmoor Hall | 19 mins walk



Step back in time as you explore the historic house, home to the Quaker movement. The Hall boast beautiful gardens to explore. Entry required. Check for family activity programmes.
swarthmoorhall.co.uk
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Cumbria Crystal | 15 mins walk



Watch how glass pieces are made from the viewing gallery (free) or take part in an experience and blow your own crystal bauble. Involves a fee and minimum age is 8 years old.
cumbriacrystal.com/pages/experiences
- **HP Activities**

Children's and adults sports including family rounds, football, multi-sports and activity camps.
hpactivities.com