



# Ashford, Kent

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## Did you know?

Potters Corner got its name being a pottery-making area in medieval times

Although there is still a windmill at Willesborough, there were once also others in New Rents and at Kennington

In around 100 BC, ancient Britons were living in the area what is now Barrow Hill

The WW1 tank in St George's Square was awarded to Ashford after the war and is only one of seven that remain in the world.

The Army first established a presence in Ashford in 1797, when it built a garrison on Barrow Hill, with storerooms along what is now Magazine Road.

There has been a strong railway presence since the mid-1800s, with a locomotive works on a site at Newtown, which was a community for the workers. The railway works finally shut in 1982.

Ashford was mentioned in the Domesday Book in 1086. Originally called "Essetesford" which translate as ash trees by a ford.

It has been a market town since the Middle Ages. The market was held on the High Street until 1856 when it was relocated to Elwick Road at the bottom of Bank Street. There was a market company formed which is the oldest surviving registered company in England and Wales.



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