

# Local Area Guide

## Minehead, Somerset



Somerset

Supporting the Health & Social Care community

# ABOUT THIS GUIDE

This guide provides an overview of the local area including guidance on travel distances, potential areas to live in, tips for finding accommodation and links to further online information.

If you need further information or advice please see the Keyworker Advice Pathway - details on the last page.

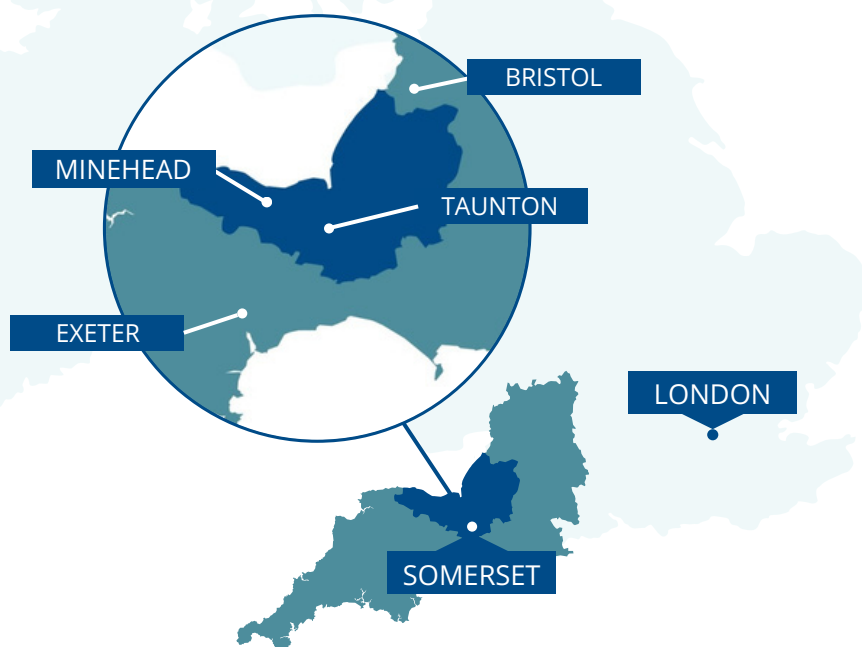
## WHERE IS SOMERSET?

→ **Somerset** is a rural county in South West England. It borders Bristol and Gloucestershire to the north, Wiltshire to the east, Devon to the south-west and Dorset to the south-east.

→ **Somerset** is home to several Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty including the Blackdown, Mendip and Quantock Hills, and Exmoor National Park. There are large flat expanses of land including the Somerset Levels and a long stretch of coastline.

→ **Taunton** is the county town of Somerset, situated just off the M5 motorway between Bristol and Exeter.

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| MINEHEAD - LONDON   |
| <b>180 MILES</b>  |
| 4 hours 15 minutes drive  |
| MINEHEAD - BRISTOL  |
| <b>65 MILES</b>   |
| 2 hours 5 minutes drive   |
| MINEHEAD - EXETER   |
| <b>44 MILES</b>   |
| 1 hour 30 minutes drive   |

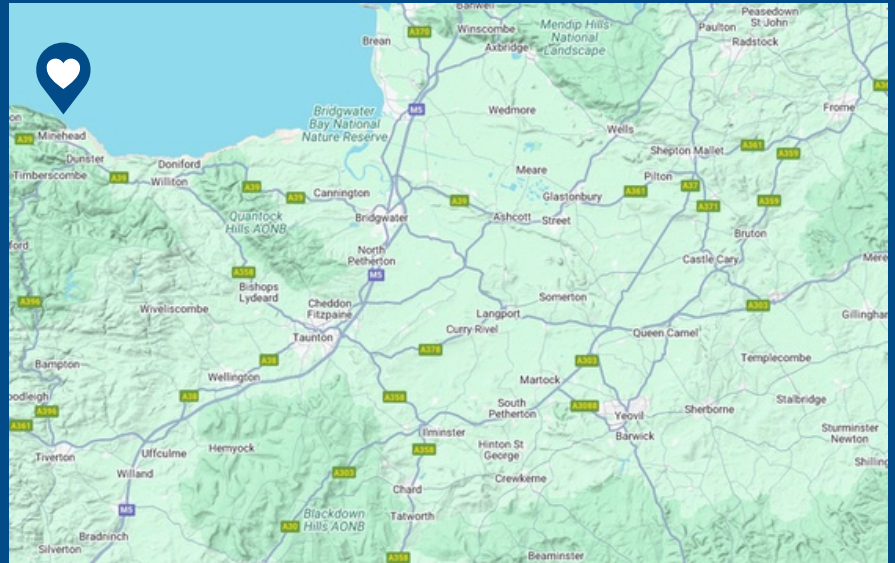


# WHERE TO LIVE?

**Minehead** is a historic seaside town 24 miles from Taunton. It lies on the south bank of the Bristol Channel, and it is close to Exmoor National Park.

Health & Social Care employers are located across the town and surrounding villages, near several established residential areas.

There are a number of housing options in the area within commuting distance.



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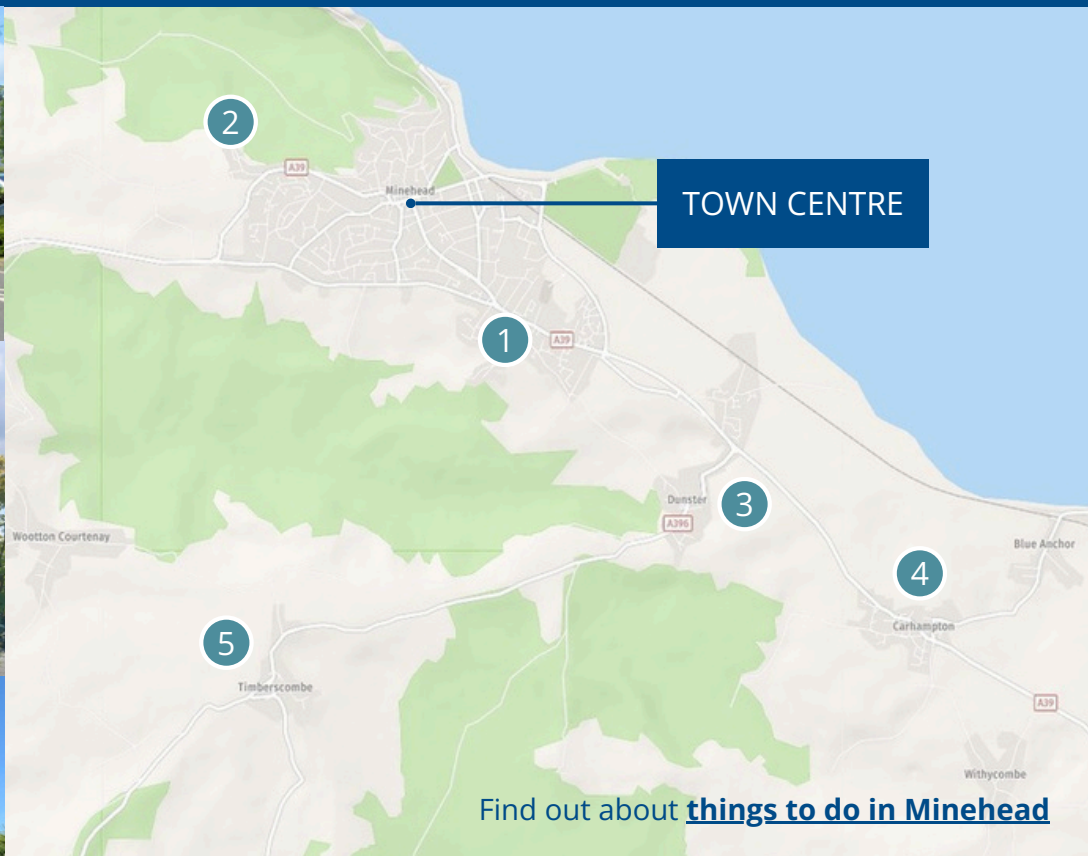
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BUS

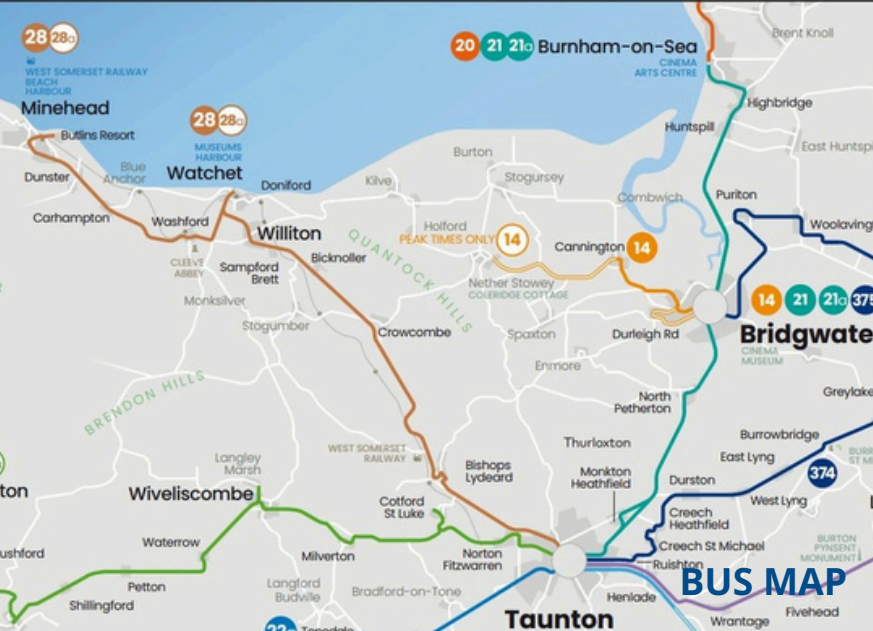
|   |              | MILES | WALK      | BUS     |
|---|--------------|-------|-----------|---------|
| 1 | ALCOMBE      | 0.9   | 20 mins   | 13 mins |
| 2 | WOODCOMBE    | 1     | 22 mins   | 18 mins |
| 3 | DUNSTER      | 2.4   | 54 mins   | 28 mins |
| 4 | CARHAMPTON   | 3.7   | 1 hour 20 | 12 mins |
| 5 | TIMBERSCOMBE | 5.7   | 1 hour 54 | 31 mins |

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**MIINEHEAD**



# RENTAL COST GUIDE

| NUMBER OF BEDROOMS | £PCM*  |
|--------------------|--------|
| STUDIO             | £485   |
| 1 BED              | £646   |
| 2 BED              | £895   |
| 3 BED              | £1,300 |
| 4 BED              | £1,495 |

\*Rental values from £ per calendar month, accurate as at October 2025. Find the [latest values here](#).

## GETTING AROUND



### By Bus

Bus services in the town are mainly operated by [First Bus](#). Tickets can be bought using the First Bus App or from the driver with cash and contactless. The 28 and 28A buses connect to Taunton. For travel times and ticket prices visit: [www.firstbus.co.uk](http://www.firstbus.co.uk)



### By Bicycle

It is possible to cycle in Minehead but you need to be a confident cyclist to go further afield due to the country lanes. For more information check out the [National Cycle Network](#) or the [Somerset walking and cycling maps](#) on the council website.



### By Train

Minehead is part of West Somerset Railway, a scenic, heritage train journey. For standard trains, the nearest station is Taunton.

For train tickets and railcards visit: [www.thetrainline.com](http://www.thetrainline.com)

## TOP TIPS & FURTHER HELP

- ➔ Buses can be infrequent in rural areas of Somerset. Take time to plan your route in case of delays.
- ➔ There are a number of different options to find accommodation in Somerset, via local estate agents, online search options, and rent a room schemes.
- ➔ Leave plenty of time to find suitable accommodation – once properties are listed, they let very quickly!



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