

Local Area Guide

Taunton, 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.

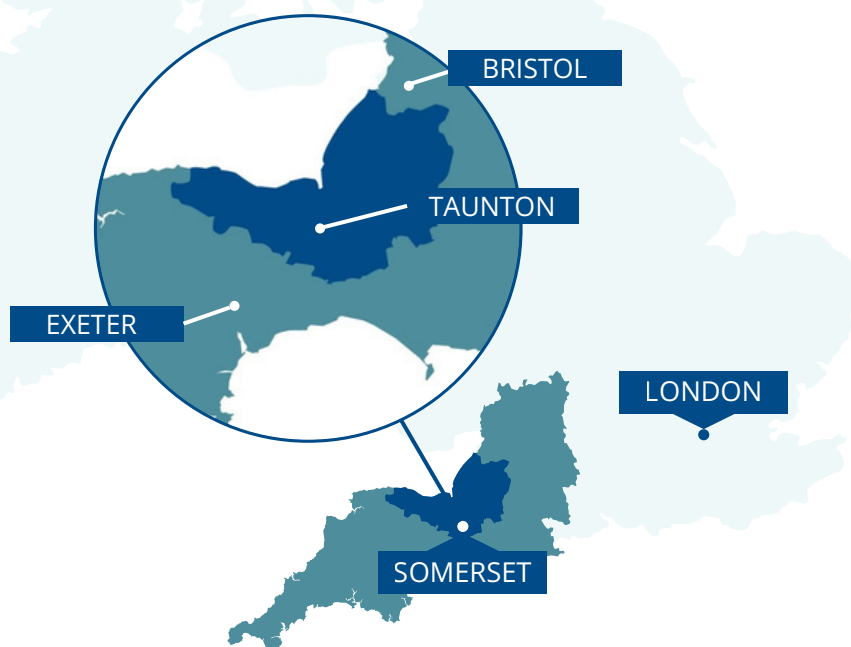
If you need further information or advice please see the Keyworker Advice Pathway - details on the last page.

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.

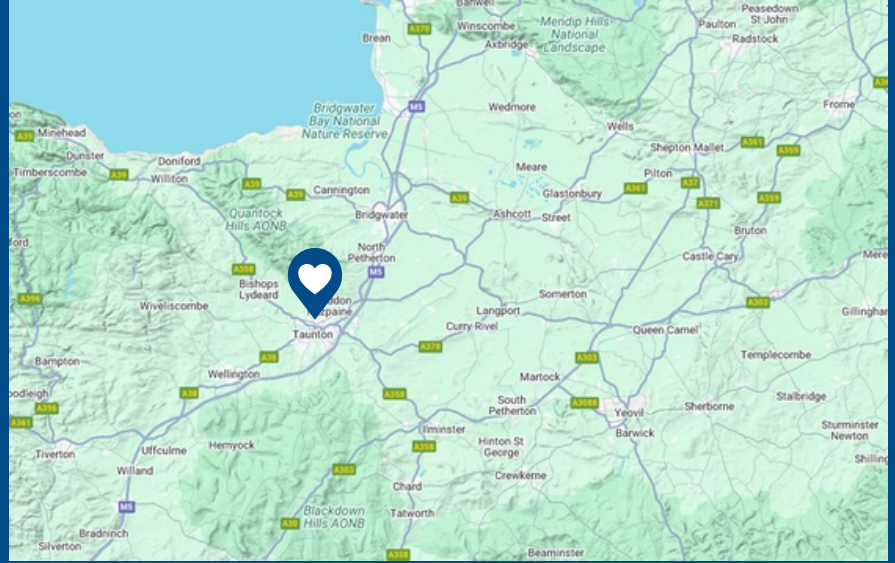


WHERE TO LIVE?

The county town of **Taunton** is nestled between the Quantock Hills and the Blackdown Hills. It's a bustling town with good transport links, amenities, and a wealth of history.

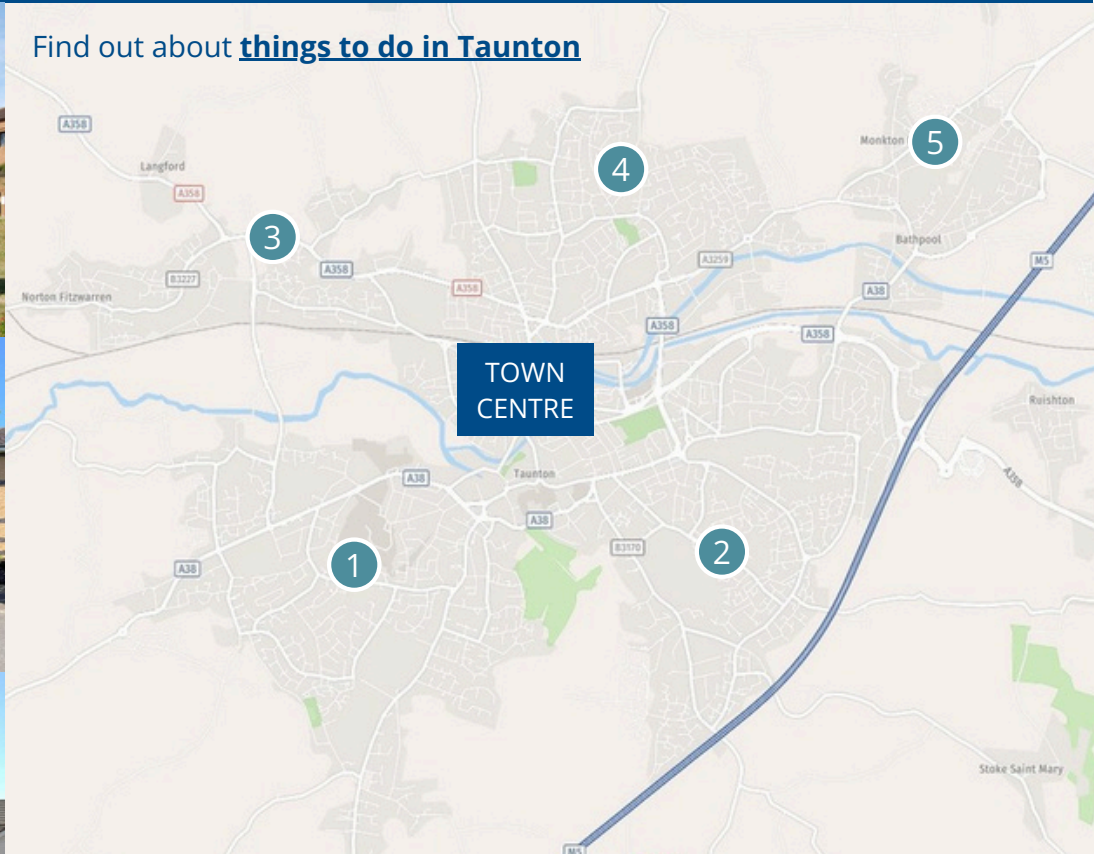
Health & Social Care employers are located across the town and surrounding villages, near several established residential areas.

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



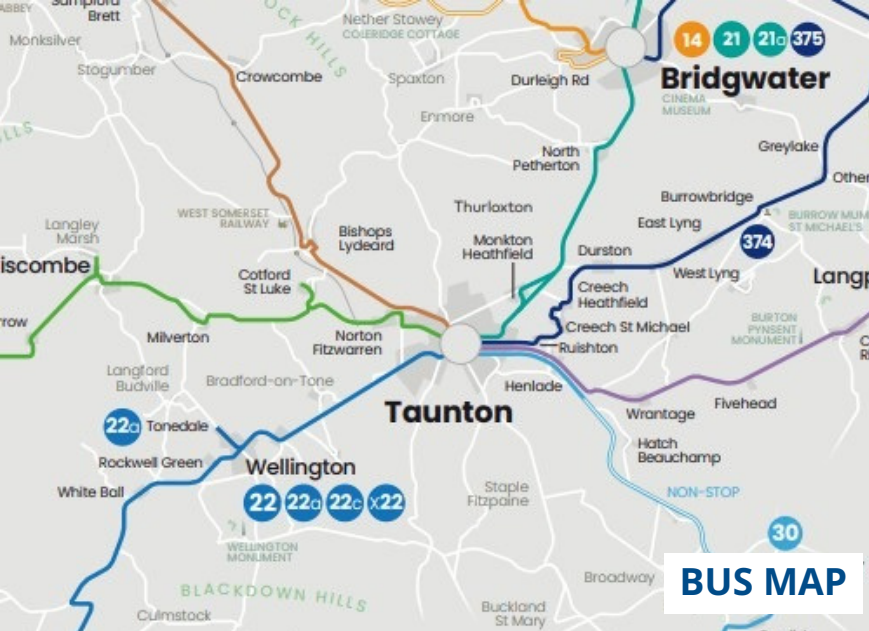
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		MILES	WALK	BUS
1	GALMINGTON	1.4	32 mins	31 mins
2	HOLWAY	1.6	37 mins	27 mins
3	STAPLEGROVE	1.6	37 mins	28 mins
4	PRIORSWOOD	1.9	43 mins	29 mins
5	MONKTON HEATHFIELD	2.6	59 mins	24 mins



Find out about [things to do in Taunton](#)

TAUNTON



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



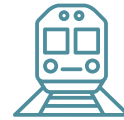
By Bus

Bus services in the town are mainly operated by [First Bus](#), including park and ride. Tickets can be bought using the First Bus App or from the driver with cash and contactless. For travel times and ticket prices visit: www.firstbus.co.uk



By Bicycle

There are a number of cycling routes and dedicated trails across Taunton and beyond. For more information check out the [National Cycle Network](#) or the [Somerset walking and cycling maps](#) on the council website.



By Train

Taunton train station is centrally located and is on the mainline to London via Bristol, Penzance via Exeter and Cardiff Central (Wales). For train tickets and railcards visit: 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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