



**Old Barge (12)**  
2, The Folly 01992 581871

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Greene King IPA & Old Speckled Hen, Shepherd Neame Spiffire, Charles Wells Bombardier, Fullers London Pride + 2 Guests  
Pleasantly situated canal-side on Folly Island. Quiz every Sunday and jazz every fortnight on Thursdays. Daily lunchtime food and on Tuesday-Thursday evenings. Watch the narrowboats as you enjoy your pint. Open all day

**Old Cross Tavern (13)**  
8, St Andrew Street 01992 583133  
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Fullers London Pride, Crouch Vale Brewers Gold, Timothy Taylor Landlord, Mighty Oak IPA + 4 Guests  
Immaculately kept beers are guaranteed in this real ale freehouse. A regular winner of CAMRA awards, the pub holds beer festivals in late May and October. No TV nor music, just old fashioned conversation. Hot food at lunchtime and rolls until they run out. Open all day. GBG06.

**Ram Inn (14)**  
108, Fore Street 01992 583876  
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McMullens AK + Specials  
A traditional local in the town centre, this pub has a history dating from the 17th Century. It has a

small outside seating area and food is available lunchtimes seven days a week. Open all day.

**Salisbury Arms Hotel (15)**  
Fore Street 01992 583091  
www.salisbury-arms-hotel.co.uk  
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McMullens Country & AK + Specials  
Historic and listed country town hotel with many interesting architectural features and a history traceable to 1431. Open for breakfasts and food available all day until 10 (9:30 Sun). No smoking in the small lounge. Car park in Bell Lane.

**Snug (16)**  
32-36 Railway Street 01992 587674  
www.thesnugbar.co.uk  
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Guest Ale  
Opened late in 2005, this is Hertford's first all no-smoking bar. It has a laid-back feel with friendly service and specialises in cocktails. Food is available all day from 10 until 9:30.

**Sportsman (17)**  
117, Fore Street 01992 551621  
☰ P ☀️ 🏠 SKY  
Greene King IPA, Fullers London Pride, Charles Wells Bombardier  
Free House offering Thai Cuisine and traditional pub food: 12-3 & 6-9 Tuesday-Sunday. At least one

Real Ale usually available. Plenty of TV screens for sport. Open all day.

**Two Brewers (18)**  
30-32, Port Vale 01992 500780  
☰ P ☀️ 🏠 📺 SKY ♣️  
Fullers London Pride  
Small free house amongst terraced houses with photographs of old Hertford. Closed lunchtimes Mon-Thur but open all day Fri-Sun. Rolls & sandwiches until they run out. Live music sometimes on Saturdays.

**Warren House (19)**  
New Road 01992 509506  
☰ P ☀️ 📺 SKY ♣️  
Greene King IPA  
Tucked down a side street, this Bengo free house is popular with regulars and offers big screen TV for sports fans. Occasional live music. No food. Open all day.

**White Horse (20)**  
33, Castle Street 01992 501950  
☰ P ☀️ 🏠 📺 Q ♣️  
Fullers ESB, London Pride, Discovery, Chiswick, Adnams Bitter always + 2 Guests  
Tiny, characterful Fullers Free House with a deserved reputation for fine ale. Two bars and further rooms upstairs for families, meetings, bar billiards and non-smokers. There is a full range of country wines. Beer festivals in early May and August Bank Holidays. Food lunchtimes and on Monday Speciality Night. Open all day Friday to Sunday. GBG06

**White Lion (21)**  
59, Bengo Street 01992 509717  
☰ P ☀️ 📺 SKY ♣️  
Greene King IPA, Fullers London Pride  
In the heart of Bengo, this two-bar pub offers contrasting drinking areas, with darts in the original front bar and a large TV screen in the more modern rear bar. Lunchtime food. Open all day.

**Woolpack (22)**  
Mill Bridge 01992 583766  
☰ P ☀️ 🏠 SKY

McMullens Country & AK + Specials  
McMullens' "Brewery Tap" is riverside at the head of the River Lea Navigation with a colourful garden. TV sport. Interesting menu, food 12-5 all week + Sunday roast. Quiz Monday evenings; Karaoke on Wednesdays. Open all day.

**Chapmore End**

**Woodman SG12 OHF**  
30, Chapmore End 01920 463143  
www.woodmanpub.com  
☰ P ☀️ 🏠 📺 Q ♣️  
Greene King IPA & Abbot + GK or other Guest.  
Classic two bar country pub. Small friendly and popular with well kept beers served straight from the cellar behind the bars. Closed Monday lunchtimes and weekday afternoons. No evening food. Petanque in the garden. GBG06

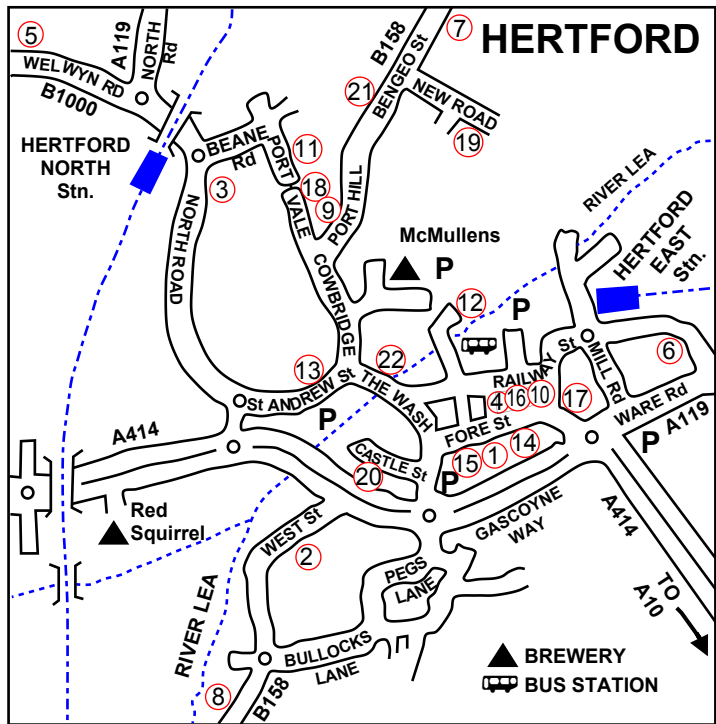
**Hertford Heath**

**Goat SG13 7RJ**  
25, Vicarage Causeway 01992 584117  
☰ P ☀️ 🏠 📺 SKY  
Greene King IPA & Abbot  
Village pub on the green and with restaurant and low ceilings. Veteran cars meet there first Sunday lunchtime of each month. Good food with special menus Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Summer BBQs on Sundays.

**Jolly Pindar Hotel SG13 7PN**  
40, London Road 01992 500668  
☰ P ☀️ 🏠 📺 SKY ♣️  
Greene King IPA, Flowers IPA  
Pleasant roadside pub close to Haileybury College with two contrasting bars. Food Friday to Sunday evenings and a Sunday carvery. Closed during the afternoons.

**Silver Fox SG13 7RH**  
16-18, London Road 01992 589023  
☰ P ☀️ 🏠 📺 ♣️  
Greene King IPA, Abbot & Old Speckled Hen + GK or other Guest  
Comfortable village pub with a restaurant and an attractive secret patio garden. Traditional home made food available weekday lunchtimes and evenings and between 12 & 7 on Sundays. Open all day.

**Townsend Arms SG13 7RL**  
21, London Road 01992 582241  
☰ P ☀️ 🏠 📺 SKY ♣️  
Greene King IPA, Timothy Taylor Landlord  
Warm and welcoming two bar community local with restaurant. Enormous garden with children's play



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🏠	Accommodation
♿	Disabled Access
🚻	Disabled Toilet
🔥	Real Fire
🌿	Garden
📰	Newspapers
🚭	No Smoking Area
P	Car Park
🛋️	Family Room
🕒	Quiet Pub
♣️	Pub Games
📺	TV
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🚌	Bus Route
🍽️	Meals

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area. Food all day until 9 Monday to Saturday and 6 on Sundays. Camping nearby. The Marquess of Townsend owned the nearby Balls Park Estate.

### Hertingfordbury

#### Prince of Wales SG14 2LJ

244, Hertingfordbury Road 01992 581149

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Greene King IPA + Guest

Village local now recovering from a period of instability, the future now looks assured. Home cooked food at lunchtime. Open all day.

#### White Horse Hotel SG14 2LB

Hertingfordbury Road 08704 008114 01992

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www.aquariushotels.co.uk

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Courage Bitter

Comfortable hotel with bar and restaurant. Although you are greeted by a Georgian frontage, parts of the building date from the 16th Century. There is a huge garden and food lunchtimes and evenings (except Sunday evenings).

### Real Ale and CAMRA

Real Ale is beer brewed from the traditional ingredients of malted barley, hops and yeast and kept in casks which allow it to secondary ferment and condition in the pub cellar. Dispense to your glass should not involve the use of extraneous gas. For over 30 years CAMRA (The Campaign For Real Ale) has fought tirelessly to promote real ale and continues to be the foremost drinkers' champion on matters as diverse as pub closures, full pint measures and revised licensing laws.

### Membership

To become a member contact CAMRA HQ on Tel: 01727 867201 or visit [www.camra.org.uk](http://www.camra.org.uk).

### South Herts Branch

Hertford and Ware and most of the villages herein are covered by the South Herts branch of CAMRA. Look out for "Pints of View", our bi-monthly newsletter which carries news on the world of brewing, beer, local pubs and branch meetings. You can find our website at [www.hertsale.org.uk](http://www.hertsale.org.uk) and can contact us at [ask@hertsale.org.uk](mailto:ask@hertsale.org.uk) or on 07810 314336

### Children

Many of the pubs in this guide are pleased to welcome adults with children so long as they are closely supervised and well behaved. However, there may be some time restrictions particularly in the evening. To avoid disappointment can we suggest that you telephone ahead.

### Accessibility

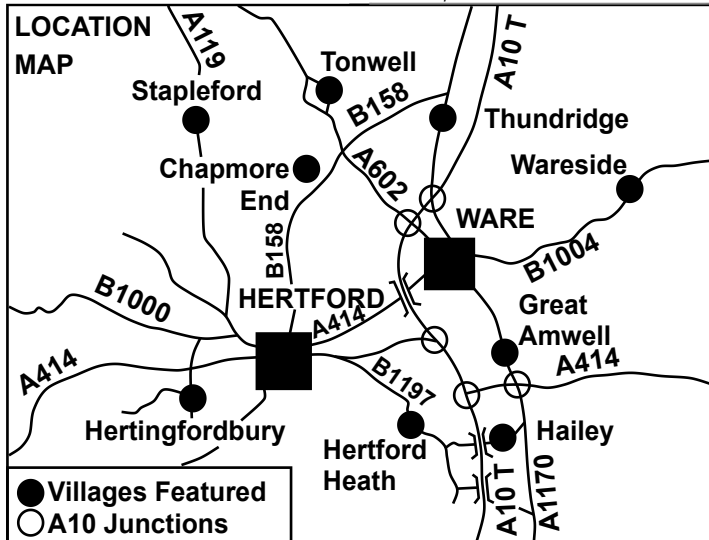
Some pubs herein are fully accessible for wheelchair users, others partially and some not at all. Some are awaiting adaptation work to improve accessibility. A small number have WCs that meet current accessibility standards.

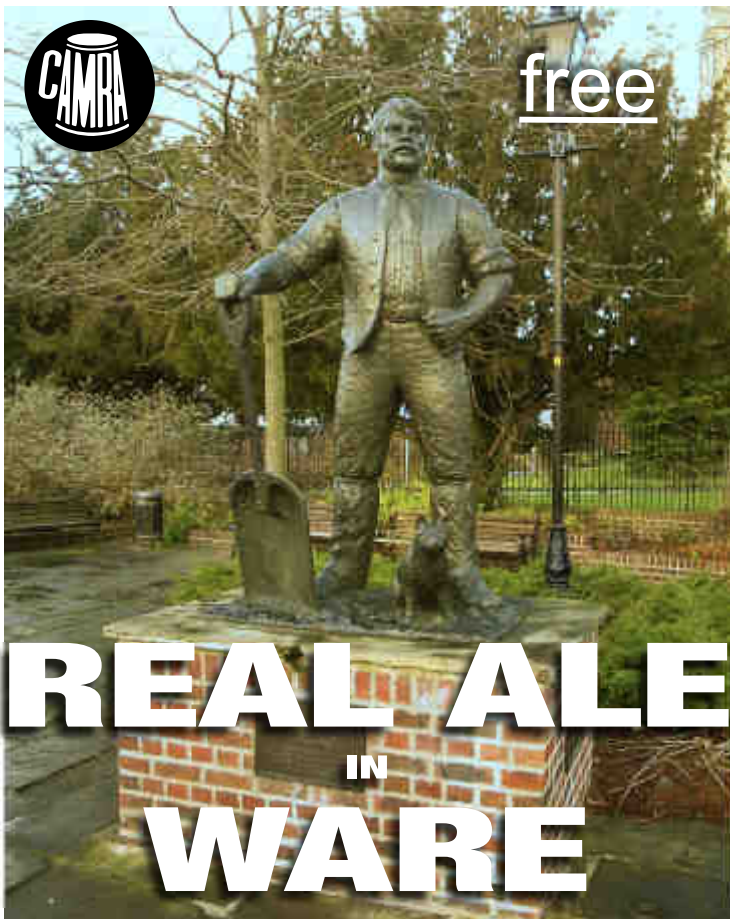
### Other Pubs and Clubs

You may come across other pubs and bars but these have been omitted from this guide as they do not offer real ale. Some clubs offer real ale but you will need to be a member (or a guest of a member) before you can enjoy it.

### Sport and Real Ale

Special mention for Hertford Rugby Club in Hoe Lane, Ware. They offer Greene King IPA to thirsty supporters at home fixtures.





# REAL ALE IN WARE

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### Historic Ware

Why not take some time out to sample the great selection of pubs and beer that Ware has to offer. 20 miles north of London, Ware is situated on the River Lea where its gazebos, swans and canal boats complete the river scene. Once a significant crossing point for stage coaches travelling between London and Cambridge, its main street is marked with many former coaching inns. By the 18<sup>th</sup> century Ware had become the largest malting town in Europe and many of these buildings remain, as do some of the brewery buildings from the past. Amongst its impressive array of pubs Ware, surely, has one for you.

### Travelling to Ware

Ware Railway Station connects with Hertford East and with Liverpool Street and Cambridge via Broxbourne.

Local buses include the 310, 351, 375, 395 and 524 services and the cross-Hertfordshire 724 route. By road Ware is located just east of the A10, north of the A414. Hertford lies 2 miles to the south west.



#### Albion (1)

12, Crib Street 01920 421007



Adnams Bitter, Flowers IPA, occasional Guests

Tucked behind St.Mary's Church, a gem of a small old pub where, thankfully, little has changed for many a year. Food Monday to Friday 12-2. Open all day.

#### Angel (2)

54, Star Street 01920 463228



Greene King IPA, Charles Wells Bombardier

A very cosy pub with two distinct bar areas and a child-friendly garden. Quiz on Sundays. No food. Pub is closed Monday to Friday lunchtimes.

#### Cannon Tavern (3)

1, The Bourne 01920 462791



McMullens AK

An open-plan traditional local, busy and lively at weekends. Closed Monday to Friday lunchtimes, otherwise open all day. Sunday roasts. Cannon was a former Ware brewery.

#### Crooked Billet (4)

140, Musley Hill 01920 462516



Greene King IPA & XX (winter) + GK or other Guest

With a deserved reputation for well-kept beer, this thriving local has two distinct bars. A rare stockist of dark mild, but not in the summer. Closed Monday, Wednesday and Thursday lunchtimes. Open all day Saturday and Sunday. No food. GBG06

#### High Oak (5)

26, High Oak Road 01920 467269

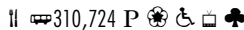


Greene King IPA, Charles Wells Bombardier + occasional Guest

Very friendly pub with a strong community feel to it. Annual beer festival on Bonfire Night. Dog friendly. Closed Monday to Friday lunchtimes. Open all day Saturday and Sunday. No food.

#### John Gilpin (6)

London Road 01920 462321



McMullens Country & AK

Large popular pub with area for regulars serving good ale and lunchtime food. Karaoke Fridays and quiz on Sundays. William Cowper's "The Diverting History of John Gilpin" tells the tale of Gilpin's fateful anniversary holiday and his erratic ride to Ware. Open all day

#### Jolly Borgeman (7)

91, Cromwell Road 01920 462991



McMullens AK

An excellent AK is assured here as it is lovingly looked after. This is a large, open-plan, estate pub with the added bonus of comfy sofas. No food. Open all day.

#### Old Bulls Head (8)

26, Baldock Street 01920 462307



Adnams Bitter, Charles Wells Bombardier, Shepherd Neame Spitfire + up to 4 Guests

The best choice of real ale in Ware. Look out for the parliamentary clock and the list of former Ware pubs in this heavily timbered building. Food available lunchtimes and afternoons. Live music most Saturdays. Open all day.

#### Rifle Volunteer (9)

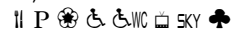
21, Collett Road 01920 462310



Greene King IPA + occasional GK or other Guest  
This open-plan "local" has a legendary Sunday roast for which booking is a must. Lunchtime and evening food, except Sunday evening. Sunday quiz and live music most Saturdays. Open all day.

#### Rose and Crown (10)

65, Watton Road 01920 462371

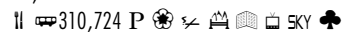


McMullens Country & AK + Specials

Terrific pub with great beer, food (not Sun-Tue eve), hosts and dog. Superb garden, although not obvious from the road, with petanque and a heated conservatory. Quiz fortnightly on Sundays. Food all lunchtimes, on Wednesday to Friday evenings and all day at weekends. Closed Monday - Thursday afternoons.

#### Royal Oak (11)

20, London Road 01920 462755

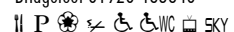


Fullers London Pride, Greene King IPA & Old Speckled Hen, Courage Directors

A locals' pub of some character near Hertford Regional College and Scott's 18th Century shell-clad grotto. Food Monday - Friday lunchtimes. Open all day Sundays.

#### Saracens Head (12)

Bridgefoot 01920 463640



McMullens Country & AK

Popular riverside pub/bar, especially when the sun is out and the water is glistening. Can be very busy weekend evenings. Food available all day.

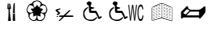
**Spreadeagle (13)**  
37, Amwell End 01920 462784



McMullens AK

Small, lively and friendly "local", convenient for the railway station. AK kept in top condition. No food. Open all day.

**Tap Bar (14)**  
83, High Street 01920 485315



Greene King IPA & Abbot

Totally revamped a few years ago by the present landlady - it is now very comfortable and popular with all ages. Seek out the heated, covered patio. Food all day up to 10.

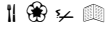
**Victoria (15)**  
2-4, Star Street 01920 462565



McMullens AK

The 'Vic' is the only true two-bar pub left in Ware town centre - a joy to visit with its lovely riverside garden. No food except Sunday lunch when traditional roasts are available. Open all day. Accommodation available.

**Vine (16)**  
22, High Street 01920 462462



Greene King IPA & Abbot + GK or other Guest

Formerly the Bell, this is an excellent, modern bar/pub with a very relaxed and enjoyable ambience, offering good food. Can be busy during weekend evenings. Open all day.

**Waggers (17)**  
Kibes Lane 01920 462216



Greene King IPA & Abbot + occasional GK or other Guest

This local well-renowned institution, housed in former maltings buildings, was run for many a year by the Smith family. Previously a private club we have it on good authority that it is now run as a pub. Open all day. No food

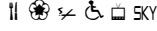
**Wine Lodge (18)**  
102, High Street. 01920 462616



McMullens AK + occasional Specials

Look for the 'Turret' in the High Street and you'll find this lovely small local's pub with bags of character. No food. Open all day.

**Worppell (19)**  
35, Watton Road. 01920 462572



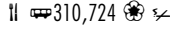
Greene King IPA & Abbot + occasional GK or other Guest

Tenants George and Pat have run this much loved local for over twenty years - beers are kept in top

condition. Food lunchtimes Monday to Friday. Open all day Friday to Sunday.

### Great Amwell

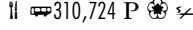
**George IV SG12 9SW**  
Cauthery lane 01920 870039



Bass, Greene King IPA, Adnams Bitter

Superb home made food is a trademark of this delightful pub which sits high above the manicured islands and lake off the New River - take a walk down. Food available every session. Closed during the afternoon.

**Peppers@ Waggon & Horses SG12 9RQ**  
Pepper Hill 01920 870747



Greene King IPA, Adnams Bitter

Enterprising and friendly pizza and pasta bar with generous portions at reasonable prices. Sunday roasts. Open all day Friday to Sunday. Drinkers welcome.

### Hailey

**Galley Hall SG13 7NY**  
Hailey Lane 01992 462906



Greene King IPA, Tetleys Bitter, Courage Directors + Guest

Comfortable bar with flagstone flooring and separate dining area. There is an emphasis on food, available lunchtimes and evenings and all day at weekends. Large colourful garden with swings for the children. Open all day.

### Stapleford

**Papillion at the Woodhall Arms SG14 3NW**  
17, High Road (A119) 01992 535123

www.papillion-woodhallarms.co.uk

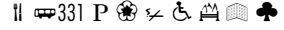


Greene King IPA + usually 2 Guests

A quality hotel and restaurant with a comfortable separate bar area for drinkers. Usually an interesting range of guest beers. Food lunchtimes and evenings. Closed during the afternoon.

### Thundridge

**Sow and Pigs SG12 0ST**  
Cambridge Road 01920 463281



Adnams Bitter & Broadside

Lovely old characterful pub on the 'old' A10 next to Hanbury Manor offering food lunchtimes and evenings and all day Friday to Sunday.

### Tonwell

**Robin Hood and Little John SG12 0HN**  
14, Ware Road 01920 463352



Greene King IPA + 3 changing Guests

Tonwellians are lucky to have a pub and restaurant like this. The long-standing landlord ensures good quality food and excellently kept ales, always three genuine guest beers available. Food every session but closed in the afternoon.

### Wareside

**Chequers Inn SG12 7QY**  
Wareside 01920 467010



Greene King IPA + up to 3 Guests

Lovely rambling pub dating from the 16th Century with many rooms, serving beer straight from the barrel and offering genuine guest ales. Quality food is available during every session in bar and restaurant. Closed during the afternoon except Sundays. GBG06

**White Horse SG12 7QX**  
Wareside 01920 462582

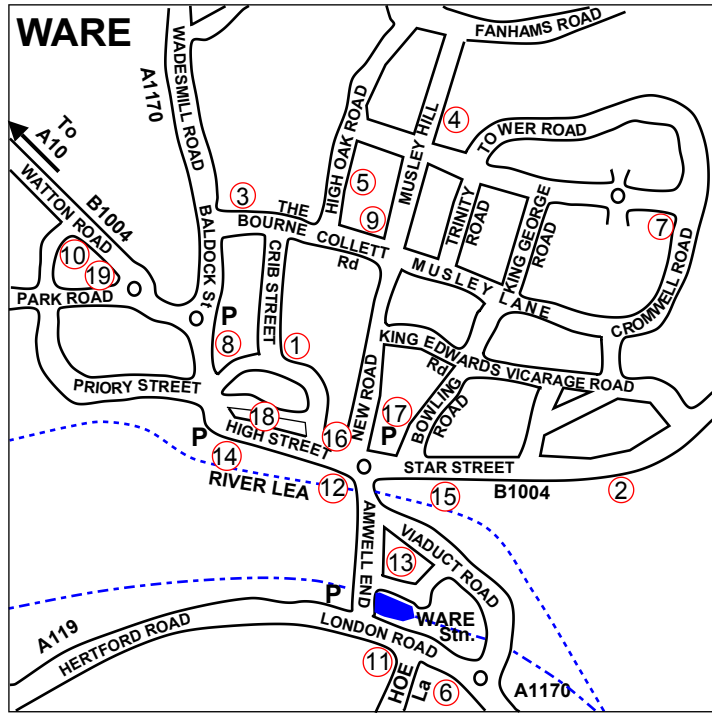


Greene King IPA & Abbot + GK or other Guest

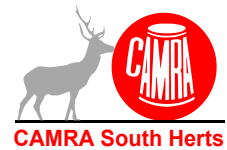
Wonderful village pub selling excellent ale and superb food made from local produce - game is a speciality. Children friendly garden where petanque can also be played. Food every session but closed during the afternoon.

### Opening Hours

Most pubs have, in some way, taken advantage of the flexibility offered by the new licensing reforms, many staying open a little later in the evenings, especially at weekends. This may well take time to fully bed in, so anything out of the ordinary is stated in the pub comments.



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	Disabled Access
	Disabled Toilet
	Real Fire
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**McMullens**

Mac`s have been Hertford family brewers since 1827 – now with 135 pubs, including a strong contingent in Ware and Hertford. Following difficulties in 2003 which threatened the company`s existence, the story has turned another page, Mac`s consolidating purely as an integrated brewery and pub business. A brand new brewery is almost complete (due to open in the spring of 2006), constructed within existing storage buildings.

McMullens` standard beers are the popular AK and Country bitters but these are regularly supplemented by their own increasingly well-received seasonal beers or guests from other brewers, though not all pubs take advantage of these. We hope that the opening of the new brewery will encourage Mac`s to produce an even wider range of real ales.

If Mac`s Listed but now largely ornamental Victorian tower brewery is testament to their rich history, come to Hertford on brewing days. There is no mistaking the aroma that weaves through the streets and which signifies that the McMullen brewing tradition is set to continue well into the foreseeable future.

**Red Squirrel**

Formed in 2003, Red Squirrel Brewery is a ten-barrel micro-brewery based in Mimram Road, Hertford – the brainchild of Hertford resident Gary Hayward who produces hand-crafted cask conditioned ales and lagers, supplied to free houses all over Hertfordshire.

Red Squirrel produces an ever-changing beer range, from traditional English ales to innovative New World beers which Gary is particularly proud of. Stock beers are Conservation Bitter and Red Squirrel Gold. Seasonal beers include Hertfordshire Honey Porter, Dark Ruby Mild and Red Squirrel Bitter which is based on an American recipe. Over 15 different types of malt are used, 10 types of hops, English ale yeast and yeast from the USA and Germany.

**About this Guide**

All the pub information in this guide was collected by local CAMRA surveyors between September and December 2005. As the pub scene is ever-changing we apologise should you find any subsequent changes.

**Edited by:** Les Middlewood, Brian Page, Linda Howe, Tony Dawes, Jan Ordon  
With thanks to Roger Filler and all CAMRA participants.

**Photographs**

Hertfordshire`s emblem, the stag, sits atop Hertford War Memorial, erected to honour the fallen of the first World War.

In Ware, the statue of the Malt Maker commemorates the town`s long and rich history as a centre of malting.

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**Cask-Breathers**

We are aware that a number of pubs may use these to prolong the life of quality real ale. CAMRA is not in favour of the use of cask-breathers.

