Herstmonceux village, Polegate Station

The nearest small town is Hailsham, which caters for most needs. The closest railway station is in Polegate, trips are scheduled frequently during the week and weekends.

Polegate station

The minibus visits Polegate Station to drop off and pick up a few times per week.

To check timings please visit: http://www.southernrailway.com/your-journey/plan-your-journey/timetables/

Knockhatch Adventure Park

Set in eighty acres of countryside, Knockhatch Adventure Park is unique because it features an idyllic natural setting that anyone can enjoy. Between their indoor and outdoor attractions and around the petting farm and owl sanctuary you will discover natural areas that we've purposely let become overgrown to encourage the growth of natural plants and rare examples of insect life.

There is also an outdoor dry ski and snowboard centre with a 110m artificial dry ski slope which creates the perfect conditions for skiing and snowboarding.

Hailsham Pavilion

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Hailsham Market every Saturday

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How far?
Herstmonceux Village:
5 minutes’ ride. Drop off and pick up point – the car park.
Hailsham:
15-20 minutes’ ride. Drop off and pick up point – car park by the leisure centre.
Polegate station:
20 minutes’ ride. Drop off and pick up point – outside the ticket office beside the Co-op supermarket.

What’s there?
Herstmonceux village:
Public bus number 98 stop, cash machine, post office, pharmacy, doctor’s surgery, small grocery shop, other small shops, pubs and restaurants.

Hailsham:
Public bus numbers 98, 51 and 51X stops, banks, post office, supermarkets, drug store, stationers/book shop, hairdressers, coffee shops, other general shops, restaurants, swimming pool, weekly street market, regular farmers’ market and a small but very friendly cinema.

Polegate station:
Trains eastward to Eastbourne, Hastings, Rye and Ashford International.
Trains westward to Lewes, Brighton, Chichester and Southampton.
Trains northward to London Victoria and beyond.

Find train and public bus timetables here:
https://bustimes.org.uk/regions/SE
http://www.cuckmerebuses.org.uk/timetables.htm

When can I go there?
Several times a week.

Who do I ask if I want a special trip?
E-mail: minibus@bisc.queensu.ac.uk

St Mary’s Walk, Hailsham

St Mary’s Walk is an attractive, paved mall linking the High Street and the free shoppers’ car park. St Mary’s Walk has won an award for architectural merit and is now home to a fascinating range of mostly independent local businesses providing a unique and varied shopping experience. Such as MsMatch (a little taste of Brighton in Hailsham), the G-Zone a gaming shop, a crafting shop and Bucklers Café / Tapas Bar.

Bucklers is a fresh and friendly Cafe/Tapas Bar in the heart of Hailsham. Serving great coffee and fresh food from local suppliers. The dishes which are prepared will suit all taste buds whether its breakfast, lunch or dinner.

Hailsham has four supermarkets, Boots pharmacy, stationers/book shop, hairdressers, coffee shops, Millies and MsMatch which are clothing and gift shops and many other general shops, cafes and restaurants.

Herstmonceux has a post office; a fish and chip shop and a bakery which sells fresh baked goods.

The picturesque Cuckoo Trail follows the former ‘Cuckoo Line’ railway track and stretches from Heathfield to Eastbourne Park. A green corridor with a host of natural wildlife. Some verges are managed for wild flowers, and trees cut to allow light to reach the ground. Other areas are wooded and shady. There are benches, picnic tables and sculptures in wood and steel, as well as other artwork to look out for. Don’t miss the Victorian’s engineering skills in the brick arch bridges, between Hellingly and Horam and most striking example at Heathfield Tunnel (open during the summer).

Weekly trips will be organised to visit the Herstmonceux Integrated Health Centre.