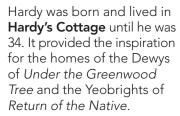
POINTS OF INTEREST

Originally built in 1720 of brick, King George III then stated he preferred stone, necessitating rapid and expensive cladding of **Kingston House** to maintain patronage!

The Elizabethan Manor (private) was built in 1590. Augusta Way, Hardy's image for Tess, lived here when it was tenements. Her daughter was later chosen, by Hardy, to play Tess.



This section of **Heathland** was the basis for Hardy's 'Egdon Heath'.

Hardy was first schooled in the **Old Schoolhouse** (private). He later made it the home of *Under the Greenwood Tree's* beautiful but fickle Fancy Day.

St Michael's Church is where Hardy's parents met, his father played in the church band and where they, alongside his heart, are now all buried near the yew tree.

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KINGSTON MAURWARD WALKABOUTS

WALKABOUT 1

Kingston Maurward to Hardy's Cottage 'Park & Stride'

A walk from Hardy's *Desperate Remedies* 'Knapwater House' (Kingston Maurward) to his childhood home, Hardy's Cottage. The route takes you through Hardy's real and imagined landscapes, through Kingston Maurward college estate and Lower Bockhampton.

The route via the Visitor Centre is 1.8 miles, with an optional return via Lower Bockhampton (2.7 miles). All admissions to Hardy's Cottage are through the Visitor Centre.

Parking at Kingston Maurward Animal Park and Gardens is **free** to visitors to the site and users of the Park & Stride.

Appropriate footwear is recommended, since wet or muddy conditions can be encountered at any time.

Kingston Maurward Animal Park & Gardens

Open Daily (Feb – Oct): 10am – 5.30pm (last entry 4.30pm) 01305 215003 www.kmc.ac.uk/gardens/

Hardy's Birthplace Visitor Centre and Under the Greenwood Tree Café

Open Daily: 10am – 4pm (last orders 3.45pm) 01305 251228 www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/hardysbirthplace

Hardy's Cottage (National Trust)

Open Daily (Mar – Oct): 11am – 5pm (last entry 4.15pm) 01305 262366 www.nationaltrust.org.uk/hardys-cottage

See websites for more details incl. winter opening hours.

Admission charges apply at Kingston Maurward Animal
Park and Gardens and Hardy's Cottage.

Entry to Hardy's Birthplace Visitor Centre and woods is free.

These leaflets can be downloaded from www.dorsetforyou.com/walkabouts

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