

The Pubs

Key:

ACC	Accommodation
FOOD	Food available
FIRE	Open fires
GDN	Beer Garden (includes other outdoor areas)
REAL	Cask Ales available (Real Ale)
INN	Classic Country Inn

Day 1

Brewery – Heineken

1 – The king James
14 Kneesworth Street
Royston
SG8 5AA

The pub dates back to the 16th century, and it is believed to have originally been a coaching inn, catering to travellers on the old Great North Road.

During the 18th and 19th centuries, the pub was a popular meeting place for local farmers, traders, and craftsmen. It was also frequented by highwaymen, who used the nearby heath as a hiding place.

The former Coach & Horses has reopened following a £210,000 refurbishment. The new name “The King James” reflects the celebrating of King James’s connection with Royston.

FOOD / FIRE / GDN / REAL

Brewery – McMullen

2 – The Jolly Postie
2 Baldock Street
Royston
SG8 5AY

Originally opened in 1935 as, you guessed it, a Post Office. As you approach the ‘Postie’ you’ll see the antique postal van parked in the entrance, 8 can dine in the back of the van!

There is a Blue Plaque on the wall marking the site of “The Mediaeval Hospital of St. John & St. James of Jerusalem. Information about this establishment is shrouded in the mists of time. Founded in around 1227 by Richard Argentein, the Sheriff of Cambridgeshire, its purpose was to act as a leper hospital, probably for monks and nuns, and to provide relief for poor travellers. It may be that poor lepers were admitted at a later date. In 1389 it is mentioned as the house of alms and the Chantry Returns, report that it was founded for the relief of poor people coming and going through the town of Royston’.

By 1486 it was a free chapel. The chapel of St John and St James was suppressed in 1547.

FOOD / GDN / REAL

Day 1 – continued

Closed Pub

The Jockey
31-33 Baldock Street
Royston
SG8 5BD

The pub dates back to the early 19th century.

The Jockey was originally a coaching inn, providing accommodation and refreshments to travellers on the Great North Road.

N/A

Brewery – Greene King

3 – The Fox & Duck
Village Green
Therfield
SG8 9PN

Charming country pub-restaurant re-built in the nineteenth century. Next to the Hertfordshire Way and Icknield Way long-distance footpaths. The Fox and Duck is a country pub utilised by locals, walkers and dog owners alike. Internally it is one open-plan space with the front section with the bar area being mainly for drinking, being a plain wooden floor area encompassing two bow-windowed sections with chairs and largish stripped-top dark wood tables. The pub benefits from a large garden which stretches back behind the pub.

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Brewery – Free House

4 – The Hen & Chickens
51 South Road
Baldock
SG7 6BZ

A genuine local community pub where visitors are welcome. Built in the 1930s it has been opened up and now has a single bar. The atmosphere ranges from a tranquil peace to a boisterous throng with piped or live music. The pub raises funding for a children's hospice throughout the year including a Sunday afternoon raffle. Such afternoons can be lively when a local rock band are performing. Beware impromptu dancers!

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Brewery – Greene King

5 – The Cock
43 High Street
Baldock
SG7 6BG

The Cock dates from the 17th century, and it has a cosy beamed interior and a welcoming open log fire. It is a traditional pub in an historic Roman market town. The split-level drinking area in this popular, friendly local enhances the pub's character. An enclosed outside drinking area is available in good weather. Regular live music events are held.

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Day 1 – continued

6 – The White Lion
46 High Street
Baldock
SG7 6BJ

Brewery – Greene King

This characterful 17th century pub, sitting in the middle of the High Street, has oak beams and large fireplace. The first registered beer keeper was John Little in 1839. The pub prides itself in selling local ales, cider and food. A very large, fully enclosed, garden provides a great setting for relaxing on a summer afternoon.

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Closed Pub

The George
2 Hitchin Street
Baldock
SG7 6AL

The building dates back to the 18th century, and it has a rich history that reflects the evolution of the town over time.

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Brewery – Free House

7 – The White Hart
21 Hitchin Street
Baldock
SG7 6AL

The White Hart retains a traditional décor with a bit of character with oak beamed ceilings, nice period fireplaces and carpeted throughout. There is a secluded courtyard garden out back.

GDN

Brewery – Punch Taverns

8 – The Victoria
Sun Street
Baldock
SG7 6QA

A Punch Taverns owned pub tucked away on Sun Street away from the main shops. Two bar pub with a comfortable front bar and then a back bar with pool table, games machines and juke box.

FOOD / GDN / REAL

Day 1 – continued

9 – Old White Horse
1 Station Road
Baldock
SG7 5BS

Brewery – Charles Wells

The pub is believed to have been built in the 16th century and has a long and storied history.

Originally known simply as "The White Horse", the pub served as a coaching inn, providing lodging and refreshments to travellers passing through the town. The inn was a popular spot for day coaches heading to and from London.

In the 19th century, the pub was renamed "The Old White Horse" to distinguish it from a newer establishment with the same name.

In 2016, however, The Old White Horse was forced to close due to financial difficulties. Fortunately, the pub was saved by a group of local investors who purchased the building and set about renovating it. After a period of extensive refurbishment, The Old White Horse reopened in 2018.

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10 – The Engine
3 Station Road
Baldock
SG7 5BS

Brewery – Greene King

The pub is believed to have been built in the late 18th or early 19th century and has been a prominent landmark in the town ever since.

The name "The Engine" possibly refers to the steam engine that once powered the nearby maltings, which produced malt for local breweries. The maltings were in operation from the mid-19th century until the early 20th century.

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