



Woolley Grange Hotel, a Jacobean manor house looks forward to welcoming Great West Way® visitors when it re-opens in time for the summer season.

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Woolley Grange Hotel, Restaurant and Spa is located on the outskirts of Bradford on Avon, a beautiful market town situated along the Great West Way.

Part of Luxury Family Hotels collection, Woolley Grange has been welcoming guests through its doors for over 30 years and it's team is looking forward to re-opening on 17<sup>th</sup> May (subject to government guidelines).

When you visit Woolley Grange, you'll find reminders of its history all around. It is a very good example of how wealthy clothiers lived. For generations, families lived in comfort and luxury here while the world changed around them. Look above the great front door to see the date 1665 and the initials FR, carved to mark previous owner Francis Randolph. Stay in the John Baskerville suite and you can see where the 15-year-old John, son of Francis, engraved his name on the window glass in 1760.

The Randolph family initially lived at Woolley Grange in the late 16th century. When the first Francis Randolph died, the ground floor had just three rooms: a hall, parlour and kitchen but by 1726, when the house was sold to the Baskerville family it was described in the sales details as a mansion. The Baskervilles (of no connection to Arthur Conan Doyle's *The Hound of the Baskervilles*) operated as clothiers, making their money from the manufacture of cloth. They certainly took their work home with them and by the end of the 18th century, a factory stood on the site of the present-day kitchen garden.

As the years passed and Woolley Grange's owners grew richer, they extended and improved their home to make it what it is today. The east and west wings were added in the 18th century, along with the summerhouse and terrace balustrade.

Woolley Grange hasn't always served as a home, however. During the Second World War, the house was an antenatal hostel for mothers evacuated from London. With the formation of the NHS in 1948, the Coach House became the first ever NHS ambulance station.

As the original Luxury Family Hotel, Woolley Grange has long been dedicated to family friendly holidays. Here, luxury takes on a different form to that enjoyed by the Baskervilles and Randolphins. Tucked within the walled garden is a custom-built spa with sauna, steam room and swimming pool (there is also an outdoor heated pool).

For children, the 14 acres gardens at Woolley are an adventure playground. There's a dedicated Good Life Garden complete with play sheds, and a fairy garden, as well as a giant cedar swing, trampoline and football nets. Within the hotel is the Woolley Bears' Den: an Ofsted-registered children's club with baby facilities, books, games and dressing up. And of course, no country estate is complete without its dogs. The hotel is a place for families – including pets – to enjoy time spent together and apart.

Guests staying at Woolley Grange this summer can not only enjoy the history but also take part in their English Summer Country Festival. Families can try their hand at willow weaving, flower crowns, soft archery, fresh pesto making and marshmallow toasting.

In addition, guests can picnic in the ancient orchard, meet the hotel's comical Indian ducks, chickens and rabbits or just relax on the terrace overlooking the front lawns, with views across the valley to the White Horse of Westbury

The hotel's food offering is fresh (much of it grown in the walled kitchen gardens) and for an extra treat this summer, guests can indulge in a Wind in the Willows inspired afternoon tea. Adult and child versions available.

The 25 comfortable country bedrooms are all individually styled and offer options for a range of family sizes. Explore further along the Great West Way to beautiful Bradford on Avon (a ten minute walk from the hotel or take the 15minute drive or train ride into the World Heritage City of Bath. Children in tow? Head to Longleat (30minute drive) for a safari or Lacock Abbey (5minute drive) to see the giant cauldron and set used in the Harry Potter filming. The quintessential Cotswold village of Castle Combe is also only a 25 minute drive away.



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**ABOUT WOOLLEY GRANGE HOTEL:**

**Woolley Grange**, Bradford-on-Avon: the original Luxury Family Hotel. This Jacobean Manor House has 25 individually style bedrooms, a great spa and pools and 14 acres of gardens to enjoy complete with an outdoor pool and lawns, just perfect for cricket, football or croquet.  
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