



Beaulieu is a picturesque New Forest village with around 750 residents, set on the side of the Beaulieu River. It has just over 500 dwellings in a rural setting of over 9,900 acres, which includes almost 3,000 acres of arable land and 2,350 acres of permanent grass and 2,700 acres of woods and plantations.

It is one of the South's top visitor attractions, close to Lymington and Lyndhurst. The village's origins date back to the 13th century, when King John founded Beaulieu Abbey. The abbey was named Bellus Locus Regis, which means "the beautiful place of the King". While the earliest houses on Beaulieu High Street were built in the 17th century, there is evidence that buildings were present in the area as early as the mid-16th century, and possibly 500 years ago.

The village high street is lined with coffee shops, restaurants together with gift, art and craft shops. Beaulieu is home to the National Motor Museum, Palace House and its Gardens together with the remains of Beaulieu Abbey.

Buckler's Hard is also in our parish. This hamlet, which is just over 2 miles downstream from Beaulieu village, remains untouched by the passage of time. This was a shipbuilding village from the early 18th century until the 19th century and is where ships for Nelson's Trafalgar fleet were built. Buckler's Hard now is an unspoilt historic centre and includes the Buckler's Hard Museum.

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