

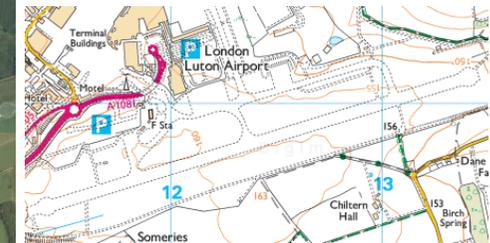
Luton key facts

- Luton lies in the county of **Bedfordshire** in England
- Luton is situated in the south east of Great Britain about 30 miles northwest of London.
- Luton began when the Saxons conquered Bedfordshire in the **sixth century** and created a settlement by the **river Lea**
- Luton hosts the UK's biggest one-day carnival, the **Luton International Carnival**. It is traditionally held on the late May bank holiday. The procession starts at Wardown Park goes down New Bedford Road, around the town centre via St George's Square and back the same way. There are music stages and stalls.
- From 18th century **hat-making** was one of Luton's biggest industries. Even the local football team, Luton Town FC, are nicknamed 'The Hatters'! Hat making is called the **millinery** and there are still some small businesses in the town producing high quality hats.
- **London Luton Airport** is the fifth busiest in the UK. It was open in 1938 and is one of the main employers in the town. It handles over 14,500,000 passengers a year and fly to 60 destinations across Europe, Northern Africa and Asia.
- Luton had a large **Vauxhall Motors factory**. Car production at the plant began in 1905 and the head office of Vauxhall Motors is still in Luton.
- The University of Bedfordshire is based in Luton
- The Hat Factory; now art centre with music, theatre, dance, films and exhibitions; originally was a real hat factory.
- Luton Town Football Club triumphed at Football League Cup in 1988. They play at Kenilworth Road, their home since 1905.
- **Luton Hoo** is an English country house and estate and grade I listing building.
- The source of the **River Lea**, that later **joins the River Thames**, is in the Leagrave area of the town.
- The **Great Bramingham Wood** surrounds the source of River Lea. It is classified as ancient woodland; records mention the wood at least 400 years ago.
- Luton has a diverse ethnic mix, with a significant population of Asian immigrants, mainly Pakistani and Bangladeshi

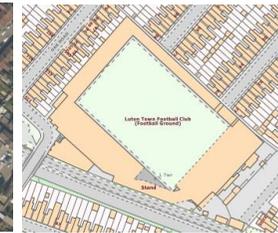
Aerial views and maps



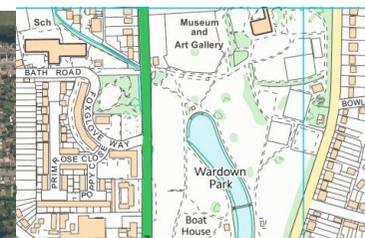
Town Centre



Airport



Football stadium



Wardown Park



Luton Hoo

1. What county is Luton in? a) England b) London c) United Kingdom d) Bedfordshire
2. What river flows through Luton? a) river Lea b) river Thames c) river Severn d) river Nile
3. What industry was Luton famous for? a) shoe making b) toy making
c) hat making d) farming
4. What is Luton Hoo? a) a university b) a country house
c) an ancient woodland d) an airport
5. What cars are being made in Luton? a) Range Rover b) Ferrari c) Vauxhall d) Nissan
6. When is the Luton International Carnival celebrated? a) in April b) in May
c) in June d) in July
7. Where is the Luton football stadium located? a) Kenilworth Road b) Wardown Park
c) St George's Square d) Bath Road
8. How far away from London is Luton? a) 10 miles b) 50 miles c) 400 miles d) 30 miles