



## **ENGLISH RIVIERA**

### **MEDIA BRIEFING FACT SHEET**

#### **PAIGNTON AND GOODRINGTON**

##### Coastline, Beaches and an Iconic Pier

Paignton is blessed with beautiful sandy beaches, a traditional pier and an expanse of green parkland bordering the sea. Nearby are a wide range of attractions that make this resort a great choice for year-round family fun. Part of the UNESCO-recognised English Riviera Global Geopark, Paignton is internationally-renowned for its beautiful coastline and diversity of landscape, wildlife and culture.

<http://www.paigntonpier.co.uk>

##### Festivals on Paignton Green

During the summer months Paignton Green hosts endless festivals and fairs, regattas and family days, including the hugely popular Children's Festival each August. You'll also find a large variety of attractions and distractions to keep both big kids and little kids happy, including a multiplex cinema and pirate-themed crazy golf.

##### Steam Trains, Paignton Zoo and the Singer Sewing Machine Family

Other family activities include taking the steam train along the spectacular English Riviera Geopark coastline from Paignton to Dartmouth. The world-renowned Paignton Zoo Environmental Park is home to thousands of amazing animals and plants. Oldway Mansion, home of the Singer sewing machine family is free to visit and the grounds make a very special spot for a picnic.

<http://www.paigntonzoo.org.uk>

<http://www.dartmouthrailriver.co.uk>

##### Occombe Farm

Close by you can find Occombe Farm operated by Torbay Coast and Countryside Trust. It's a working farm dedicated to reconnecting people with food and farming and a great place to indulge in lots of local specialities. The children can also enjoy a nature walk around the farm and learn about wildlife, habitats and farming practices.

<http://www.occombe.org.uk>

### Goodrington Sands

Nearby Goodrington with its wonderful Blue Flag beach and colourful beach huts is also sure to be popular with the little ones. The area is home to an exhilarating outdoor waterpark at Splashdown, go-karts, bumper boats, swan rides, arcades, bars in nearby Young's Park, restaurants and a huge range of water sports activities. The Seashore Centre at Goodrington is one of the Gateway Sites for the English Riviera Global Geopark and organises some great rock pool safaris. For a quieter experience, stunningly beautiful Broadsands is a must-visit.

<http://www.countryside-trust.org.uk>

### After Dark

An evening stroll along the seafront, under the soft light of the beach-front illuminations, is a perfect way to wrap up your day with a great choice of restaurants, cafes and bars. With all the essential ingredients for a magical family holiday, Paignton is the perfect seaside resort.

## Diary Dates 2011

BMAD Motorcycle Festival	29 <sup>th</sup> April – 1 <sup>st</sup> May
Geopark Festival	25 <sup>th</sup> May – 5 <sup>th</sup> June
Occombe Farm Beer Festival	10 <sup>th</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup> June
Torbay Carnival Week	23 <sup>rd</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> July
Paignton Regatta	6 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> August

For more information visit: [www.englishriviera.co.uk](http://www.englishriviera.co.uk)

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the Tide for Tourism in Torbay Strategy. To download a copy of the strategy please visit:

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