

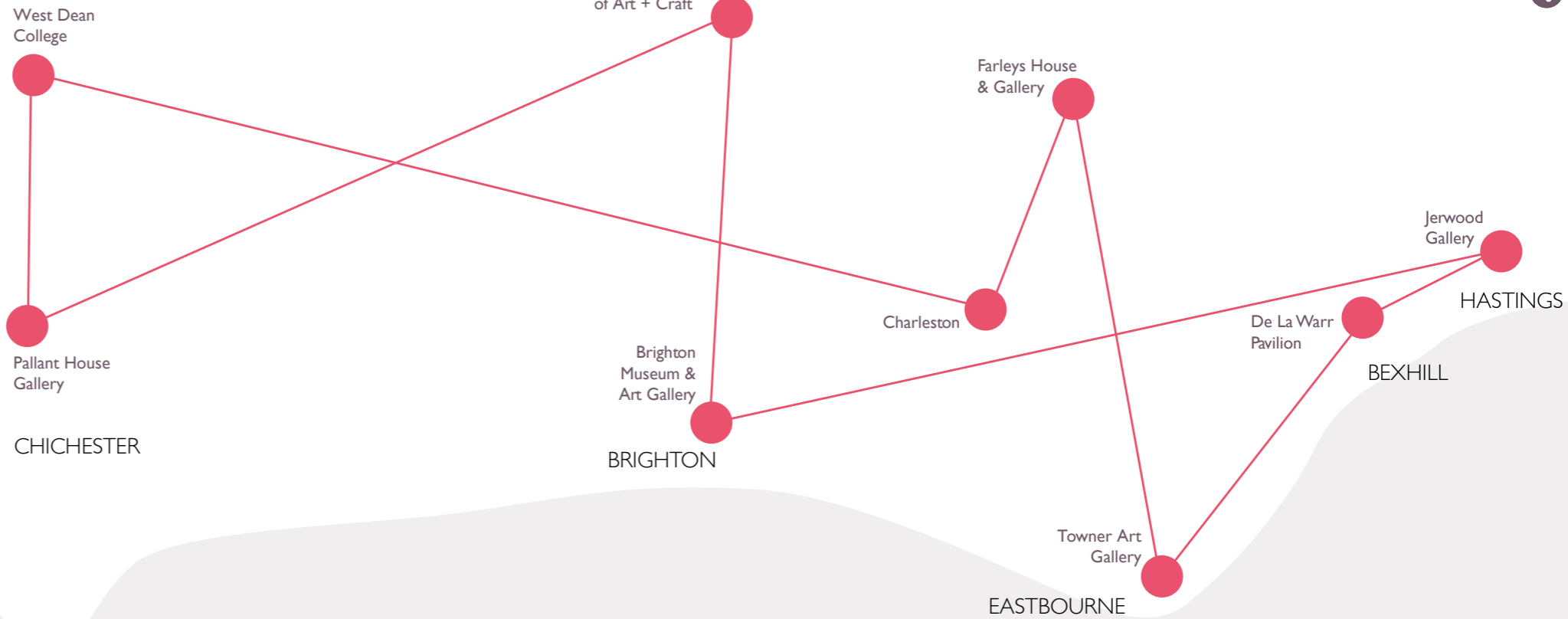
# SUSSEX: MODERN IN THE MAKING

Sussex occupies a unique position in the recent history of British thought, art, design and literature. It has helped shape our modern world. Writers, artists and designers of the 20th century found Sussex to be not only a place of inspiration and retreat but also a place from which to launch a rebellion against tradition. Radical ideas, challenging creative output and alternative lifestyles all form part of the Sussex Modern legacy, which today finds new expression in contemporary culture throughout the county.

Sussex is studded with galleries, museums, houses and public buildings that reflect the spirit of modern creativity. From the writings of Virginia Woolf to the paintings of Eric Ravilious, the photographs of Lee Miller and the type design of Eric Gill, Sussex Modern represents a rich assembly of artistic endeavour and talent.

Nine extraordinary spaces devoted to the arts, stretching from Chichester in the west to Hastings in the east, have joined together to give you a unique experience of modern design, craft, art and architecture. Each location has something different to offer. You will find some of the finest examples of Modern British art in Sussex and discover a changing programme of exhibitions featuring exciting contemporary work. In 2017 the work of artists such as Becky Beasley, Simon Patterson and Cathie Pilkington will be on show. You can join in festivals and educational programmes that put you in touch with Sussex Modern as it is today.

Against the background of the South Downs National Park and a stunning coastline there is plenty to explore, especially on foot or by bike. Visits to Sussex towns, restaurants, pubs and vineyards reveal just how much the Sussex Modern vibe has influenced local food, drink and hospitality – authentic, artisan and locally sourced produce make the difference.



**West Dean College**  
Near Chichester PO18 0QZ  
London to Chichester: 1 hour 30 minutes

West Dean College, formerly home to Surrealist patron and poet Edward James, is now internationally recognised for creative arts and conservation education, offering 700 short courses as well as Foundation, Diploma and Masters degrees awarded by the University of Sussex.

*2017 highlights:*  
West Dean Art and Crafts Festival  
[www.westdean.org.uk](http://www.westdean.org.uk)

**Pallant House Gallery**  
Chichester PO19 1TJ  
London to Chichester: 1 hour 40 minutes

Pallant House Gallery houses one of the UK's most significant collections of Modern British art in a unique setting that combines a Queen Anne townhouse and award-winning contemporary extension. Its acclaimed exhibition programme is known for reassessing key figures from Modern British, international, contemporary and Outsider art.

*2017 highlights:*  
Transferences: Sidney Nolan in Britain, Victor Pasmore: Towards a New Reality, John Minton  
[www.pallant.org.uk](http://www.pallant.org.uk)

**Ditchling Museum of Art + Craft**  
Ditchling, near Hassocks BN6 8SP  
London to Hassocks: 45 minutes

RIBA award winning buildings housing a collection of carving, wood engraving, type design, weaving and letterpress by an internationally important community of artists and craftspeople who lived in the village including Eric Gill, Edward Johnston and David Jones.

*2017 highlights:*  
The Book Beautiful: William Morris, Hilary Pepler & The Private Press Story, Eric Gill: The Body, Cathie Pilkington RA  
[www.ditchlingmuseumartcraft.org.uk](http://www.ditchlingmuseumartcraft.org.uk)

**Brighton Museum & Art Gallery**  
Brighton BN1 1EE  
London to Brighton: 55 minutes

Brighton Museum & Art Gallery is a beautiful and vibrant place in the heart of the city with outstanding and wide-ranging collections including furniture and decorative arts by Dalí and Edward James, fashion by Schiaparelli, ceramics by Grayson Perry and Picasso, and paintings by Paul Nash and Edward Wadsworth.

*2017 highlights:*  
Constable and Brighton, Glyn Philpot, Gluck: Art & Identity  
[www.brightonmuseums.org.uk](http://www.brightonmuseums.org.uk)

**Farleys House & Gallery**  
Near Chiddingfold BN8 6HW  
London to Lewes: 1 hour

Tucked away in the Sussex countryside Farleys House & Gallery was home to Lee Miller and Roland Penrose. It conjures up an extraordinary atmosphere that testifies to its position as a meeting place for some of the key personalities in twentieth century art.

*2017 highlights:*  
Lee Miller Studios Inc. 1932-1934 New York  
[www.farleyshouseandgallery.co.uk](http://www.farleyshouseandgallery.co.uk)

**Charleston**  
Firle, near Lewes BN8 6LL  
London to Lewes: 1 hour

Charleston was the home of Vanessa Bell and Duncan Grant, Bloomsbury artists and pioneers of early 20th-century British art. Here they created a hub of artistic and intellectual activity, in the unique and inspiring setting of House and Garden.

*2017 highlights:*  
Charleston Festival, Festival of the Garden, A Gay Outing, Small Wonder Festival  
[www.charleston.org.uk](http://www.charleston.org.uk)

**Towner Art Gallery**  
Eastbourne BN21 4JJ  
London to Eastbourne: 1 hour 25 minutes

Founded as an art gallery for the people, Eastbourne's Towner Art Gallery presents world class exhibitions of modern and contemporary art alongside works from our acclaimed Collection, including the most significant body of work by Eric Ravilious.

*2017 highlights:*  
A Certain Kind of Light, Becky Beasley: Ous, Ravilious & Co  
[www.townereastbourne.org.uk](http://www.townereastbourne.org.uk)

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