

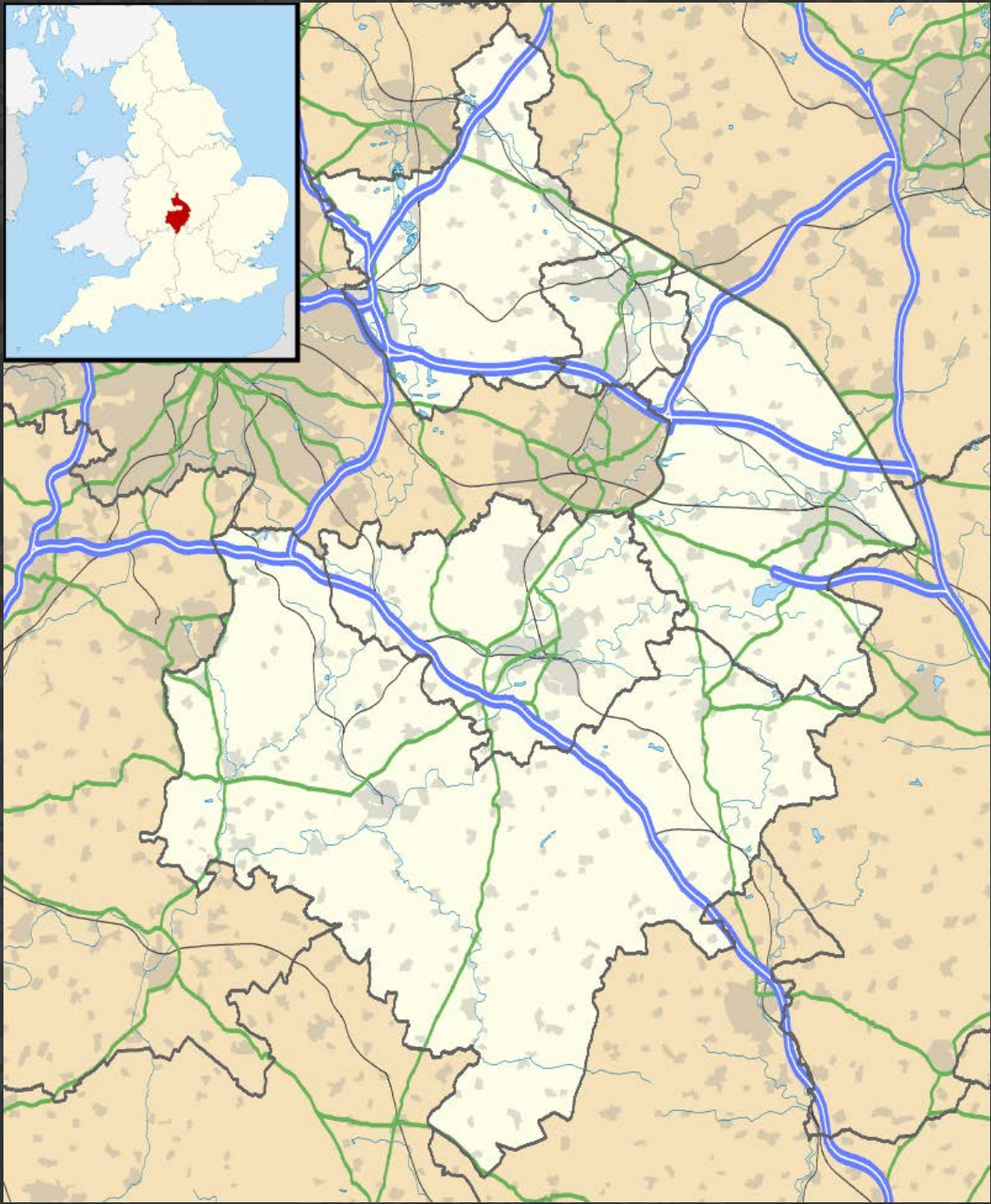


**SHAKESPEARE LIVES THROUGH
STRATFORD-UPON-AVON**

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STRATFORD-UPON-AVON

- ❖ Stratford-upon-Avon is a market town in Warwickshire, on the river Avon, 35 km south east of Birmingham.
 - ❖ The population in 2011 was 27,445.
- ❖ The town is a popular tourist destination because it is the birthplace of the English playwright and poet William Shakespeare.
 - ❖ The town receives about 4.9 million visitors a year.





**HENLEY STREET
SHAKESPEARE'S BIRTHPLACE**





Stratford on Avon

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| A. Shakespeare's Birth Place. | F. The Golden Lion Restaurant. | I. The Vicarage. |
| B. Holy Trinity Church, Shakespeare's Tomb. | G. Gold Church and School. | J. Mary Gandy's Residence. |
| C. Shakespeare's House, New Plan. | H. Memorial Theatre. | K. Golden Lion Restaurant. |
| D. Harold House. | I. Anne Hathaway's Cottage. | L. White Swan Hotel. |
| E. Shakespeare's Inn and Five Gables. | | M. The Crown Inn. |
| | | N. The New Hotel Building. |
| | | O. Church Cottage, Anne St. |

FIRST THEATRE

The first real theatre in Stratford was a temporary wooden, built in 1769 by the actor David Garrick for Shakespeare celebrations. The theatre, was destroyed in two days of rain that resulted in terrible flooding.

ROYAL SHAKESPEARE THEATRE

The Royal Shakespeare Theatre is a 1,040+ seat theatre owned by the Royal Shakespeare Company. It was opened in 1932 on the site adjacent to the original Shakespeare Memorial Theatre (opened 19 April 1879), which had been destroyed by fire on 6 March 1926. The architect was Elisabeth Scott, a woman architect.

THE FIRST SHAKESPEARE MEMORIAL
THEATRE COMPLEX, PICTURED IN
THE 1890











**STRATFORD-UPON-AVON'S CLOCK
TOWER**



SHAKESPEARE'S CELEBRATIONS

Every year, Shakespeare's birthday is celebrated in Stratford. The celebration takes place around the 26th of April, the date he was baptized, (date of birth unknown) and includes musical performances, drama and a parade through the town.

In 2016, events will be held in Stratford to mark the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's death.

