

## Venue and Location

The University of Surrey is a global community of ideas and people, dedicated to life-changing education and research. With a beautiful and vibrant campus, we provide exceptional teaching and practical learning to inspire and empower our students for personal and professional success.

### Address

University of Surrey  
Guildford  
Surrey  
GU2 7XH

[Link to Map University of Surrey Google Maps](#)



Our main campus is Stag Hill where the UTSG Conference will take place. The University accommodation is located on Manor Park which is a short walk away or an even quicker bus ride should you choose that option. The UTSG 2026 Conference will take place in our Lecture Theatre Block.

This whole space will be a dedicated area for the conference offering great places for presentations, we have six lecture theatres. In addition, we have rooms for discussions to take place, central areas to commune for lunch and socialise and break out spaces.



## Gala Dinner Venue

The UTSG 2026 Gala Dinner will take place on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2026 at Gorse Hill, Hook Heath Rd, Woking GU22 0QF.

There will be coaches provided to take you from **one** pick up point outside the Austeen Pearce Plaza at Stag Hill Campus to Gorse Hill. There will be return coaches provided from the Gala Dinner venue, Gorse Hill, to five drop off points in Guildford which include Stag Hill Campus, Manor Park Campus, Holiday Inn Guildford, G- Live for (Harbour Hotel) and Travelodge Guildford.



Gorse Hill is an elegant Edwardian mansion built in 1912 nestled within 17 acres of beautifully landscaped gardens in Woking, Surrey. With 67 newly refurbished bedrooms and exceptional facilities. Their stunning event spaces, including the exclusive Garden Suite with its private entrance and lounge areas, offer flexibility and sophistication for any occasion. From intimate gatherings to large-scale celebrations, Gorse Hill combines timeless charm with modern comfort.



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## How to get to Guildford in Surrey

The University of Surrey is based in Guildford, in the south east of England. It is easily accessible by road and rail, and is a short distance from both Heathrow and Gatwick airports.



### Plane

#### Via London Heathrow

[RailAir](#) coaches connect Guildford railway station with Heathrow Airport Terminal 5 and Heathrow Central Bus Station every hour from early until late, seven days a week.

Alternatively, [National Express](#) coaches travel between Woking station and Heathrow Airport Terminals 2,3 and 5 (with onward connections to Terminal 4) 18 times a day. There are frequent trains from Woking to Guildford, which is just a 10 minute ride. Check the [National Rail](#) website for more details.

#### Via London Gatwick

The rail station at Gatwick airport is located in the South Terminal of the airport and provides direct rail-air link trains to Guildford hourly between approximately 5:15am (6am on Sundays) and 11pm. Check the [National Rail](#) website for more details.



## Public Transport

Guildford is on the main line between London Waterloo and Portsmouth. There are three services per hour from London Waterloo to Guildford towards Haslemere and Portsmouth, with journey times between 33 and 40 minutes. There is also a slower service connecting London Waterloo with Guildford, which takes around 70 minutes. Check the [National Rail](#) website for more details.

## Coach

[National Express](#) coach number SH030 runs services to and from the Egerton Road/Tesco stop (a short walk from the University).

## Walking

You can walk from the station to the Lecture Theatres Block at Stag Hill campus within around 10-15 minutes. It is better to avoid walking next to the Cathedral because it is located at the top of the hill. You may visit the Cathedral if you wish. Follow [Google maps](#).

## Bus

[Stagecoach](#) numbers 1 and 17 run between the station and the various University locations. The earliest service is at approximately 6am and the last bus is just before midnight. On Sundays there is a reduced service.

## Car

Guildford is 30 miles south-west of London, on the A3 London-Portsmouth road.

If you are using a car navigator, you may enter the postcode GU2 7XH.

## Car parking

UTSG 2026 is supporting sustainable transport options. If you need to travel by car, there will be a limited number of car parking spaces available on our University campus. Conference attendees will be able to be provided with free onsite parking after completing the details on the dedicated parking web-link and providing the necessary vehicle information. This parking web-link will be provided in the welcome pack following the online UTSG 2026 Conference registration.

## Accommodation Options

### Manor Park Campus Accommodation

When completing and paying your UTSG 2026 Conference registration, fees there will be an option to purchase accommodation on campus, subject to availability. The cost is £56 B&B, en-suite accommodation, per night.



## Hotels

A list of local hotels in Guildford can be found [here](#). Please mention that you are attending a conference at the University of Surrey and ask for the University's preferential rate (subject to availability) about the accommodation cost, but note that hotels only have limited availability for University rate rooms so early booking is advised. Here are some useful options/information:

### [Harbour Hotel Guildford](#)

Located at the heart of Guildford town.

2.2 miles from the Lecture Theatres Block at Stag Hill Campus of the University of Surrey. Around 10 minutes by car and 20 minutes by public transport.

### [Asperion Hotel](#)

1.2 miles from the Lecture Theatres Block at Stag Hill Campus of the University of Surrey. Around 5 minutes by car, 18 minutes by public transport, and 22 minutes by walk.

### [Travelodge Guildford](#)

1 mile from the Lecture Theatres Block at Stag Hill Campus of the University of Surrey. Around 7 minutes by car, 19 minutes by public transport, and 22 minutes by walk.

### [Holiday Inn Guildford](#)

1 mile from the Lecture Theatres Block at Stag Hill Campus of the University of Surrey. Around 5 minutes by car, 12 minutes by public transport, and 20 minutes by walk.

**(Please note the hotel prices may vary on a daily basis)**

**More accommodation options may be found here**

<https://www.visitsurrey.com/guildford/stay/>

Please make your application as soon as possible to ensure you receive your ETA in time.

## Visa Information

Please check the following website for further information:

<https://www.gov.uk/standard-visitor/visit-on-business>

If you require a letter from the conference organisers to support your visa application please contact [utsg2026@surrey.ac.uk](mailto:utsg2026@surrey.ac.uk) and provide all of your required details in your message.

## Important travel information:

Please note that there is a new Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA) requirement to enter the UK through e.g. an airport or a port. The minimum time required to issue an ETA is three working days, but it is advised to allow more time. Please visit this website and check whether the ETA requirement applies to you:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-an-electronic-travel-authorisation-eta>.