

## Places to eat

There are lots of places to eat in Sandown and in the Isle of Wight overall. Here's a few we love and why.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions on numbers will be in place so I strongly suggest booking ahead & phone numbers are provided below.

### **Sandown**

[The Bandstand](#) is a lovely restaurant overlooking stunning Sandown Bay.

The restaurant is in the original Bandstand which the owners have lovingly restored. It has full height windows that slide back on warm days and evenings. Positioned right next to the beach overlooking it. You can sit and have dinner looking across the solent and Sandown beach.

The food is delicious & of a high standard, breakfast, lunch & dinner.

It's a great place for a special holiday meal, be sure to book though & ask for a seaside window table.

The Bandstand Restaurant, Culver Parade, Sandown, Isle of Wight, PO36 8AT – 01983 406875

### **The Beach Shack**

[A great place](#), good quality food again & for breakfast, lunch or in summer dinner. Because of its location opening times can be weather dependent so best to call if in doubt.

It is right on the beach & on a sunny day you can eat/have a drink whilst the children play on the beach. They have a beautiful roof terrace to which is a proper sun trap. A typical surf dude shack with lovely owners who will do all they can to accommodate.

Dog friendly.

The Beach Shack, Western Esplanade, Sandown, Isle of Wight, PO36 8JS – 01983 401392 or 07886 959 192

### **The Ocean Deck**

[Inside this place](#) is a little run down but it has a great decked terrace right opposite the beach.

Lovely place to sit, have a drink, or a meal. The food is always good & they specialise in seafood. They also do a Sunday carvery which we have never had but I have to say, looks good.

It's dog friendly inside on the lower deck and outside, of course.

The Ocean Deck, The Esplanade, Sandown, Isle of Wight, P036 8AE. 01983 40396

### **The Reef**

[Next door to](#) Ocean Deck, we have only eaten here twice & it was nice. Italian/Mediterranean. Nice décor inside so a good place if the weather isn't so good, again lovely outdoor terrace looking out to sea.

Only dog friendly outside.

The Reef, The Esplanade, Sandown, Isle of Wight, P036 8AE - 01983 403219

### **Driftwood**

A Beach Bar right on the beach and centrally located along the beach, great any time of day, foods from around the world & good for cocktails as the sun sets over Sandown Bay. Outside seating and inside but really cool and laid back.

Dog friendly & great for children as it's on the beach!

37 Culver Parade, Sandown, P036 8AT – 01983 404004

### **The Old Commical**

The oldest pub in Sandown, est. 1859. Recently refurbished and to a very high standard. Cosy, live music & big garden. It's a great pub. We love it. Full of friendly locals who love dogs.

15 St John's Road, Sandown, Isle of Wight, PO36 83E – 01983 403848

### **Bembridge**

10 minute drive from Wight Waves.

### **Propeller Inn**

Recently refurbished gastropub overlooking Bembridge Airfield. The food & service is great. Best Mussels I've had in the UK. The sauce was amazing. I like the calmness of the place too. Busy but not too crowded, tables are nicely spaced in

both the restaurant & bar areas. Dogs are allowed in the bar eating area & they have a great outdoor seating to watch the light aircraft arriving & departing.

Dog friendly.

### **Ye Olde Village Inn**

[Quaint village pub](#) in the heart of the village, it's been reputed to have been selling pints since 1787! Great pub & serves superb pizza cooked in their pizza oven in the covered garden.

Their main menu features pub classics to risotto's & curries & they have around 10 specials a day to include locally reared meats & fresh fish from the harbour. Lots of live music here and a vibrant and busy local attraction. Super cool original diddy pub with an amazing atmosphere.

Dog friendly.

61, High Street, Bembridge, Isle of Wight, PO35 5SF – 01983 872616

### **The Yarbridge Inn**

We haven't eaten here yet but we have been told by numerous people its excellent and a place for a special meal. Just a 5 minute drive from Wight Waves.

Dog friendly in a small area.

Brading, Sandown, PO36 0AA – 01983 405585

[theyarbridgeinn.co.uk](http://theyarbridgeinn.co.uk)

### **Bonchurch Inn**

This is one of our favourites. Run by a lovely Italian family. The food is fantastic...I always have King Prawn Portofino & Carl Steak with the famous Bonchurch sauce. The also have "life changing" lasagne!!! Highly recommend this little gem.

Dog friendly.

Bonchurch Shute, Bonchurch, Isle of Wight, PO38 1NU - 01983 852611

[bonchurch-inn.co.uk](http://bonchurch-inn.co.uk)

### **Spyglass – Ventnor**

Great place, great food, sit by the sea in the day or inside at night where there is nightly live music.

Dog friendly.

### **Waterfront – Shanklin**

Our favourite in Shanklin, nice food with a French touch. Huge outdoor seating area looking out to sea including a heated area meaning even in winter you can enjoy the outdoor view.

Dog friendly.

### **Steamer Inn – Shanklin**

Same group as the Spyglass in Ventnor. Large menu with daily specials.

Dog friendly.

### **Hollier's Hotel – Shanklin Old Village**

Great if you fancy a carvery, served 5 – 8pm weekdays and 12 – 8pm Sundays for £9.50 (when we last checked). Please do check times though before visiting as these could be subject to change.

Tel: 01983 862764

### **Dell Café, Puckpool Ryde**

We love this place, for us breakfast, brunch & lunch but they also do dinner in the summer months. It looks across the solent & is a great place to watch the ships pass by especially the cruise ships. Great for walking dog as it is right on the beach with views of Portsmouth. Easy walk to Ryde too.

Dog friendly.

Beaches here are also dog friendly, all year round.

### **Fighting Cocks**

If you are visiting with children this place comes highly recommended by our guests as they have a fantastic outdoor play area & a great menu for both you & your smaller people.

Dog friendly

01983 865254

[www.thefightingcocksow.co.uk](http://www.thefightingcocksow.co.uk)