

Top 3 Kent Opticians: Reviews, Opening Hours & Eye Test Costs

Meta Description: Discover Kent's leading opticians with comprehensive reviews and pricing. Find out why Eyelines in Sevenoaks offers the most advanced eye care service.



Caption: Eyelines handles complex prescriptions that chains struggle with; our experienced optometrists explain everything clearly, answer all questions, and ensure you understand your eye health completely.

Alt text: Eyelines package bag.

Key Takeaways

- Eyelines in Sevenoaks leads Kent opticians with comprehensive £75 eye tests, including OCT and OPTOS scanning, which costs more in other practices.
- Specsavers Canterbury provides affordable standard eye tests, but charges extra for comprehensive services.
- Boots Opticians offers thorough examinations but at higher prices.
- For complete eye care with advanced technology included, [Eyelines](https://www.eyelines.co.uk) provides the best value in Kent.

Finding Quality Eye Care Across Kent

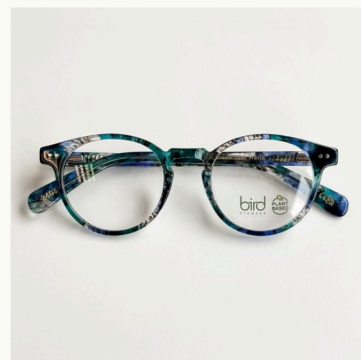
Regular eye examinations are essential for everyone, not just those experiencing vision problems. Many serious eye conditions develop without symptoms in their early stages, making routine screening crucial for early detection and treatment.

Comprehensive eye tests can also reveal signs of other health issues like diabetes, high blood pressure, or neurological problems.

Finding quality eye care in Kent has become more accessible than ever, with several excellent opticians offering comprehensive services across the county. We'll take a look at some of Kent's opticians that provide superior eye care.

Eyelines Opticians: 40 Years of Expert Eye Care in Sevenoaks

Family-Trusted Independent Opticians Since 1985



Comprehensive Eye Care for All Ages:

- **Complete Eye Examinations:** Thorough eye health assessments using advanced technology including OCT scanning, digital photography, and visual field screening. We never rush-every exam includes comprehensive health checks for optimal results.
- **Designer Frames & Sunglasses:** Distinctive eyewear carefully sourced from Paris, Milan and beyond. From rimless spectacles to sports sunglasses, all fitted with precision by qualified opticians in our on-site laboratory.
- **Contact Lens Solutions:** Full range from daily disposables to custom-made RGP lenses for complex prescriptions. Trial periods and expert fitting ensure comfortable, clear vision for first-time and experienced wearers.
- **Specialist Family Services:** Myopia control therapy for children to slow progression of short-sightedness, plus dedicated dry eye clinics with tailored treatment solutions.

Why Choose Eyelines:

- ✓ 40 years of trusted service in Sevenoaks
- ✓ Advanced technology including OCT scanning
- ✓ On-site laboratory for repairs and adjustments
- ✓ Independent opticians offering personalised care
- ✓ NHS and private appointments available
- ✓ Proud sponsors of England & Wales Blind Golf

From routine eye exams to specialised treatments, we're here for your family's vision.

[Book Your Appointment →](#)

1. Eyelines Independent Opticians, Sevenoaks



Caption: At Eyelines, we have established ourselves as Kent's premier independent optician through nearly 40 years of exceptional service.

Alt text: Eyelines' outlet.

[Eyelines](#) has served the Sevenoaks community since 1985 as Kent's premier independent optician. Our practice at 88 High Street in Sevenoaks offers easy access from across Kent, with nearby parking and excellent transport links.

We've designed our space for comfort, with spacious testing rooms, a carefully curated eyewear gallery, and a combination of traditional personal service with state-of-the-art diagnostic technology that many chain opticians charge extra for or don't offer at all.

Services and Technology

Eyelines provides [comprehensive eye examinations](#) that include both OCT (Optical Coherence Tomography) and OPTOS wide-field imaging as standard.

This advanced technology creates detailed 3D images of your eye structures, detecting conditions like glaucoma, macular degeneration, and diabetic changes years before

symptoms appear. We also specialise in myopia control for children, [dry eye](#) clinics, and complex [contact lens](#) fittings.

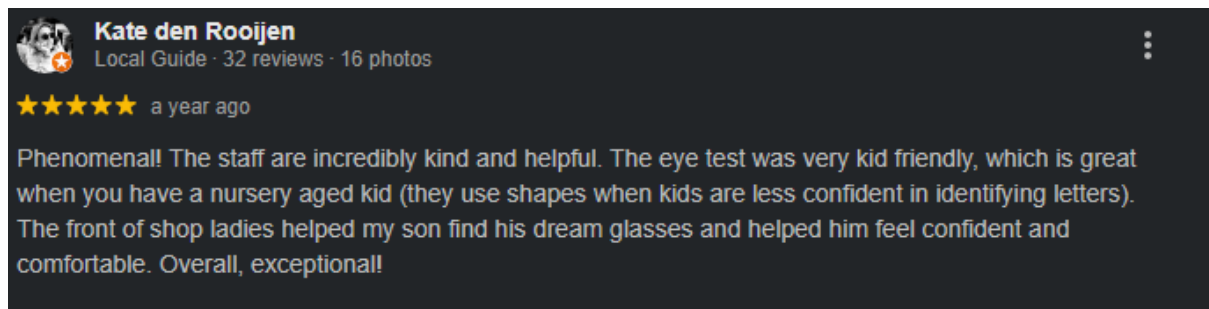
Our optical department showcases exclusive designer [frames](#) from Tom Ford, Lindberg, Gucci, Maui Jim, and boutique brands like Bird Eyewear. With an on-site laboratory, we provide same-day repairs and adjustments, ensuring continuous quality care for all patients.

Pricing

- Comprehensive Eye Examination (including OCT & OPTOS): £75
- Enhanced NHS Examination (with full scanning): £55
- Student Eye Examination: £40
- Dry Eye Assessment: £100
- Contact Lens Examination: £90
- Eyelines Enhanced Vision Care Plan: From £8.50/month (includes all examinations)

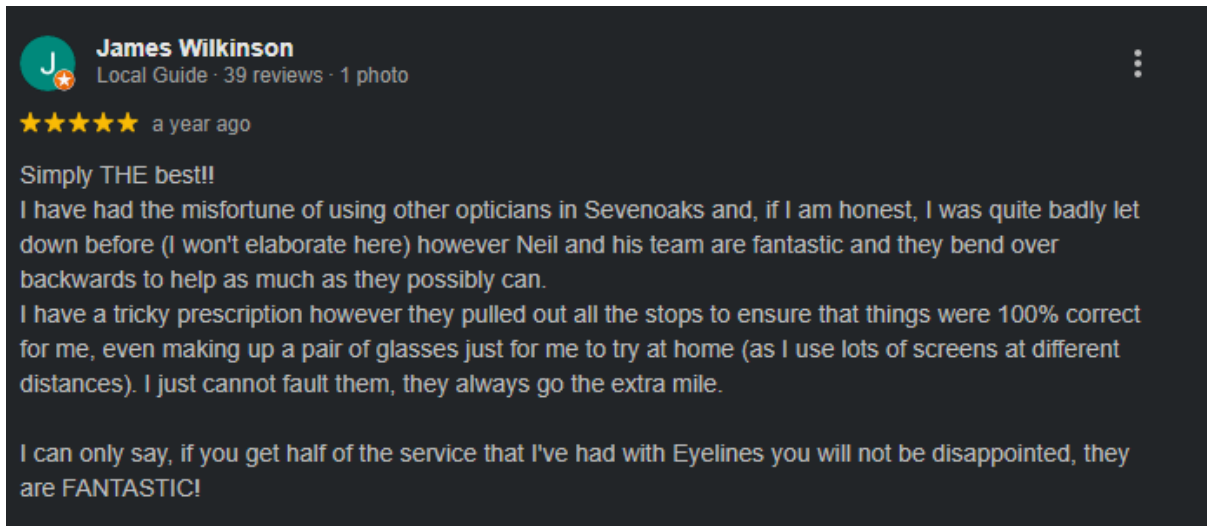
Customer Reviews

Eyelines maintains exceptional patient satisfaction, with families returning generation after generation. Patients consistently praise the unhurried appointments and thorough explanations provided by the optometrists.



Caption: Kate gave us a 5-star review praising the incredibly kind and helpful staff who made eye tests friendly for her nervous child and helped her son find his dream glasses with confidence.

Alt text: A 5-star customer review.



Caption: James Wilkinson enthusiastically rates our service as "Simply THE best!", highlighting our exceptional attention to detail in ensuring 100% correct prescriptions and going the extra mile.

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2. Specsavers Canterbury



Caption: Specsavers Canterbury optical department stocks frames ranging from

budget-friendly options to premium designer brands. (Image courtesy of Torben Mauch via Google reviews)

Alt text: Specsavers Canterbury's outlet.

Specsavers Canterbury is part of the UK's largest optician chain. Located on Rose Lane in Canterbury's city centre, this branch offers comprehensive eye care services with modern diagnostic equipment.

Services and Technology

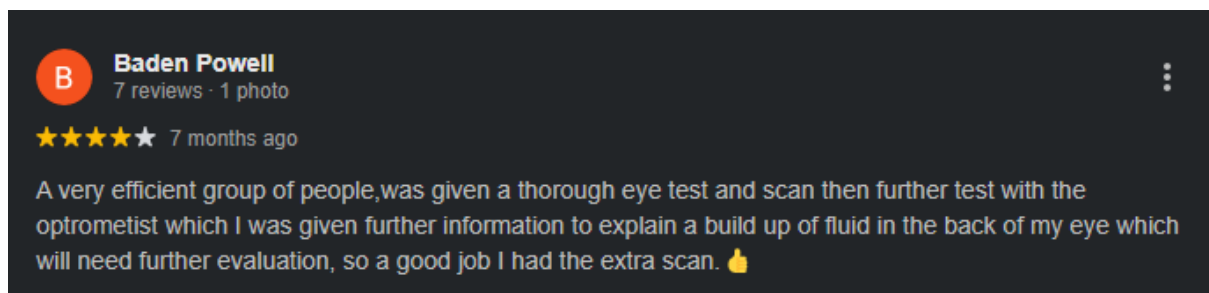
Specsavers Canterbury provides standard eye examinations alongside advanced diagnostic services. The practice also offers specialised services for contact lens fittings, children's eye care, and hearing assessments.

Pricing

- Standard Eye Test: £25
- Eye Test with OCT Scan: £30–35
- Contact Lens Assessment: £25
- Children's Eye Test: Free (under 16)
- Senior Eye Test: Free (over 60)

Customer Reviews

Based on multiple review platforms, Specsavers Canterbury maintains positive customer satisfaction, although some complain about a lack of quality customer support and services.



Caption: Baden shares a 4-star review appreciating the efficient and thorough eye examination service of Specsavers Canterbury.

Alt text: Google reviews from a customer.

3. Boots Opticians Canterbury



Caption: As part of the wider Boots healthcare network, Boots Opticians provide integrated health services beyond just vision care (Image courtesy of Boots Opticians)

Alt text: Boots Opticians.

Boots Opticians operates from the Whitefriars Shopping Centre, offering comprehensive eye care with additional health screening capabilities.

Services and Approach

Boots Opticians Canterbury focuses on comprehensive eye health assessments that go beyond basic vision testing.

Their examinations include checks for eye diseases and can detect early signs of conditions affecting general health. The practice is equipped with OCT scanning technology and offers specialised services for diabetes-related eye care.

Their optical dispensary features an extensive selection of designer frames and provides professional fitting services. They operate a contact lens subscription service and offer various payment plans for eyewear purchases.

Current Pricing (2025)

- Essential Eye Test: £29.95
- Eye Test with OCT Scan: £54.95
- Contact Lens Assessment: £50
- Children's Eye Test: Free (under 16)

Customer Reviews and Ratings

Boots Opticians nationally maintains a 4-star Trustpilot rating based on over 8,600 reviews. A couple of customers complain about the high price and the lack of a detailed breakdown of the cost of service.



Mrs G
GB • 23 reviews

16 hours ago



Lovely staff

Nice staff, very helpful. My only complaint would be having to pay in full for my glasses at the time of ordering, rather than half as a deposit. I don't like to pay for goods I have not yet got! I was offered Klarna, but don't use credit. It made me wonder if Boots have a cash flow problem!

16 August 2025

Unprompted review

Caption: Mrs G provides a 4-star review complimenting the lovely and helpful staff, but expressing concern about the requirement to pay in full upfront rather than a deposit system.

Alt text: Trustpilot Boots Opticians customer review.



Belinda McGuirk
GB • 1 review

3 days ago



All the individuals that dealt with me...

All the individuals that dealt with me were great! One less star as price was much more than I expected and not really broken down.

30 August 2025

Unprompted review

Caption: Belinda gives a 4-star review praising the great staff she dealt with, though noting disappointment that pricing was higher than expected and not clearly explained upfront.

Alt text: Trustpilot Boots Opticians customer review.

Current Local Eye Test Prices (2025)

Optician	Standard Test	With OCT Scan	Contact Lens Test
Eyelines	£75 (includes OCT & OPTOS)	Included	£90
Specsavers	£25	£30–35	£25
Boots Opticians	£29.95	£54.95	£50

Experience Exceptional Eyecare in Kent With Eyelines

After comparing Kent's options, the [advantages of choosing Eyelines](#) become clear. We provide complete eye care, not just basic tests or surgery sales pitches.

Technology Included, Not Extra

Our £75 comprehensive examination includes OCT and OPTOS scanning that others charge extra for. This technology detects conditions years early, potentially saving your sight. Chain stores either lack the equipment or add substantial fees.

Comprehensive Eye Care Excellence

We never rush appointments. Our experienced optometrists explain everything clearly, answer all questions, and make sure you understand your [eye health](#) completely. For NHS patients, we offer enhanced examinations with full scanning for just £55.

Genuine Personal Service

We know our patients by name, remember their histories, and provide continuity of care. Unlike chains processing hundreds daily, we take whatever time is necessary for thorough examinations and frame selection.

Quality That Lasts

Our carefully chosen frames from exclusive designers mean you won't see yourself coming and going. We select eyewear for quality, style, and suitability, not mass market appeal. Combined with expert fitting and aftercare, your glasses will work for you for years to come.

Accessible Excellence

Our monthly payment plans make premium eye care [affordable](#)—for £8.50 monthly (£16 for couples), you receive all examinations plus 10% off eyewear. You don't need to compromise your eye health for your budget.

Ready for eye care that puts your vision first?

[Contact us to book your appointment today.](#)

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

How often should I have my eyes tested?

The NHS recommends eye tests every two years for adults, though this may vary based on age, health conditions, and risk factors. Children should have their first eye test before starting school. Those over 40, people with diabetes, or anyone with a family history of eye conditions may need annual tests.

What should I bring to my eye appointment?

Bring current glasses or contact lenses, a list of medications, your NHS number or insurance card, and information about family eye health history. If you have previous prescriptions or test results, these can be helpful too.

Can I use my health insurance?

Most private health insurance plans cover basic eye examinations. Check with your provider about specific coverage and whether the optician accepts direct billing. All three opticians work with major insurance providers.

What's included in an eye test?

A comprehensive eye examination includes vision assessment, eye pressure testing, examination of eye structures, and screening for common eye diseases. Some opticians include advanced imaging (OCT scans) in their standard price, while others charge extra.

What makes Eyelines Kent's leading independent optician?

Since 1985, [Eyelines](#) have built a reputation on never compromising quality. We invest in the latest technology, maintain relationships with exclusive eyewear designers, and most importantly, treat every patient like family. Our combination of advanced equipment, beautiful frames, and personal service is unmatched in Kent. That's why patients travel from Canterbury, Maidstone, Tunbridge Wells, and beyond for the eye care they deserve.

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