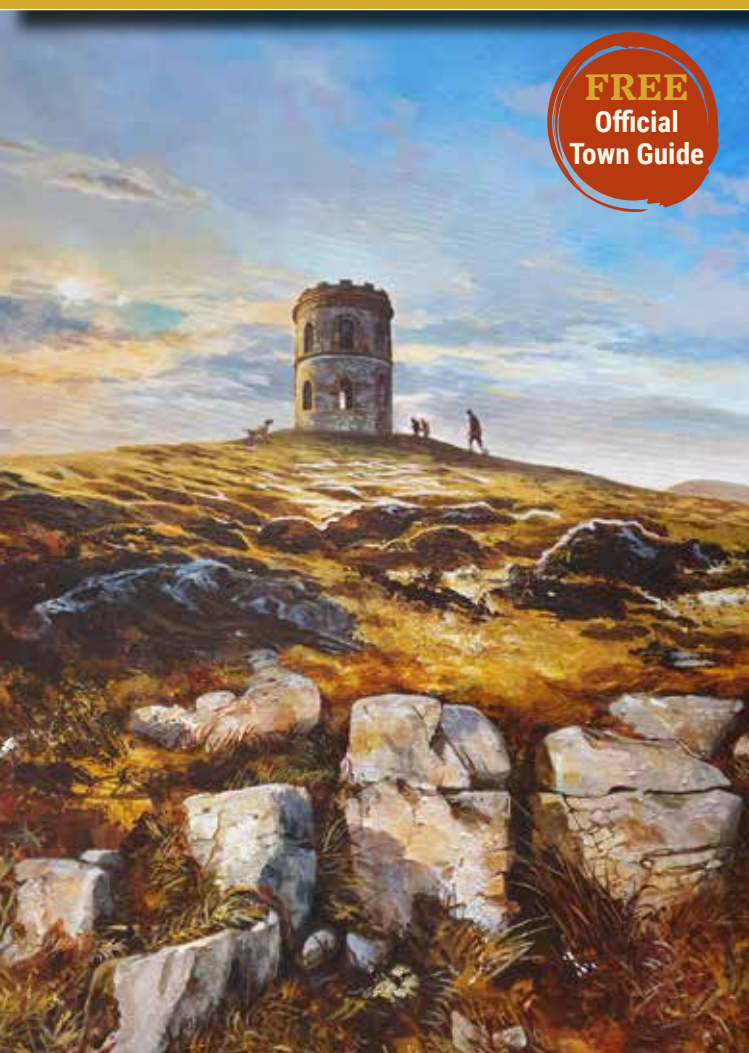


# BUXTON

## *in the Peak District*

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Official  
Town Guide



# Welcome to Buxton

visitbuxton.co.uk

## Up in the hills of the Peak District



It is no surprise that Buxton is one of the most popular tourist destinations in the Peak District. Its famous Georgian and Victorian architecture provide an impressive backdrop to a vibrant range of festivals, theatre and music. Add to this the natural wonders of its thermal waters and Poole's Cavern, the views from Grin Low Country Park, the stunning ornamental Pavilion Gardens, a wealth of independent and high street shops and a wide choice of cafés, pubs, bars and restaurants to tempt your taste buds. There's no need to compromise with a visit to Buxton.

## Refresh & Revitalise

Buxton is a great place to recharge and escape from the hectic, busyness of life. We have refreshing spas, woodlands to wander through and beautiful spaces to relax in.

## Beyond Buxton

In the heart of the Peak District, Buxton is a great base for exploring the National Park and we're within easy reach of Chatsworth House, Haddon Hall, Crich Tramway Museum, Alton Towers, Peak Wildlife Park and several National Trust properties. Nearby beauty spots include the Goyt Valley, Mam Tor and the Great Ridge, the Roaches, Ladybower Reservoir, Dove Dale Nature Reserve and the Monsal Trail.

## Steeped in History

Famed for its thermal spring waters, our town has attracted people for centuries. The Romans named it Aquae Arnemetiae or 'Waters of the Goddess of the Grove'. The fifth Duke of Devonshire put Buxton



Ensana Buxton Crescent



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on the map with the building of the Georgian Crescent in the 1780s, now reopen as a 5-star health spa hotel. Royal prisoners, outlaws and noble benefactors are also part of the town's rich history. Explore Buxton Museum & Art Gallery (p33) to find out more, the Crescent Heritage Experience (p35) or take a tour with Discover Buxton Tours (p31).

## Iconic Architecture

Buxton is home to the 'Theatre in the Hills', Frank Matcham's Buxton Opera House, and the adjacent historic Winter Gardens conservatory which links to the main Pavilion Gardens complex. This houses the Pavilion Kitchen, Tea Rooms, Retail Arcade, Ice Cream Parlour and the Gallery in the Gardens. Fairs and markets are held in the grand Octagon Hall and brass bands play on the bandstand on Sunday afternoons during the summer months. The venue also includes the Pavilion Arts Centre which hosts Buxton Cinema (p30) and a variety of arts events throughout the year.

The Pavilion Gardens (p31) themselves, 23 acres of award-winning, ornamental gardens designed by Joseph Paxton and Edward Milner, which have recently celebrated their 150th anniversary, include serpentine walkways, children's play areas, a boating lake and a miniature railway.

Buxton is also home to the magnificent Devonshire Dome, once the world's largest unsupported dome, where you'll find the award-winning Devonshire Spa.

To find more of Buxton's gems, follow the Heritage Trail (p36-38) or, if you'd like to see the town's attractions from another vantage point, take a ride on the 'Wonder of the Peak' tram (p31).

Front cover: Striding up to Solomon's by Chris Hollis, Buxton Spa Art Prize 2021 Winner

## Explore – Adventure for Everyone

From artistic and cultural pursuits to the extremes of physical adventure, there is always something new to try at any time of year. A huge range of outdoor activities - including golf, climbing, abseiling, canoeing, caving, cycling and walking - is here for you. And there's no need to worry about the weather. The town has so much to offer come sun, rain or even snow! Buxton is also the start and end of the 190 mile Peak District Boundary Walk. But you don't need to go far for an adventure. Visit Poole's Cavern showcave (p32), follow the Ring of Trees, find Solomon's Temple, Corbar Cross or, for those seeking high thrills, visit the aerial walkways of Go Ape!

*Enjoy the buzz!*

## Arts, Music & Festivals

Buxton is justifiably proud of its cultural life and you'll find much to suit all tastes. Be inspired by the Buxton International Festival (p30) and Festival Fringe, our Well Dressing Festival & Carnival and the International Gilbert & Sullivan Festival (p30).

Live music can be found most nights of the year with special annual events including the Buxton Military Tattoo, Buxton's Day of Dance, Eat in the Park festival and the Buxton Brass Band Competition.

Don't forget the wonderfully varied programme at Buxton Opera House (p30). Theatre, music, comedy, dance and opera are all well represented and there are talks and children's events throughout the year.

Local artists showcase their work at The Gallery in the Gardens, The Green Man Gallery (p21) and at regular art and designer fairs at the Pavilion Gardens (p31). Buxton Museum & Art Gallery (p33) also hosts year-round art exhibitions and there are plenty of opportunities for the creative person to become involved in community workshops and events.



## Markets, Fairs & Auctions

A variety of markets, fairs and auctions take place throughout the year. The Pavilion Gardens (p31) hosts more than 100 events featuring antiques, books, art, crafts, toys, food, jewellery and classic cars. Every Tuesday and Saturday, a traditional market (p48) is held in Higher Buxton at 1032 feet above sea level, making us the highest market town in England. There are various seasonal shopping events and spring brings the May Day bank holiday when Buxton hosts an array of its finest entertainment and local stalls showcasing the best the town has to offer.

For dates, see the What's On When calendar on the Visit Buxton website.



## Visit Buxton Visitor Centre

in The Pump Room opposite The Crescent.  
A source of inspiration and information for your visit.

**All Year**

**TOURS**

**Discover Buxton Tours**

Take a walking tour with one of Discover Buxton's knowledgeable tour guides or experience heritage in a different way with one of their character guides. Hop on to Buxton's Victorian-styled, electric tram, the Wonder of the Peak, and enjoy a unique journey to showcase the very best of the town. A self-guided family treasure hunt trail is also available.

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



**Poole's Cavern**

Explore one of the country's greatest showcaves. The two million year-old, natural cavern forms part of the River Wye system and has been designated a Site of Special Scientific Interest.

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



**Crescent Heritage Experience**

Explore and celebrate the town's rich spa heritage and fascinating characters who visited the Crescent.

[www.buxtoncrescentexperience.com](http://www.buxtoncrescentexperience.com)



**Back-Stage Pass Tours**

Take a look behind the scenes at one of the finest examples of a Frank Matcham theatre, the Buxton Opera House, and discover the fascinating history of this iconic building.

[www.buxtonoperahouse.org.uk](http://www.buxtonoperahouse.org.uk)

**Tour with Carol**

Blue Badge Tourist Guide available for coach and walking tours of the Peak District.

[www.facebook.com/tourwithcarol/](http://www.facebook.com/tourwithcarol/)

**ADVENTURE & ATTRACTIONS**

**Buxton Raceway**

March to November. Motorised thrills in the hills.

[www.buxtonraceway.com](http://www.buxtonraceway.com)

**Go Ape!**

High ropes course in Grin Low Woods.

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



**Abseil Miller's Dale Bridge**

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

**Cycle Hire**

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

[www.peakblackwellcyclehire.com/](http://www.peakblackwellcyclehire.com/)

**FAIRS**

**Buxton Markets**

Traditional markets every Tuesday and Saturday on the Market Place, 9am-3pm.

Plus specialist markets on 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month, March to December.

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



**Pavilion Gardens**

Artist & Designer, Antique, Book, Toy, Geek Art and Classic Car Fairs.

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



**Spring**

**MARCH**

**English Touring Opera**

[www.buxtonoperahouse.org.uk](http://www.buxtonoperahouse.org.uk)

**APRIL**

**Easter Holidays**

A programme of family shows and events to keep everyone entertained during the Easter holidays.

[www.buxtonoperahouse.org.uk](http://www.buxtonoperahouse.org.uk)



**MAY**

**Buxton Spring Fair**

May Bank Holiday Monday

The whole town is filled with music, dancing, street performers, hot food, children's rides, stalls and family entertainment.



**Buxton International Festival Roadshow**

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

**Tideswell Food Festival**

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

**Annual Antiques Fair**

Cooper Events Decorative Antiques & Art Fair.

[www.cooperevents.com](http://www.cooperevents.com)

**Buxton Comic Con**

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

**Buxton Wool Gathering**

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

**Buxton Half Marathon**

[www.buxtonac.org.uk](http://www.buxtonac.org.uk)

**Buxton Brass Band Festival**

The North West Area Brass Band Association presents its annual Buxton competition.

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



**Buxton Rotary Summer Fair & Charity Bazaar**

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

**Spring Spectacular**

Fun for all the family over the late Bank Holiday Weekend. In 2022, this event takes place over the Jubilee Weekend in early June.

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

**Summer**

**JUNE**

**Derbyshire Open Art Competition Exhibition**

Annual competition in celebration of Derbyshire, open to both amateur and professional artists of all ages. At the Buxton Museum & Art Gallery (to September)

[www.derbyshire.gov.uk/leisure/buxton-museum-and-art-gallery.aspx](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/leisure/buxton-museum-and-art-gallery.aspx)

**Buxton Music, Speech & Drama Festival**

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

**Buxton Health & Healing Festival**

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

**The Philosopher's Dome**

Harry Potter convention.

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

**Hillhead Show**

Biennial quarrying and construction industry show next in 2022.

[www.hillhead.com](http://www.hillhead.com)

Summer Festivals

JULY

**Railex Buxton**

Model rail exhibition.

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

**Buxton Military Tattoo**

Featuring a selection of the UK's finest military bands, the sound of the bagpipes, the beat of the drums, together with other displays performed in the iconic Devonshire Dome, the Buxton Military Tattoo is a spectacular experience not to be missed.

[www.buxtontattoo.org.uk](http://www.buxtontattoo.org.uk)



**Buxton Well Dressing Festival & Carnival**

Experience the ancient art of 'petalling' in St John's Church to decorate the well dressings which will then be on display around Buxton. Also, visit the fun fair on the Market Place and see the town at its busiest on Buxton Carnival Day.

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



**Buxton International Festival**

Buxton Festival is a summer celebration featuring opera, music and literature. This internationally renowned event, which was established in 1979, features rarely performed operas and an array of concerts including a new jazz programme for 2022. The literary series attracts award-winning writers, political figures and much loved authors.

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



**Buxton Festival Fringe**

A vibrant, open-access arts festival running in parallel with Buxton Festival and featuring a massive selection of theatre, music, comedy and more in venues around the town and beyond as well as online.

[www.buxtonfringe.org.uk](http://www.buxtonfringe.org.uk)



**Buxton Flowerpot Trail**

Head to where you see the dots, can you find the flowerpots? A fun way to explore the town with all the family

[www.funnywonders.org.uk](http://www.funnywonders.org.uk)

**Buxton Food & Drink Night**

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

**Day of Dance**

[www.chapelmorris.org](http://www.chapelmorris.org)

**Buxton Garden Trail**

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

**Great Dome Art & Design Fair**

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

**Summer Fête**

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

AUGUST

**International Gilbert & Sullivan Festival**

Performances by the National G&S Opera Company and other international professional and amateur groups, along with a fantastic fringe programme of talks and concerts.

[www.gsfestivals.org](http://www.gsfestivals.org)



**Eat in the Park**

[www.eatinthepark.uk](http://www.eatinthepark.uk)

**Pavilion Gardens Bank Holiday Special**

Stalls and events in the Pavilion Gardens.

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

Autumn

SEPTEMBER

**Heritage Open Days**

Free heritage events throughout the town.

[www.heritageopendays.org.uk](http://www.heritageopendays.org.uk)



**Longnor Races**

[www.facebook.com/longnorsports](http://www.facebook.com/longnorsports)

OCTOBER

**OctoberFest**

A packed programme of family shows, workshops and events to keep everyone entertained during October half-term.

[www.buxtonoperahouse.org.uk](http://www.buxtonoperahouse.org.uk)

**The Great Peak District Fair & Buxton Beer Festival**

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

NOVEMBER

**Buxton Annual Firework Display**

At Buxton Cricket Ground, The Park, Buxton Rugby Club, Sunnyfields and Buxton Raceway, The Frith.

**Indoor Dickensian Market**

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

**Christmas Lights Switch On & Lantern Parade**

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



Winter

DECEMBER

**Lake of Lights**

A memorial event to remember loved ones at the Pavilion Gardens lake.

[www.thomastheyerfoundation.org.uk](http://www.thomastheyerfoundation.org.uk)



**Father Christmas at Poole's Cavern**

See Santa in his most magical of grottos. Weekends, book early to avoid disappointment.

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

**Traditional Family Pantomime**

Join in the laughter and magic of our annual pantomime for some good old fashioned fun at Buxton Opera House.

[www.buxtonoperahouse.org.uk](http://www.buxtonoperahouse.org.uk)

**Christmas Market**

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

**Christmas Fair**

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



**Boxing Day Concert**

[www.buxtonoperahouse.org.uk](http://www.buxtonoperahouse.org.uk)

**New Year's Eve Gala Concert**

[www.buxtonoperahouse.org.uk](http://www.buxtonoperahouse.org.uk)

FEBRUARY

**Community Pantomime**

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

For more information:

Buxton Visitor Centre

The Pump Room,  
SK17 6BH

Tel: 01298 214577

Email: [visitorinformation@buxtoncrescenttrust.org](mailto:visitorinformation@buxtoncrescenttrust.org)

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

[www.visitpeakdistrict.com](http://www.visitpeakdistrict.com)

# Foodie Heaven

Kathleen Kellett - The Buxton Spa Prize

Buxton is a great place to eat out with food festivals, fairs and markets held throughout the year. There is a refreshingly good variety of choice, both in price and cuisine, ranging from English to Mediterranean and from Thai to Mexican. Pre-theatre suppers and afternoon tea are widely available. Be sure to try our local products – Buxton Pudding, Buxton Brewery ales, Buxton Roastery coffee and classic Derbyshire Oatcakes.

## Fine Dining to Fish'n'Chips

Enjoy fine cuisine at numerous restaurants and hotels. There is also a thriving café society with a number of tearooms, cafés and wine bars throughout the town.

## A Taste of Buxton

Join Discover Buxton Tours (p31) for 'A Taste of Buxton', a three and a half hour history and foodie tour showcasing what the town can offer.

## The Real Ale Trail

A leaflet highlighting pubs and bars serving up real ales and bottled beers, several from local brewers, is available from the Buxton Visitor Centre in the Pump Room. All have something different to offer, ranging from traditional pubs rich in heritage, to the modern and quirky.

## The Festival for Foodies

Buxton Food & Drink Night takes place in the Pavilion Gardens (p31) from 4pm until 11pm the Friday night before Buxton Carnival day. There are various stalls serving up delicious food from around the world along with local beer and street entertainment. Buxton Markets (p48) also host a Food & Drink market on the third Saturday of the month, March to December.



Emma Swift - The Buxton Spa Prize



Ensana Buxton Crescent

## Tearooms & Coffee Shops

Brick Corner		2 South Avenue	01298 938228
Buxton Pudding Emporium		4 The Square	01298 211288
Café at the Cavern	♿	Green Lane	01298 26978
Caffè Nero	♿	20-22 Spring Gardens	01298 25900
Charlotte's Chocolates	♿	Cavendish Arcade	01298 214440
Costa Coffee	♿	85 Spring Gardens	01298 26982
Dub Kitchen & Bar		28A High Street	01298 22292
Eat at Number 5		5 London Road	01298 937611
Fitzgerald's Craft Bakery	♿	12 Spring Gardens	01298 22923
Five Ways Café		1 West Road	01298 402434
Hargreaves Café		16-18 Spring Gardens	01298 23083
High Peak Bookstore & Café		Brierlow Bar	01298 71017
No. 6 The Square Tearooms	♿	6 The Square	01298 213541
Pavilion Tearooms	♿	St Johns Road	01298 23114
Stars Licensed Cafe	♿	95 Spring Gardens	01298 213207
The Arches Bar & Market The Arches,		Hogshaw Mill, Fairfield Road,	01298 424204
The Cafe @ The Green Pavilion		4-6 Terrace Road	01298 77480
The Chakra Lounge	♿	50 Spring Gardens	01298 938280
The Coach House		3 Scarsdale Place	01298 71393
The Herb Garden Bistro		26A Hardwick Street	07515 926945
The Hydro Café & Tea Rooms		75 Spring Gardens	01298 938230
The Tradesmen's Entrance		13 Scarsdale Place	07950 530654
Vigour & Virtue		68 Spring Gardens	
Vintage Tea Rooms		4-8 Hardwick Street	01298 78778

♿ Wheelchair friendly. Wheelchair access may depend upon size and type of chair. Please contact the provider to enquire if they have disabled toilets



Matthew Phinn - The Buxton Spa Prize



## Restaurants

### HOTELS

Ensana Buxton Crescent		The Crescent	01298 808999
Palace Hotel	♿	Palace Road	01298 22001
Primer Inn		131 London Road	0333 234 6459
The Lee Wood Hotel	♿	The Park	01298 23002
The Old Hall Hotel	♿	The Square	01298 22841

### PUBS & BARS

53° North at The Tap House	♿	George Street	01298 214085
Highstakes		5 High Street	01298 212672
Miltons Tap		63 Spring Gardens	01298 247333
RedWillow		1 Cavendish Circus	01298 807582
Baileys Bar & Restaurant		7 The Quadrant	01298 72309
Lubens		8a Hall Bank	01298 384394
The Cheshire Cheese (Titanic)	♿	39 High Street	01298 212453
The King's Head		Market Place	01298 27719
The Old Clubhouse		3 Water Street	01298 70117
The Old Sun Inn	♿	33 High Street	01298 937986
The Railway (Joseph Holt)	♿	8 Bridge Street	01298 71858
The Vault	♿	2-4 High Street	01298 212354
Wye Bridge House (Wetherspoons)	♿	Fairfield Road	01298 70932

### BRITISH

Cavendish Golf Club		Watford Road	01298 79708
The Columbine	♿	7 Hall Bank	01298 78752
Sacro Lounge		22-23 Springs Shopping Centre	01298 214066

### CHINESE

Kwei Lin		1-2 Lower Hardwick Street	01298 22611
The Great Panda		7 Eagle Parade	01298 23703

### FRENCH

La Brasserie	♿	George Street	01298 25333
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### GREEK/MEDITERRANEAN

Bacchus		1 The Quadrant	01298 937354
Ithaca Greek Taverna		3 Eagle Parade	01298 72203

### INDIAN

Indian Palace		5 Cavendish Circus	01298 23136
Taj Mahal	♿	35 High Street	01298 78388

### ITALIAN

Michelangelo's		1 Market Place	01298 26640
Pizza Express	♿	14 Cavendish Arcade	01298 24922

### JAPANESE

Sushi Kaji		55 High Street	01298 211958
Min's Tea House & Sushi Bar		8 Market Street	07421 901393

### MEXICAN

Lone Star		George Street	01298 73301
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### SPANISH

Flamenco Tapas	♿	9 Concert Place	01298 27392
Santiago		George Street	01298 384577

### SWISS/ITALIAN

St Moritz		7 Cavendish Circus	01298 22225
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### THAI

Khomkhai Thai Cuisine		9-11 Market Street	07834 364544
Simply Thai	♿	2-3 Cavendish Circus	01298 24471

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MAP REF: G2

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 01298 937986 • theoldsuninnbuxton.co.uk

MAP REF: E6



**PALACE HOTEL - BUXTON**

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- Leisure Complex
- Heated Swimming Pool
- Beauty Salon
- Lounge Bar
- Dining Pre & Post Theatre

Palace Road, Buxton, SK17 6AG. Tel: 01298 22001

MAP REF: E2

**HARGREAVES OF BUXTON**

Traditional Cafe & Homewares Store

for homemade cakes, scones, afternoon teas, meals and drinks.

16 - 18 Spring Gardens  
 Buxton · Derbyshire.  
 Telephone 01298 23083  
[www.hargreavesofbuxton.com/visit-our-cafe](http://www.hargreavesofbuxton.com/visit-our-cafe)

MAP REF: F3

**COLUMBINE RESTAURANT**

7 Hall Bank, Buxton, SK17 6EW

Small, independent restaurant, three small rooms over two floors.

Private rooms available.

Local foods prepared and cooked to order, wine list and bar drinks.

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

01298 78752

MAP REF: E4





4 The Square, Buxton

No.1 The Crescent, Buxton

MAP REF: D3

MAP REF: E5

## Baileys Bar and Restaurant

Enjoy high quality food and drinks in a relaxed and casual family and dog-friendly bar and restaurant.



Menus consisting of British beef, lamb, chicken and pork alongside exotic meats and fish. Vegetarian and vegan dishes are also available. Premium draught beers, gins, wine and freshly mixed cocktails.



7, The Quadrant, Buxton  
SK17 6AW  
01298 72309  
[www.baileysrestaurant.co.uk](http://www.baileysrestaurant.co.uk)  
Open daily from 8am for  
breakfast, lunch, pre-theatre  
and dinner



MAP REF: E2



MAP REF: E3



Nick Grove - The Buxton Spa Prize

You will be pleasantly surprised by the shopping experience in Buxton, with its wide range of independent and unique shops complementing the treasured, national retailing brands. Immerse yourself in the classical architecture, charming arcades and pedestrianised streets and suddenly shopping becomes a more relaxing event, almost as therapeutic as a spa treatment!

### Spring Gardens

Spring Gardens, including the indoor shopping centre, The Springs, is the principal shopping street with many independent retailers offering a wide range of furniture, home accessories, interior design, flowers, fashion and jewellery, along with various national retailers, including Waitrose and WHSmith. There is ample customer parking and easy access to the train station and bus stops.

### Lower Buxton

Those seeking stylish fashion and gifts should drop into the Cavendish Arcade (p20), with independent retailers trading from the beautifully restored, Grade II-listed, neo-classical hot baths. The building boasts a stunning stained-glass barrel vaulted roof designed by the painter and artist Brian Clarke. Don't miss the great food and drink to be found on the nearby Quadrant, Circus Parade, The Square and under the arches of The Crescent.



Ashley Allen - The Buxton Spa Prize

### Higher Buxton

Take time to explore Higher Buxton, where the town's traditional market place is home to some wonderful independent retailers from children's shoes, bookshops and butchers. Walk all along the High Street past Five Ways Junction to London Road. And don't miss The Green Man Gallery (p21) behind the Museum (p33), where a community of artists have a showcase gallery and shop.



Photo: Roger Beverley



Photo: Mark Lomas

## STYLISH SHOPPING IN THE SPA TOWN OF BUXTON

Discover a unique shopping experience in atmospheric surroundings once home to Buxton's famous thermal baths.

The Grade II-listed neoclassical gem, with its stunning stained glass roof showcases some of the area's finest independent retailers. Enjoy old-style customer service and traditional craftsmanship alongside the latest product ranges.

Retailers offer an enticing array of goods and services, including toys, gifts, cards, bags, accessories, jewellery, fashion, hairdressers, pottery, art, handmade chocolates, natural soaps and scents, artisan beers, a dog spa and a cosy café.



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- ATTICUSBOO ■ BEER DISTRICT ■ DECOR BOUTIQUE
- CHARLOTTE'S CHOCOLATES
- SPACES INTO PLACES ■ BELLA'S BAGS & BEARS
- WILD OLIVE ■ LE MOULIN POOCH
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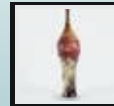
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## WHEELCHAIR HIRE

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**Attractions & Activities**

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- D3 International Gilbert & Sullivan Festival
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**Eating Out**

- E3 53° North @ The Tap House
- E2 Baileys Bar & Restaurant
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- E5 The Coach House
- E4 Columbine Restaurant
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- F3 Hargreaves
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- E2 The Palace Hotel
- E3 Santiago

**Accommodation**

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- D3 Joseph Apartment
- D3 No.6 The Square
- E2 The Palace Hotel
- D6 The Queen's Head Hotel
- C6 Roseleigh Guest House
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**Shopping**

- D5 Buxton Markets
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- E6 Scrivener's Bookshop
- E3 Cavendish Arcade
- C3 Pavilion Gardens



Peak District

**TIMES** The Dome to Poole's Cavern **25 mins**
**25 mins** to The Springs
 
**TIMES** **10 mins**

# A TO Z INDEPENDENT SHOPPING IN BUXTON

Finding unique, independent shops in Buxton is as easy as A, B, C. Bucking the national trend of identical High Streets, we're proud to offer a diverse and refreshingly different shopping experience. Everybody's retail favourites are here too, but as you stroll through our alphabet of shopping you won't need us to spell out the main point of difference. Also see the Rail Retail Trail leaflet available from the Buxton Visitor Centre.

**A** is for **art** at The Green Man Gallery (Hardwick Square South), Jarva Fine Art (The Crescent) and Gallery in the Gardens (Pavilion Gardens).

**B** is for **booze** at Beer District (Cavendish Arcade) and **books** at High Peak Bookstore (Ashbourne Road), Scrivener's Books and Bookbinding (42 High Street), and Chapter & Verse (2-4 Market St).

**C** is for **clothes** at Divine Trash (Cavendish Arcade) and The Closet (High Street).

**D** is for **department** store: Potters of Buxton, trading since 1860 (8 Terrace Rd).

**E** is for **eco-friendly** shopping at Day Zero, zero waste shop (30 High St).

**F** is for **furniture** at Famous Names Furniture (7-9 London Rd) and Premier Furnishings (11 High St), **frames** at Apertures (51 High St) and **fresh bread** at Pig & Pepper Bakery (18 High Street).

**G** is for **gifts** at Atticus Boo (Cavendish Arcade), Shabby Chic (49 High St) and Isla Fine Art, Cards & Gifts' (Cavendish Arcade).

**H** is for **handmade** at Wild Olive (Cavendish Arcade) and **health** at Clowes Chemist, Victorian pharmacy since 1875 (4 Cavendish Circus) and Peak Pharmacy (Scarsdale Place).

**I** is for **interiors** at Stylish Interiors (High St), Everthings Rosy (8 Hardwick Street) and Plush Interiors (Cavendish Arcade).

**J** is for **jewellery** at Jantar (Cavendish Arcade), Simon's Jewellers (64-66 Spring Gardens) and CW Sellors (9 Grove Parade).

**K** is for **kitchenware** at Hargreaves, trading since 1865 (16-18 Spring Gardens).

**L** is for **luggage** at Bella's Bags & Bears (Cavendish Arcade).

**M** is for **mmmmm pudding** at the Buxton Pudding Emporium (The Square) and **mmmmm chocolate** at Charlotte's Chocolates (Cavendish Arcade).

**N** is for **newspapers** at High Street News (24-26 High St).

**O** is for **outdoor** equipment and clothing at Jo Royle (6 The Market Place) and Track & Trail (11-12 Spring Gardens).

**P** is for **pets** at Buxton Pets (14 Spring Gardens) and Nature's Own (1 High St).

**Q** is for **quirky** finds at Maggie Mays antique shop (11-12 Grove Parade) and Arnemetia's (6 Market St).

**R** is for **rope** from Caving Supplies (19 London Rd).

**S** is for **shoes** at Unique Feet (Cavendish Arcade), Bell's Shoes (43 Spring Gardens) and One Small Step (9 Hall Bank).

**T** is for **toys** at Appleyard & Sons (Grove Parade), Knowles Toys and Models (26 Hardwick St) and Grove Goodies & Geekery (2 Eagle Parade).

**U** is for **Flowers** for You (5 Bridge St) and Renn Floristry (The Crescent).

**V** is for **vacuum cleaners** at Bradwell & Singleton, domestic appliances specialists (16-18 Hardwick St).

**W** is for **wheels** at Peak Ascent Cycles (Cavendish Arcade) and Mark Anthony's (115 Spring Gardens).

**X** is for **exercise** at Thomas Theyer Foundation Sports & Outdoor Shop (1 London Rd).

**Y** is for **yarn** at Sew-In (1 Spring Gardens).

**Z** is for **zoooooming** off on a motorbike from Guy Allott Motorcycles (42 Dale Rd).



Janet Mayled - The Buxton Spa Prize



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Ensana Buxton Crescent



Ensana Buxton Crescent

# Keeping the kids happy

## Family Fun

Children love the miniature train, rowing boats, playgrounds, soft play area and seasonal trails in the Pavilion Gardens (p31) and inflatables in the Octagon; and don't forget to visit the fish in the Conservatory. There's plenty more to explore at Buxton Museum & Art Gallery (p33). Have a fun afternoon at Little Rascals indoor play centre or paint-a-pot at Lasting Impressions. Creative workshops and activities are run by Buxton Opera House (p30), and others, during school holidays.

## High Energy

If you crave physical pursuits then you won't be short of choice with activities from racing to golf and swimming to horse riding. Explore the heights with Go Ape!, the high-wire forest adventure course, or journey beneath the earth into Poole's Cavern (p32). And don't forget, this is the Peak District; we are surrounded by a natural playground just perfect for walking, caving, climbing and cycling.



Jeeny Aitken - The Buxton Spa Prize

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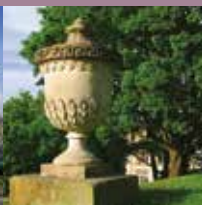
The Octagon



The Museum &amp; Art Gallery



The Crescent



The Slopes



Victorian Postbox



The Pump Room



The Pavilion Gardens

Cavendish Arcade  
Tiling frieze

# On the Trail

## of Buxton's heritage

Take a stroll from the magnificent Georgian Crescent and Pump Room up the Slopes, past the Town Hall to the highest Market Place in England. Then wind back down through the delightful Pavilion Gardens towards the Opera House, the Dome and the imposing Palace Hotel, taking in the Octagon, Pavilion and other captivating features en route. This is a truly impressive trail around the architectural gems that make Buxton what it is.

Guided heritage tours by experienced local guides are available with Discover Buxton Tours (p31).

Locations plotted on centre page map **A** to **S**

**A** The Crescent was built by the fifth Duke of Devonshire in the 1780s to provide accommodation for visitors attracted to the town by the health-giving waters. Designed by John Carr to rival the Royal Crescent at Bath, it was a Georgian 'leisure centre' with two hotels, apartments, shops, coffee and card rooms and a magnificent Assembly Room. This Grade I-listed building has been restored to its former glory and reopened in 2020 as an 80-bedroom 5-star hotel and spa. Some ground floor and basement rooms are open as part of the Buxton Crescent Heritage Experience (p35).

The Natural Baths, to the left of the Crescent, on the site of the original Roman Bath, were built between 1851 and 1854. They too have been restored and form the centre piece of a health and wellness spa.

Presented to the town in 1940, the prominent St Ann's Well is constantly

fed with thermal spring water at a temperature of 27.5°C and stands next to the Pump Room.

The Pump Room was built in 1894 by Henry Currey as an addition to the 'water treatments' of the time. In use until 1981, it is now open as the Buxton Visitor Centre.

To the right of the Crescent is the Cavendish Arcade. Originally designed as a thermal bath in 1854, it now serves as a speciality shopping arcade (p20). It features an original plunge bath and the interior still has most of its Minton tiling and a striking glass barrel vaulted ceiling by Brian Clarke.

By the Cavendish Arcade is Turner's Memorial, erected in 1879 at a cost of £224 in memory of a local benefactor Samuel Turner. It was restored and relocated in 1994 following damage due to a car crash.

**B** The Miltons Tap (p14) dates from the early 1800s and is one of the oldest buildings in the Spring Gardens area. Previously known as The Cherry Tree, it is named after the 17th century poet, John Milton, best known for his epic poem Paradise Lost.

**C** At the entrance to Spring Gardens is The Children's Well. Made of pink granite, it was presented to the town in 1886.

**D** The Slopes, rising in front of the Crescent, were designed by Sir Jeffrey Wyattville in 1818 and modified by Joseph Paxton in 1840. If you follow the paths through the trees you will notice that, together with the Crescent, they form a complete circle.

**E** At the top of The Slopes, stands the imposing Town Hall, designed by William Pollard in 1889.

**F** The Museum and Art Gallery (p33) has, since 1928, occupied part of the former Peak Hydropathic Hotel. There is a permanent gallery enhanced throughout the year by exhibitions, workshops and events.

The Green Man Gallery (p21) is within Hardwick Hall, an extension to the Peak Hydropathic Hotel with a Victorian sprung dance floor built in 1896. The venue now has a varied programme of exhibitions, workshops, arts events and live music.

**G** The Market Place, at 1032 feet above sea level, officially the highest in England, is ringed by some of the older buildings of the town which make up the Higher Buxton shopping area. It has an open market every Saturday and Tuesday (p48). Here

you will also find a variety of pubs, restaurants, wine bars and clubs.

The Market Cross, relocated in 1813 to mark the Royal Charter awarded to Buxton Market, is situated on the Town Hall Piazza.

**H** A walk down High Street will bring you to St Anne's Church, thought to be the oldest building in the town, just off Bath Road. A walk down the High Street, turning left at Fiveways, leads to St Mary's Church, a fine example of an Arts and Crafts building, built in 1914.

**I** At the bottom of Hall Bank, an elegant line of town houses dating from the 1790s, you come on to Broad Walk, a fashionable terrace of houses designed by a variety of prominent architects from the 1860s to the 1880s.

The Pavilion Gardens (p31), designed by Edward Milner and opened in 1871 on 23 acres of land given by the 7th Duke of Devonshire, were restored to the original layout in 2000. Here, along the banks of the River Wye, are the imposing bandstand, the 'Snail Back' garden, miniature railway and lakes filled with a variety of water birds and the six-metre fountain.

**J** The Pavilion Gardens Complex, originally the Winter Gardens, now houses a tearoom, ice-cream parlour, conservatory and shop. The Pavilion Arts Centre, restored to its former glory, re-opened as a flexible performance and conference venue in 2010. The Pavilion is also home to Buxton Cinema (p30) and the Gallery in the Gardens.



Town Hall



Devonshire Dome



St John's Church



Photo: Mark Lomas

The Market Place



The Opera House



Palace Hotel



Fan Window

The Octagon, designed by Robert Rippon Duke, was opened in 1876 and recently restored. It now houses a variety of fairs, auctions, concerts and events. Next door is the Swimming Pool & Fitness Centre.

**K** Buxton Opera House (p30), designed by Frank Matcham, was opened in 1903 and restored in 1979. One of the finest provincial theatres, it presents a varied programme of music, drama, comedy and dance throughout the year.

Opposite Buxton Opera House you will see an original 'Penfold' Victorian Post Box installed in 1867 and is one of only a few still in use.

**L** St John's Church was designed by John White & Son in 1811 in a neo-classical 'Tuscan' style. The church is not only a place of worship, but also home to the Buxton Musical Society (p34). The designers were also responsible for the colonnaded town houses in The Square.

**M** Dominating the Buxton skyline is the Devonshire Dome, home of Buxton & Leek College. The Dome, with a diameter of 46 metres, built by Robert Rippon Duke in 1882 for the Royal Devonshire Hospital, sits on the original building by John Carr which housed the horses and servants of the guests of the Crescent hotels. The general public are welcome inside when not closed for private events. Call ahead to avoid disappointment.

**N** Next door to the Dome is the imposing Palace Hotel (p43). Completed in 1868, it was one of a number of grand hotels built for the numerous spa visitors.

**O** The great Fan Window, designed by Joseph Paxton is one of the two fan windows which stood at the end of the two railway stations, one of which is now demolished.

**P** The fifth Duke of Devonshire built The Old Court House which now houses a variety of restaurants and cafes.

**Q** The oldest building in Lower Buxton is part of The Old Hall Hotel (p46). It was originally built by the 6th Earl of Shrewsbury and housed the captive Mary, Queen of Scots, who visited a number of times between 1573 and 1584 to take the waters.

**R** Just outside the town centre, is Poole's Cavern, one of the seven Wonders of the Peak, extending for over 300 metres into the limestone of the hillside above the town. Visited by prehistoric cave dwellers, Celtic and Roman visitors, medieval outlaws and Elizabethan royalty, Poole's Cavern (p32) has a wealth of history and legend as well as spectacular stalactite formations. Conducted tours are available all year round. Together with Go Ape!, an aerial forest adventure through the trees of the Country Park, or a walk up to Solomon's Temple, there is much to do and see.

**S** The Victorian circular Devonshire Park estate, like other parts of Buxton, was laid out by Joseph Paxton. In the middle is the cricket ground, ringed by houses of varied architectural styles including a former residence of Vera Brittain and the Lee Wood Hotel.

Locations plotted on centre page map **A** to **S**



The Old Hall Hotel



Solomon's Temple



Poole's Cavern

# Weddings

Buxton is a wonderful place for a wedding, with its picturesque gardens, historic buildings, atmospheric hotels and a range of venues for you to design your perfect day.

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## Ceremony Venues

In addition to the numerous churches in the town, there are many licensed venues available for wedding ceremonies for a range of congregation sizes.

In the **Pavilion Gardens** (p31), the colourful, scented, Victorian Winter Garden Conservatory and Don Redfern Memorial Bandstand, and grand Octagon Hall offer truly unique settings for civil ceremonies and evening receptions.

Or spend your day at the historic **Old Hall Hotel's** (p46) Garden Room Restaurant or a choose one of the seven rooms at the **Crescent Hotel** including the stunning Assembly Rooms.



**The Palace Hotel** (p43) offers ceremonies in its Chatsworth, Cavendish and High Peak suites and photo opportunities within the hotel and there is the Conservatory and the Pendennis Suite at the **Lee Wood Hotel**.

Or why not celebrate under the impressive **Devonshire Dome**, the largest unsupported dome of its kind in Europe. There is probably no larger or more spectacular venue for your wedding in the region.



For truly unique transport to and from your wedding ceremony, take the Wonder of the Peak tram (p31)! A wedding package is available.



To find out more visit [www.visitbuxton.co.uk/weddings](http://www.visitbuxton.co.uk/weddings)



The Old Hall Hotel



Solomon's Temple



Poole's Cavern





# Enjoy your Stay

Steve Mcloughlin - The Buxton Spa Prize

Buxton was built for visitors and accommodations reflect the long history of people coming to the town. As far back as the sixteenth century, visitors coming to take the waters, stayed at the 'New Hall', now the Old Hall, the oldest hotel in England. These days, they come to meet friends, take in a show at Buxton Opera House, attend a wedding, walk in the hills or simply to relax on a short break and take in the sights.

## Put your head down

Buxton has more than its share of atmospheric hotels, from the historic Old Hall (p46), which housed Mary Queen of Scots in the 1500s, to the Palace Hotel (p43), Lee Wood Hotel and Crescent Hotel and the many others in and around the town.

## Spoil for Choice

There is a healthy choice of boutique guest houses, pubs and cosy bed and breakfast establishments providing the perfect accommodation for every requirement.

## Home from Home

Self-catering apartments and holiday cottages may be just what you need, and there's plenty to choose from, whether hidden away in the centre of the town or further afield in the surrounding hills. There are also lots of caravan and camp sites nearby.

A stay in Buxton means you are never more than a ten-minute walk from restaurants, attractions and the town centre. To find a bed that suits you and your family, contact the Buxton Visitor Centre on 01298 214577 or visit one of the following websites.



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The Queen's Head Hotel, High Street, Buxton, Derbyshire, SK17 6EU

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