Welcome to Buxton

A Spa town set amongst ‘the beauties of nature’ in the heart of the PEAK DISTRICT

The Official Buxton Town Guide — designed to help you find your way around Buxton

The Romans called it ‘Aquae Arnemetiae’ — the Spa of the Goddess of the Grove — and ever since, people have been visiting to take the waters and enjoy the scenery. We hope that as a guest to the town you will enjoy not only the water, which can be drunk freely from St Ann’s Well opposite the Crescent, but marvel at the history of the town through its architecture, dating from the sixteenth century.

Buxton is an ‘Inland Resort’ with a wealth of things to see and do for visitors of all ages. The Dukes of Devonshire first spotted the potential of Buxton and with the magnificent Crescent at its centre, the town has grown and prospered ever since. Take the Heritage Trail (page 6) and enjoy the architectural gems which make Buxton what it is.

Buxton’s famous Opera House with its year-round programme of entertainment is now joined by the Pavilion Arts Centre. This newly refurbished, state of the art venue hosts a huge variety of events, from comedy and jazz, to recitals and drama.

The highlights of Buxton’s cultural year are the summer Festivals. At Buxton Festival you can enjoy top quality opera, music and literature and the Gilbert & Sullivan Festival continues Buxton’s association with this much loved genre. For more information visit the Opera House to find out what’s on throughout the year.

Meander through the listed Pavilion Gardens and dine in the family friendly café or coffee bar, shop in the new gift boutique and enjoy the fairs and markets of all kinds in the Octagon throughout the year.

Spring Gardens, including the shopping centre, will provide you with most of your shopping needs as will Higher Buxton, where you will find the twice weekly open market as well as interesting little shops, restaurants, pubs, wine bars and clubs.

Buxton Museum & Art Gallery will tell you all you need to know about the history of the town and the Tourist Information Centre in the Pavilion Gardens will provide you with comprehensive information about things to see and do.

The Campus of the University of Derby on the site of the former Royal Devonshire Hospital, has the largest unsupported Dome in Britain. The vast central space beneath the dome is home to a cafe and restaurant. Pop in for a coffee and watch the swing on the Foucault Pendulum hanging from the centre of the Dome. The original Spa of the Hydropathic Hospital offers a range of treatments.

A short walk from Broad Walk leads you to Poole’s Cavern and the exciting Go Ape adventure circuit in the Country Park. For the sports enthusiasts, Buxton boasts two 18-hole golf courses, golf driving range, swimming pool, cricket, football and tennis clubs, as well as an exciting go-karting experience.

All these and many other attractions will be found on our annotated map of Buxton on pages 18 and 19.

So, enjoy your visit. We know you will want to return!
Buxton Crescent, one of the nation’s most important buildings, was created by the Fifth Duke of Devonshire with John Carr of York, one of the leading architects of the 18th century to challenge Bath as a thermal water spa report.

Linked to the Natural Baths, the building with ingenuity included two hotels, one of which accommodated a majestic ballroom and between them six lodging houses. Over 200 years ago, the Duke and his architect’s vision foresaw today’s international plethora of spa hotels but Buxton has a special advantage - we are blessed with Grade 1 Georgian Architecture and Natural Thermal Water.

Our project is to restore, update and reinterpret to the highest of contemporary standards the concept borne of a great Georgian partnership.

In 2014, we hope to open the first hotel of its kind and certainly the first to open its doors in Buxton for over a century. The heart of Buxton will beat once more and the Town will really be “Buxton Spa” attracting visitors from across the world. 

In this endeavour, we are working with the Town to realise a shared ambition to recreate the architectural heritage and the Town’s reputation for health and well-being alongside its gained reputation for culture, art and hospitality delivered with glamour and panache.
A **THE CRESCENT** was built by the fifth Duke of Devonshire in 1784 to provide accommodation for visitors attracted to the town by the health-giving Spa. 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. Work is now in progress to restore this Grade 1 listed building to its former glory.

**THE PUMP ROOM** opposite was built in 1894 by Henry Currey as an addition to the 'water treatments' of the time and in use until 1981. It will be re-opened as part of the Crescent Development.

**THE NATURAL BATHS**, on the site of the original Roman Bath, was built between 1851 and 1854 and will form the century piece of the Spa Pool and treatment rooms of the hotel.

To the right of the Crescent is the **CAVENDISH ARCADE**. Originally designed as a thermal bath in 1854, it now serves as a specialty shopping arcade. It features the original plunge bath and the interior still has most of its Minton tiling and a striking glass barrel vaulted ceiling by Brian Clark.

Presented to the Town in 1940, the prominent **ST ANN’S WELL** is constantly fed with Spring Water at a temperature of 28° Centigrade and stands next to the Pump Room.

B Nearby, at the entrance to Spring Gardens, is **THE CHILDREN’S WELL**. Made of pink granite, it was presented to the Town in 1886.

C **THE SLOPES** rising in front of the Crescent were designed by Sir Henry Wyatville 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.

D At the top of the Slopes, stands the imposing **TOWN HALL**, designed by William Pollard in 1889.

E **THE MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY** 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.

F **THE MARKET PLACE**, 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. 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.

G A walk down Market Street, will bring you to **ST ANNE’S CHURCH**, built in 1625, just off Bath Road. A little further on in Dale Road, you will find the lovely **ST MARY’S**, a fine example of Arts and Crafts building, built in 1914.

H At the bottom of **HALL BANK**, an elegant line of town houses dating from the 1790s, you come onto **BROAD WALK**, a fashionably terrace of houses designed by a variety of prominent architects from the 1860s to the 1880s.

I **THE PAVILION GARDENS**, 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.

**THE PAVILION**, originally the Winter Gardens, now houses a cafe, coffee bar, conservatory, shops and the Pavilion Arts Centre restored to its former glory and re-opened as a flexible performance venue in 2010.

**THE OCTAGON**, designed by Robert Rippon Duke was opened in 1876. It now houses a variety of fairs, auctions, concerts and events.

Next door, is the **SPA SWIMMING POOL & FITNESS CENTRE**.

J **THE OPERA HOUSE**, 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 the Opera House you will see an original ‘Penfold’ **VICTORIAN POSTBOX** installed in 1867.

K **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. The designers were also responsible for the colonnaded town houses in **THE SQUARE**.

L Dominating the Buxton skyline is the dome of the **DEVONSHIRE CAMPUS** of Derby University. The Dome, with a circumference 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 to use the many facilities, including restaurant, coffee shop, hair salon, and holistic Spa.
Next door to the University is the imposing **Palace Hotel**. Completed in 1868 it was one of a number of grand hotels built for the numerous Spa visitors.

The great **Fan Window** by Joseph Paxton is all that is left of the two Fan Windows that sat at the ends of the Railway Stations.

The fifth Duke of Devonshire built **The Old Court House** which now houses a variety of specialty shops.

The oldest building in Buxton is part of **The Old Hall Hotel**. 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.

Just outside the town, 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. Evidence of Bronze age dwellers and Roman metal work has been found and it provided a useful hide for an infamous outlaw who gave the cave its name. Conducted tours are available all year round.

Together with **Go Ape**, an aerial rope walk through the trees of The Country Park, or a walk up to **Solomon’s Temple**, there is much to do and see.

The Victorian **Circular 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 Britten and the **Lee Wood Hotel**.
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Eating Out

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The Square, in keeping with the design of The Crescent - has a colonnade around the perimeter and stands impressively opposite The Opera House and The Pavilion Gardens where hundreds of Festivals and Events take place all year round! The apartment also offers superb views of The Devonshire Dome.

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Can accommodate 8 guests . 2 parking permits included . Expected 4/5*

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

The Queen’s Head Hotel

A friendly atmosphere welcomes you at our traditional hotel situated centrally in Market Place, Higher Buxton. We are within five minutes walking distance of most attractions. Whether you’re taking in a show at the exquisite Opera House or exploring the depths of Poole’s Cavern, we’ll be glad to accommodate you.

We offer bed and breakfast in a converted stable block with free off-road parking. All rooms have central heating, en-suite bathroom, tea/coffee-making and Sky’s in-room tv service. The Hotel has been in our family for three generations, spanning 40 years. We look forward to meeting you.

Our traditional bar area boasts a relaxing atmosphere. Join us for a game of pool, darts, table football or pinball. Select a song from our 30,000+ song/video jukebox. Enjoy Premiership action LIVE on High-Definition ‘Big Screen’ and Selected Sporting Events in 3D. We stock a large selection of beers, wines, spirits, soft drinks and beers brewed and supplied by Buxton Brewery.

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