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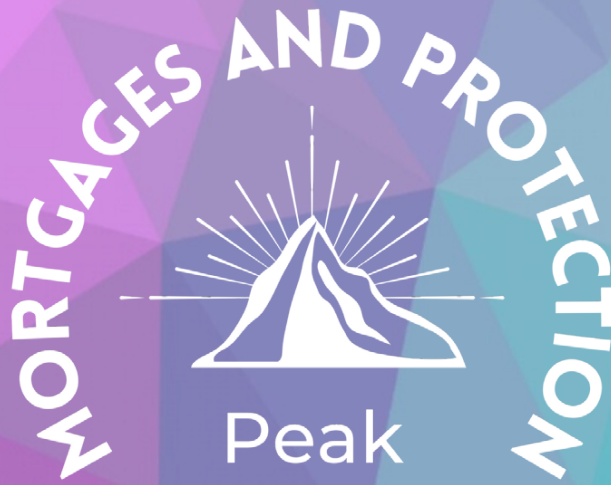
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## are you ready for a right royal knees-up!

May kicks off with **King Charlie's Coronation** and we have an extra bank holiday so in this edition we bring you lots of ideas, activities, and events for days out plus a great article about Coronations of the past.

In fact, this issue is dedicated to immersing you and your children in **LOCAL HISTORY**. With more and more funding cuts at heritage sites, we feel its important to showcase the history on your doorstep that can support your children's understanding of their past heritage.

We are proud to spread the word about 3 new historic trails with clues & QR codes that have recently launched in Darley Abbey, Milford and Belper. You will find a map and a **4 page pull-out** in the middle section that will be great fun to use when exploring the history to be found in the Derwent Valley World Heritage Site.

We also share some **Top Historic Attractions** in Derbyshire where the learning can continue.

As spring moves into summer you will enjoy getting outside more and we have **2 short beautiful walks** for you, both steeped in history and perfect for little legs, plus they are wheels-friendly as well!

We bring you the usual classes and **groups timetable** and lots of **local events**. Please browse all the wonderful businesses and services that sponsor our magazine!

# Enjoy all the long weekends!



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# EVENTS MAY & JUNE 2023



Events happening locally for all ages!

## **Belper Children's Book & Arts Festival**

(Part of the Belper Arts Trail)  
Mon 1 May 10:30am-4:30pm  
Outside Belper Library  
Expect storytelling, workshops, free activities, character greets, local children's authors, food & drink, Derbyshire Toy Library play area, teddy tombola and second-hand books, Intergenerational play and sing-along and much more!  
**FREE EVENT**

## **Matlock Farm Park Superhero Fun Day**

Bank Holiday Monday 1 May  
Get the kids dressed up and join in with superhero training and meet & greet photo opportunities

## **King's Coronation Celebrations**

Sun 7 May -The Snow Sisters – bring the children to join in with wonderful singalong shows throughout the day  
Bank Holiday Mon 8 May – AM Barney Baloney Children's Entertainment shows  
PM Coronation Horse Parade, celebrating the Best of British horses

## **Jungle Jo Exotic Animals**

Bank Holiday Mon 29 May– come and meet the effervescent Jo and get up close with a whole array of wonderful creatures throughout the day

## **The BIG Bubbleman**

Sat 3 June - from car sized bubbles to clouds of swirling tiny bubbles!

## **Jurassic Fun Day**

Father's Day, Sun 18 June- Come and meet Rita the T-Rex and baby dinosaurs at shows throughout the day and meet & greets. All dads receive a FREE gift too!

## **Community Litter Pick**

**8th May** A White Peak Distillery Community Litter Pick in the local area. Details TBC. see website [www.whitepeakdistillery.co.uk](http://www.whitepeakdistillery.co.uk)

## **Derbyshire Toy Libraries Virtual Toy Sales**

Thurs 11 May & Thurs 8 June  
Buy preloved toys at a bargain and raise vital funds. Go to Derbyshire Toy Libraries Selling and Fundraising FB Group and message them if you have toys and books to donate.  
[www.derbyshiretoylibraries.org](http://www.derbyshiretoylibraries.org)

## **Derby LIVE**

### **Mum2mum Nearly New Baby & Toddler Market**

Sun 7 May- Derby Arena  
Mum2mum nearly new baby and toddler market - stalls jam packed with pre-loved bargains (£2 on the door)

### **Orienteering with Derwent Valley Orienteers**

Sat 13 May – Alvaston Park  
Sat 27 May – Darley Park  
Sat 24 June – Markeaton park  
Have fun exploring the park with a special map and a timing chip or 'dibber'.

### **May Fest**

Sun 14 May- Derby Arboretum  
Come join us for a day of family fun at Derby Arboretum's Village Fayre, May Fest! (FREE entry)

### **The Big 1**

Sun 4 June – Chaddesden Park  
Chaddesden's annual summer family fun day for all to enjoy (FREE entry)

### **Spirit of Chellaston**

Sat 17 June –  
Swarkestone Rd Park, Chellaston  
Community fun day with stalls and rides for all the family (FREE entry)

### **The Magic Story Book Pop-up theatre**

Sat 1-Sun 2 July –  
Markeaton Park Craft Village  
Step inside The Magic Story Book a unique theatre experience for all the family (£5)  
[www.derbylive.co.uk](http://www.derbylive.co.uk)

## **Belper Repair Café**

No.28 on the Market Place, Belper  
4th Saturday of the month, 10am-1pm

## **Belper North Mill Heritage Walks**

### **Belper Ghost Walk**

Sat 13 May & 2 June, 2pm

### **The Strutts & their workers**

Sun 21 May, 2pm

### **The Elephant & The Market Place**

Sun 11 June, 11am

### **Stage Coaches, Trains & Trams**

Sat 24 June, 2pm

£16.50/under 16's go free

Book: [www.belpernorthmill.org.uk/calendar](http://www.belpernorthmill.org.uk/calendar) or 01773 880474

## **Belper Town Events**

### **Soul in the Park -**

Sun 7 May, Memorial Gardens

### **Farmers Market -**

Sat 13 May & 10 June

### **Transition Belper Sunny**

### **Sunday Eco Market -**

Sun 11 June

### **Refugee Week Event -**

Sat 17 June, Memorial Gardens

### **Larks in the Park -**

Sun 18 & 25 June, River Gardens

## **Belper Library**

Upcoming story times, craft and family events in May & June, please check the website & Eventbrite for further details

<https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/leisure/libraries/find-your-local-library>. FB: derbyshire libraries  
01629 533 192

## **Belper Woollen Woods**

Thurs 1 June – Fri 30 June  
St Peter's Church gardens and trees will be decorated with woolly creations. Anyone is welcome to join in and pick their own spot as they arrive. See Belper Woollen Woods Fb page

## **Chatsworth Coronation Weekend**

Sat 6- Mon 8 May

Celebrate the Coronation weekend at Chatsworth and enjoy live music, family activities and more

## Denby Pottery Village

### Toddler Tuesdays

Every Tues in term time, 10 – 11am  
A creative group craft session for toddler or pre-schooler plus a free hot drink

### Bank Holiday Craft Activity

**Fun** 30 April - 1st May

### Coronation Champagne Breakfast

Sat 6 May, 9.30 - 11am

Celebrate with a breakfast fit for a King in Bourne's Coffee Shop & Bistro.

### Coronation Afternoon Tea

Sun 7 May & Mon 8 May

Celebrate in Bourne's Coffee Shop & Bistro, with a Royal themed Afternoon Tea

### Coronation Crafts

Little ones can choose from a selection of Royal themed craft activities

### Half Term Craft Activity

**Fun** 27 May - 4 June

Denby Craft Studio fun craft sessions. Choose from a selection of activities on the day

### Pottery Painting

Open every day, 10am - 4pm

Get creative in our Craft Studio with a choice of fun pottery painting and clay craft activities for everyone

### The Denby Museum

Open every day - £10 per adult / £8.00 per child / £8.80 concession  
Follow our journey through over 200 years of history and see some of our iconic designs and the people who brought them to life in the kiln.

### The Denby Pottery Tour

Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays

£15 per adult / £13.00 per Child over 6 / £13.30 concessions

You may have seen us on TV, now come and discover 'inside the factory' for yourself during this brand new and immersive tour of our Derbyshire Pottery.

### Children's Parties

Celebrate your child's special day with a Crafty & Arty Denby Pottery Party! Weekends between 11.50am-2pm and 1.50pm-4pm  
[denbypottery.digitickets.co.uk/tickets](http://denbypottery.digitickets.co.uk/tickets)



## Heights of Abraham

(See DISCOUNTVOUCHER on advert)

### Coronation Music Celebration

Sat 6 – Mon 8 May

It's Coronation weekend, and to celebrate, the Heights has a mini music festival going on. You'll find music to suit all tastes, and a real atmosphere of celebration during this three-day mini festival of great musical talent.

### Garden Party

Tues 30 May - 6 June

Enjoy traditional English Country Garden Party celebrations at the Heights, with live music in the Amphitheatre from Dale Diva and BM&W Brass Band; acoustic musicians on the Pergola stage, stilt walkers and storytelling in the Woodland corner, classic garden games, floral displays and even more surprises await!

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

### Character Door Knocks

Invite your favourite character from 'Alicia's Magical Moments' to knock at your door for a birthday surprise! Prices start from £30 and party packages available too! Get in touch with Alicia at: [magicalmoments22@outlook.com](mailto:magicalmoments22@outlook.com) / 07523971717

### Erewash Museum, Ilkeston Model Railway Weekend

Sat 20 & Sun 21 May, 10am to 4pm  
£3 entry (under 16s free)

### Half Term: Fairy Tale Week

Mon 29 May to Sat 3 June

10am to 4pm, Free entry. There will be free crafts and a trail. Visit our Facebook page for more details.

### Steampunk

Sat 10 June, 10am to 4pm

£3 entry (under 16s free)

Entertainment includes a fire breather, tea duelling and Morris Dancing plus there will be an array of market stalls to browse.

### Swing Back to the 40's

Sat 24 June, 10am to 4pm

£3 entry (under 16s free)

Music, singing, displays, vehicles and much more.

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



## May Half Term Mini Sportz Club (3.5-8 yrs)

Tuesday 30 May, 9.10am-12.10pm

St Nicholas Church, Allestree

Book: 07935600027/

[minisportzuk@gmail.com](mailto:minisportzuk@gmail.com)

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

## Derbyshire Wildlife Trust

Carsington Water Visitor Centre

**Nature Tots 0-5yrs** 10am-12pm

Selected Mondays in May & June,

[www.derbyshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/education-activities/nature-tots](http://www.derbyshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/education-activities/nature-tots)

### Family Bushcraft (4+)

Mon 29 May, 1-3pm. [www.derbyshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/events](http://www.derbyshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/events)

## Croots Farm

### Open Farm Sunday

Sun 11 June 11 till 3.30pm

Sheep shearing, blacksmithing, farm trail, horse and cart rides, Butchery demonstrations, food stands and much more (£2 ticket/under 5s free)

### Derbyshire Shire Horse Association Annual Show

Sun 6 Aug 11am till 3.30pm

Showing classes, displays, trade stands and much more.

<https://croots.co.uk>

## Woodland Connections: After School Forest School sessions

Shining Cliff Woods

3, 10, 17 & 24 May

[info@woodlandconnections.org](mailto:info@woodlandconnections.org) /

07794268059

<https://woodlandconnections.com>

Other sessions coming soon, follow Fb: Woodlands connections

## Half Term Drama Workshop with Learning Through Drama

(Musical Theatre Special for 5-12yrs)

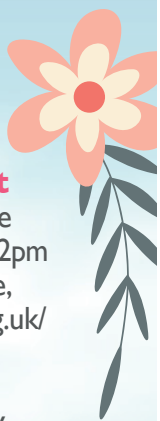
Sawmills Village hall,

Tues 30 May 10am-4pm

Frozen Fanatic? Matilda Mad?

Join us for the Greatest Show of a Drama Workshop at Sawmills Village Hall this May half term.

No experience needed just lots of enthusiasm, a love of musicals and an active imagination! For enrolment and more details Email – [helen@learningthroughdrama.co.uk](mailto:helen@learningthroughdrama.co.uk) / What's App – 07981214160



## Shipley Park

**Nature Trail** Sun 28 May – Sun 4 June, 10.30am-3.30pm

Come along to this trail to find out about some wonderful animals from around the world! Track down the clue cards to help you complete the activity sheet and receive a certificate! 1 mile approx. £1.50 per child. Turn up any time. Self-led activity.

**Solar Observing** Sat 3 & 24

June, 10am-4pm. Turn up any time.

Come along to view our closest star, the Sun, through special filters. Ilkeston and District Astronomical Society will have a selection of telescopes for you to look through and a chance to ask questions to members of the society. (Solar viewing is weather permitting). (FREE)

**Shipley Country Park Food**

**Festival** Sat 17 and Sun 18 JUNE

10.30am – 4.30pm

Organised by Mad Hatters Events and FREE to enter (parking charges apply). Further information: [www.madhattersevents.com](http://www.madhattersevents.com)

## High Peak Trail & Cromford Canal

**Wildlife Nature Trail**

Sat 27 May - Sun 4 June

Follow the photo trail and discover the fantastic facts about the wildlife of Cromford Canal. FREE. Start: High Peak Junction (0.75 miles)

**Wild Thursday**

Thurs 1 June, 10am-4pm.

Be inspired by the wildlife along the Cromford Canal. Come and sketch the birds, plants, and mammals along the canal. Have a go at canal dipping to explore what lives in the water. Meet: High Peak Junction Visitor Centre. Sketching: drop in any time, bring your own pencil. Canal Dipping: BOOKING ESSENTIAL. Contact 01629 533298. Cost: Free.

## May Half Term Sports Activity Club (ages 5-11's)

Belper Leisure Centre Tues-Fri, 9am-1pm

Sessions include a range of sports activities and swimming. Advanced booking – see more info at: [www.belperleisurecentre.co.uk](http://www.belperleisurecentre.co.uk) [info@belperleisurecentre.co.uk](mailto:info@belperleisurecentre.co.uk) 01773 825285

## Family Board Games Night

Distinct Gaming, Belper

Last Saturday of each Month, 5-11pm

A library of games for all ages to enjoy (or bring your own) plus a quiz from 8pm with prizes for winners. Bring the whole family and learn some new games with staff on hand to help with the rules. Snacks and drinks (alcoholic and non alcoholic) available. Family ticket - £20 (2 adults, 2 children) Adult - £10 Child - £5 Get tickets at: [www.distinct-gaming.com](http://www.distinct-gaming.com)

## Fairy Tale Puppet Shows with AVP Theatre

As part of Derby book Festival visit these libraries and Join Amy from AVP Theatre for a delightful retelling of some traditional and some original fairy and folktales. All brought to life by Amy and a cast of mischievous puppets! (FREE but booking essential - <https://www.derbybookfestival.co.uk/whats-on/events>)

Alvaston Library

- Tues 30 May 11-11:45am

Allestree Library

- Tues 30 May 2-2:45pm

Riverside Library

- Wed 31 May 10:30-11:15am

Mickleover Library

- Thurs 1 June 11-11:45am

Normanton Library

- Thurs 1 June 1:30-2:15pm

Crich Tramway Village

Coronation Celebration

Sat 6 – Mon 8 May, 11am-3pm

Children can get creative and make crowns and celebration sticks to help celebrate the Coronation of King Charles!

Seaside Fun

Sat 27 May- Fri 2 June

A an event full of traditional seaside fun including Howard Brothers Fun fair, a mini beach, bingo and crafts, Punch and Judy, face painter and balloon modeller.

## Derby Book Festival

Fri 19- Sat 27 May

Enjoy 50 festival events



## The Big Book Bonanza

Sat 27 May, 12-4pm

Deda Derby

Are you ready to dive into the magical world of Books and Stories!? Then come join us in exploring the surprises, thrills, and unexpected adventures on the streets of Déda with our Big Book Bonanza! Featuring crafts, children's book fair, stalls, food and stories coming to life. There'll be FREE street theatre shows with Book-Ends and What Happened to You?

## Confessions of a former Teletubby

Belper Community Hall

(One for the grown-ups)

Sat 13 May, 7pm

A digitally interactive mix of theatre, stand-up and stories down the pub. Tickets- Email: [belpercommunityhall@gmail.com](mailto:belpercommunityhall@gmail.com) or message on FB

## Funtopia

Thurs 1 June & Thurs 24 Aug

11:30am-5:30pm

The Park Recreation Ground, Belper The BIG day out for little kids is coming to Belper for the first time ever! Designed especially for under 10's, Funtopia has high energy inflatables, role play areas, shows and competitions, character meet and greets, giant games, huge water fights, a tasty food court and under 5's.

An Autism Friendly Session at 10:30am is available with limited numbers, no music, sensory games and activities (book) [www.facebook.com/funtopiauk](http://www.facebook.com/funtopiauk) Under 90cm Free of Charge/ Children £10/Adults £2.50

## (KIDS) RAVE ON!

Sat 6 May, 2-4.30pm

The Chocolate Factory, Derby House, Drum & Base, Old Skool, Vinyl DJ, MC, Visuals, Club lighting, lasers, smoke, bubbles, face painting, arts & crafts, performers, baby chill out area and buggy park. Plus licensed bar & tuck shop. Adult £7, Child £5, pre-walkers Free. Tickets: Artful Dodgers Events



## Theatre for Families:

### Derby Theatre:

#### Around The World in 80 Days (ages 5+)

Tues 6-Sat 10 June, 2pm/7pm (BSL Interpreted Performance)  
Join our raggle-taggle band of travelling circus performers as they embark on their most daring feat yet: to recreate the adventures of Phileas Fogg as he sets off on his race around the world. Sit back and enjoy as our skilled performers traverse every country, embrace each character and navigate each mode of transport as fact clashes with fiction in this madcap adventure around the globe.

#### Dinosaur Adventure Live

Thurs 1- Fri 2 June, 11:30am, 2pm & 4:30pm  
Join our intrepid rangers on a quest to recover the data crystal, restore power to the island and save the Dinosaurs! Stomp, Roar and Swish your tail as we introduce

you to some of the most incredible species ever to have lived on planet Earth. An unforgettable Jurassic experience for all the family to enjoy. Learn their history with our amazing Dino-facts, meet our beautiful baby dinosaurs and even feed them. Feel the excitement as you come face-to-face with a T-Rex and hear it's roooooooarrrrrr! (60mins/£14.50)

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

### Festival Dates to get booked in now:

#### A Jurassic Day Out

Cathedral Quarter  
Sat 22 July, 11am-4pm  
Step back in time and meet Zeus the giant T-Rex, Emily Bronty & friends!  
[www.derbycathedralquarter.co.uk](http://www.derbycathedralquarter.co.uk)

### The Eyes Have It Music Festival

Eyes Meadow, Duffield  
7, 8, 9 July,  
6pm Fri 7 – 9pm Sun 9 July.  
Camping arrival from 10am Fri 7  
A 3 day family friendly music festival. 23 acts throughout the weekend with free circus and art workshops for children. Main acts are: Altered Images, The Beat ft Ranking Junior, China Crisis, John Otway & Wild Willy Barrett and The Jam'd.  
All event information including full line-up and tickets at: [www.tehi.co.uk](http://www.tehi.co.uk)

### The Old Goat's Grumble - a family friendly weekend festival

Salterwood Meadows, Street Lane, Denby. Fri 25 & Sat 26 Aug  
Tickets are available via website: <https://oldgoatsgrumble.com>

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# Parent & Toddler Coffee Mornings

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Monday - Friday  
10:00am - 11:30am  
and stay in the park all day!

**Term Time only** **£9.95 entry**

Includes entrance fee for one adult and up to two children under 5 years, plus a free hot drink\*  
Entry price for a second adult is just £9.95! (drink not included)

Grandparents & Carers are welcome too!

**Matlock farm park**

\*Offers do not include and are not valid on Easter Weekends, Bank Holidays or special event days which are listed on our 'What's On' events page. Free hot drink is a regular coffee or tea. Term Time only - please see our website for the holiday dates adhered to by Matlock Farm Park, which incorporate term dates and INSET days within various LEAs and may differ to your individual school/primary. This offer is not to run in conjunction with any other offer. Terms & conditions apply, please see our website for further information. Prices subject to change - please check our website for up to date offers. Offers can be withdrawn without prior notice.

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## THE 8TH EYES HAVE IT MUSIC FESTIVAL 7/8/9TH JULY 2023



**THE BEAT** featuring **RANKING JNR** **FRI 7th JULY**

**ALTERED IMAGES** **SAT 8th JULY**

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# A JURASSIC DAY OUT

in Cathedral Quarter

Sat 22 July 2023  
11am-4pm  
Derby Market Place


Step back in time and meet Zeus - the Giant T-Rex, Emily Bronty and friends!  
Train to become a Dino Ranger and have a rooorsome day in Cathedral Quarter!

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

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# PARTY TIME FOR KIDS & GROWN-UPS AT DENBY POTTERY VILLAGE



**FOR KIDS**



## CRAFT & ARTY POTTERY BIRTHDAY PARTY

2 fun-filled hours of pottery painting & 'play with clay' craft activities, followed by a delicious tea party in our colourfully decorated party room, perfect for a child's birthday

## CRAFTERNOON TEA PARTY

Celebrate with an hour of pottery painting, or 'have a go' pottery throwing, followed by a delicious Afternoon Tea Party. Perfect for a special birthday, hen party, baby shower and more



**FOR GROWN-UPS**

For more information and to book your experience visit:  
[denbypottery.digitickets.co.uk/tickets](https://denbypottery.digitickets.co.uk/tickets)  
or [denbypotteryvillage.com](https://denbypotteryvillage.com)



**DENBY POTTERY VILLAGE**  
Derby Road, Denby, Derbyshire DE5 8NX



# CHATSWORTH LOOP WITH A VIEW

There are many options for walks at Chatsworth but this one is great for kids and has the added benefit of being wheels-friendly for pushchairs, bikes, scooters and mobility scooters. It is a long, steady incline for the first part though so be aware of this when choosing to take wheels.

**1.** Follow GPS to Chatsworth House, Bakewell, DE45 1PP. Park in the huge car park by the house & just pay for parking (£5). Walk towards the farmyard and playground and through the gate to your right signposted 'Stand Wood'.

**2.** Rather than entering the wood with 3 marked tracks, follow the concrete path steadily uphill along the back of the house. After about 500 metres, you'll glimpse the aqueduct feature up to your left - why not go up to take a closer look. If you look back on yourself, you'll see Chatsworth House and the dome of the water steps in the gardens.

**3.** Back on the main path signposted Swiss Cottage & Park Farm House follow it up for roughly 1 km or so and then follow it around a sharp hairpin bend that takes you up onto the moor. Ignoring all tracks off the main path, continue until eventually you come to a crossroads.

**4.** Turn left onto a gravel track signposted 'Swiss Cottage'. Follow the path weaving through fields until eventually you must bear left at the fork (instead of right which is the private road to the cottage).

**5.** Continue with the pretty Swiss Lake and idyllic cottage on your right following this same track easily down to Emperor Lake where you cross over a bridge.

**6.** Continue along the main track and then when you see a track turning off to the left ignore this and shortly after look for the elaborate Hunting Tower on your left, where there are fantastic views across the Derwent Valley. Stop here for a play around the canons and to admire the Chatsworth Estate.

**7.** In front of the tower find the road that leads back downhill (or alternatively take the quicker but steep steps down). Following the road down, you'll pass the waterfall feature again, then turn sharp right at the bottom to return to the farmyard and house.

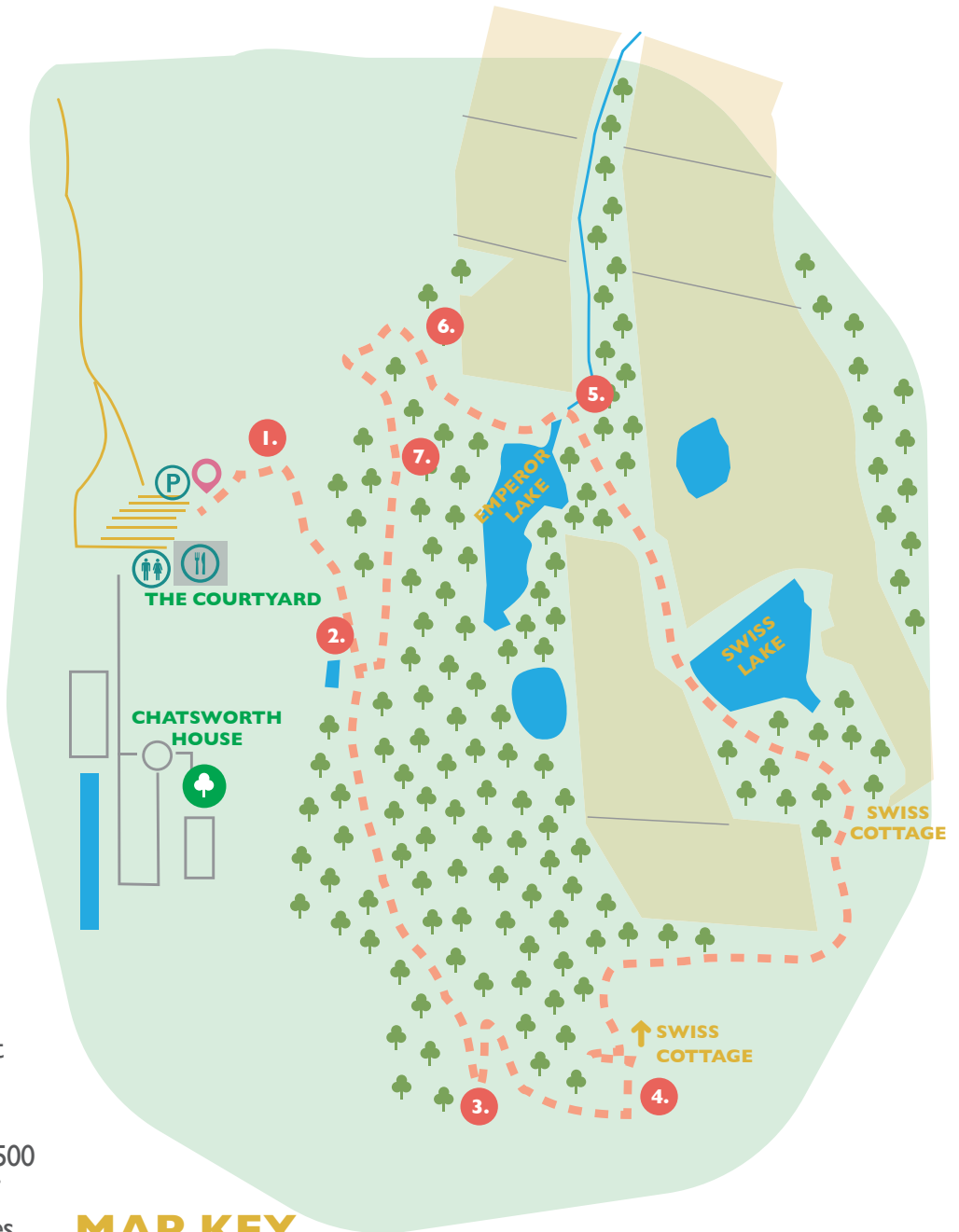


## Attractions:

Woodland, a mock waterfall, lakes, canons, and great views

## Gradient:

A long incline for the first part, then it flattens & downhill for the end



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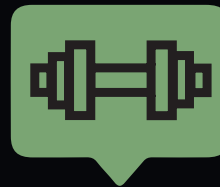


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## High Peak Junction, Cromford Canal and Woodlands.

This walk takes you down the flat and easy Cromford Canal, then over the High Peak Junction to see some disused railway cars and plenty of wildlife. Keep your eyes open for water voles, a variety of birds and maybe even a stegosaurus!

Take note of all the history surrounding you as this site has a wealth of industrial heritage and lies in the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site.

## DIRECTIONS

Park at Cromford Wharf Pay-and-Display Carpark - nearest postcode DE4 3RQ. (For a much shorter 1.2-mile walk, you can park at the High Peak Junction Pay-and-Display Carpark on Lea Road, DE4 5AE, and start at number 2)

- 1 From Cromford Wharf, with the canal and Wheatcroft's Wharf Café in front of you, take a left and follow the canal path for one mile.
- 2 When you reach the wooden bridge, cross over the canal. You are now at the junction of the Cromford Canal and the High Peak Trail. Here you will find some picnic tables and the old railway cars. There is also an information centre\* selling refreshments and public toilets (8am-5pm daily) here. This part of the canal is a great place to see water voles. Listen out for their distinctive 'plop' as they disappear into the water.

You can also see Little Grebe birds, which like to dive under the water.

Once you have explored this area, turn left down the canal.

Follow the path with the canal on your left, passing an old warehouse, and take the left turning that follows the canal with Leaward Pump House in front of you. Carry on down the path with the canal still on your left.

- 3 Cross over the wooden bridge with the number 6 on it and take a look at the newly renovated Aqueduct Cottage \*a project supported by the Derbyshire Wildlife Trust. Take the woodland public footpath signposted 'Lea Bridge'.

Follow the path over the railway track and through the woods. If you are lucky you will get to see a train pass

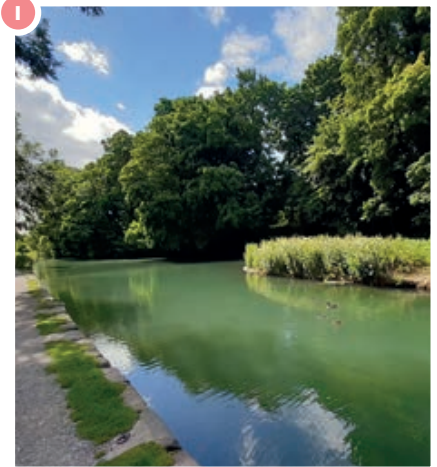
under you and receive a wave from the train driver!

- 4 Turn left, after the stone cottage and just before the chicken coop. Follow the narrow path between the two stone walls. Turn left again when you reach the road.

After Lea Wood House take your immediate left and follow the Public Footpath to High Peak Junction, cross the river, pass the sewage works and railway line.

This will bring you out to the High Peak Junction again. Turn right and follow the one-mile canal path back to your car.

**High Peak Junction Information Centre** \*Opens daily from 1st April until the end of October half-term at which point it is then open weekends and bank holidays only until 31st March.

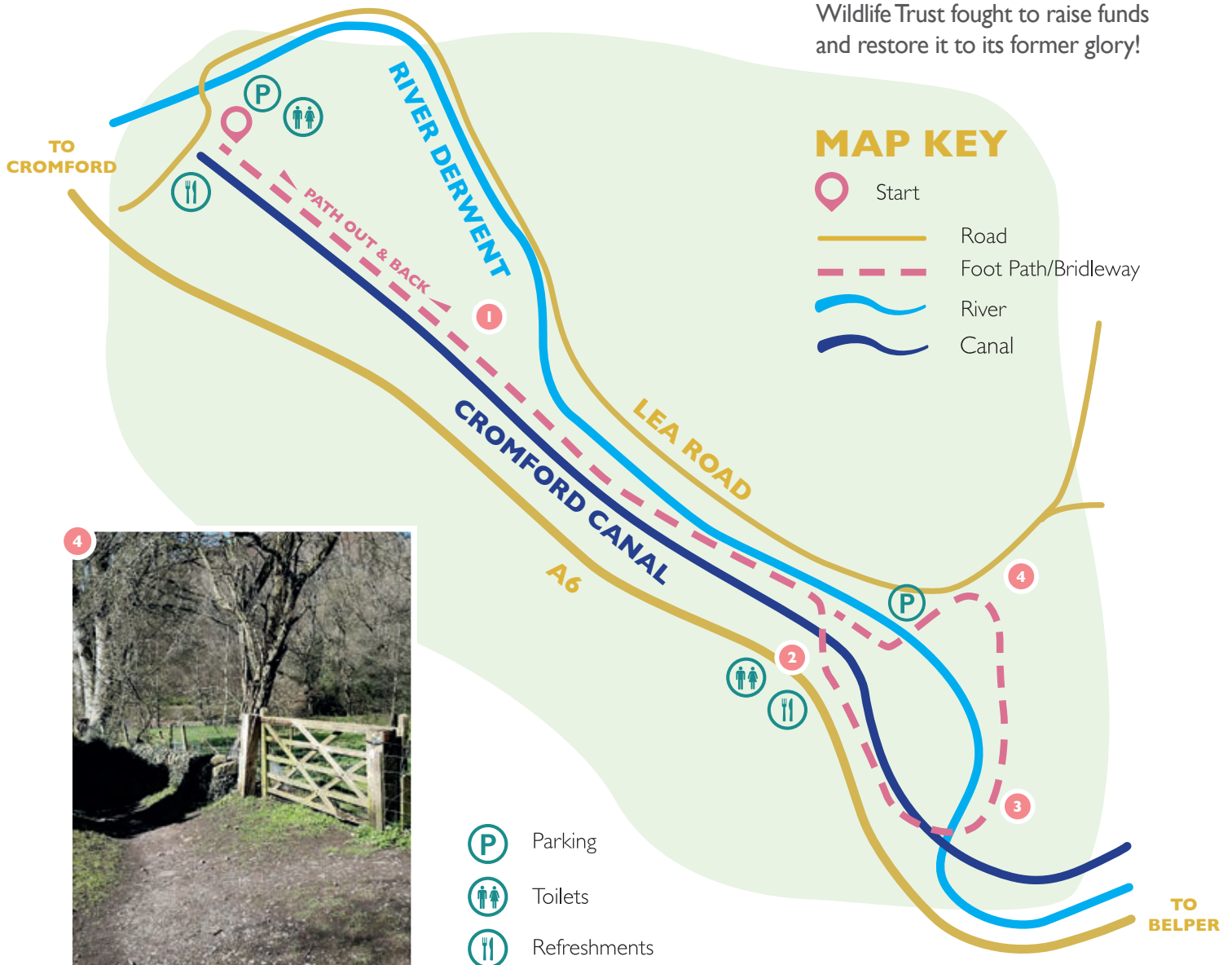


**Attractions:** Canal, woodland, plus wildlife & history every step of the way! Refreshments and toilets at the half way point!

**Gradient:** A flat easy walk, suitable for pushchairs



\*Aqueduct Cottage is a Grade II listed building and was built in 1802 as a lengthman and lock-keepers cottage by Peter Nightingale, the industrialist and one time partner of Richard Arkwright. He was also related to Florence Nightingale who visited the cottage. Its construction, along with the canal lock at the entrance of the Lea Wood arm, was agreed as a part of a settlement to resolve a dispute over the water supply to the developing industries at Lea Bridge and Lea Wharf. It fell into disrepair until volunteers at the Derbyshire Wildlife Trust fought to raise funds and restore it to its former glory!



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# HIDDEN HERITAGE

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## Discover more about the hidden heritage along the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site

In recent months, work has been progressing along Derbyshire's 15-mile-long Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site to create an interesting and fun way for discovering the history of some its key communities – Belper, Milford and Darley Abbey.

A whole series of information panels have been created, some of them on special stands, designed by a blacksmith, to look like the waterwheels that once powered the valley's first mills, at the start of the Industrial Revolution.

As well as information, the boards will point you towards the next one in the series, and tell you what to look out for on the way.

There's also a heritage trail for each place, with a number of waterwheel-shaped plaques attached to important buildings, with a line of information and a QR code, so you can use your



phone to see photographs of those buildings in the past, or the people associated with them.

The Darley Abbey boards and waterwheel plaques were installed in March, and construction of the Belper and Milford boards is nearly complete and they'll be appearing during May.

Once they are all installed, there's a chance to explore and find out

more about these places, and the history which made the Derwent Valley a World Heritage Site.

On the next few pages, you'll find a map showing where all the boards and heritage trail plaques can be found in Belper, and a few things to look for when you work your way around the trail.

To find out more, visit these three introductory pages to the communities and their panels:



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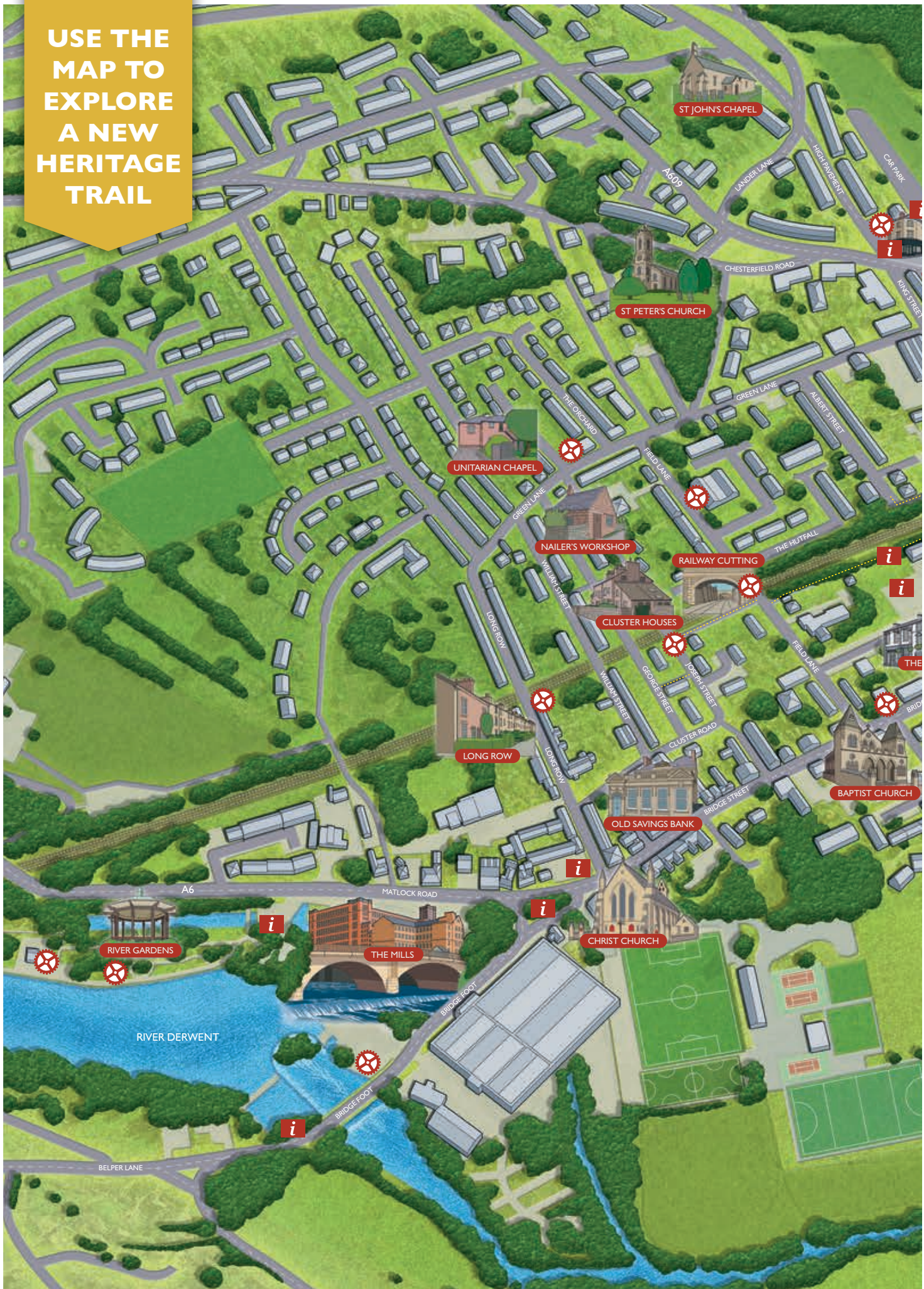
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CHANNELS (footpaths)

This map of Belper, with many of the key buildings included as illustrations, was specially created for the new trail, and shows you where all the heritage information boards and information points (waterwheel plaques) can be found. Look out for them all – or try the route on the next page and try to answer some questions on the way.

*And don't forget to try out the trails in Milford and Darley Abbey!*

# DISCOVERING BELPER'S HIDDEN HISTORY

Here are nine questions you can find the answers to on the new Belper Heritage Trail. You'll need a mobile phone with a camera for the Information Points (waterwheel plaques) so you can use the QR codes. Without a phone you can still use the Heritage Boards.

Start in the Coppice Car Park (DE56 1FZ) just off the Market Place. By the entrance is a Heritage Board. If you read it you'll find out the answer to this question:

**1) What was the Duffield Frith?** (Hint: the answer is in the section named 'The Deer Park')

Enter the Market Place and walk up to the No.28 Community Hall. On the wall in front of the building is an Information Point (waterwheel plaque). Use your phone camera to scan the QR code and you'll then be able to read about the Market Place. You should then be able to answer this question:

**2) The Salvation Army Citadel opened in 1935 – what is it now?** (Hint: the answer is in the section named 'William Booth and the Salvation Army')

Cross the Market Place and you'll see a new Heritage Board on a waterwheel stand, close to the pedestrian crossing. If you read it you'll find out the answer to this question:

**3) In what year did the River Derwent freeze over and the locals played football on it?** (Hint: the answer is in the section named 'The Market')



Use the crossing, then walk down King Street to the Memorial Gardens. Just inside the entrance on the left-hand wall you'll see another Heritage Board. If you read it you'll find out the answer to this question:

**4) When was this wooden bridge built across King Street?** (Hint: the answer is in the section 'The Bridge')

Opposite the Memorial Gardens entrance is Green Lane. Cross over and walk along Green Lane. When you reach Field Lane on your left, turn down there and look for an Information Point on the wall to your left, near a set of gates. Use your phone camera to scan the QR code.

**5) What year was the Anglican order of the Sisters of St Laurence founded?** (Hint: the answer is in the section named 'The Convent of St Laurence')

Keep walking down Field Lane, and at the railway bridge cross the road and look for an Information Point on the wall next to a footpath (called 'a channel' in Belper). Use your phone camera to scan the QR code.

**6) What is the name of the channel (footpath)?** (Hint: the answer is in the heading!)

Walk along the footpath and at the end you'll see another Information Point on the wall opposite.

**7) When did the railway line open?** (Hint: the answer is in the section named 'The Railway Cutting')

Turn left to the bottom of the road, then right along Cluster Road until the end, when you'll come out on Long Row, opposite a school. Turn left again, and at the bottom of Long Row you'll see a Heritage Board by the playground wall.

**8) What were these children celebrating in 1937?** (Hint: the answer is in the caption below this photograph on the board)



Cross the main A6 road at the crossing. On The Triangle you'll see another Heritage Board on a waterwheel stand.

**9) How many bricks were needed to build the big red East Mill?** (Hint: the answer is in the section named 'The East Mill')

From here, you can find more panels on either side of the bridge over the River Derwent, and in the River Gardens. When you return to your starting point, walk straight up Long Row and you'll find more information points on the railway bridge at Long Row and on Green Lane, at the Field Row junction. Enjoy exploring!



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**Baby Moo** (0-walking) – 9:30-10am

**Mixed Moo** (0-5) 10:20-11am

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Thurs 9:30-11:30am

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# CELEBRATING A CORONATION

Adrian Farmer – Chair, Belper Historical Society



Like the rest of the country, there was a mad rush to buy television sets in Derbyshire in the weeks leading up to June 2nd 1953 - Coronation Day. There were thousands in the county by then, and on the day all were surrounded by a host of avid watchers, with family, friends and neighbours invited in to see a ceremony that had never been seen publicly before.

For those with no access to a television, there were events in most of the towns and villages as well, although not for the first time on the day of a royal celebration, storm clouds and showers threatened but failed to dampen people's enthusiasm.

Many communities started the day with church or open-air services before the new Queen's subjects moved on to enjoy a host of street parties, lunches and games. Pictured is one celebration at Openwoodgate where there was a huge fancy dress parade.



In Belper, like most towns, every child was given a souvenir commemorative mug, provided by the local council. A number of firms floodlit their premises to make the town look extra special for the big day. In the evening many sight-seers toured the town to see all the illuminations.



The English Sewing Cotton Company also illuminated the weir, and the Jubilee clock tower on the West Mill was lit up in red, white and blue (pictured).

It was wet and rainy when Queen Elizabeth's father, George VI, was crowned in May 1937. Denby Pottery was busy in the run-up to the big day. They produced the commemorative mug for all the local schoolchildren that time – there was also a commemorative book given out to children as well.

Civic processions and special services were planned for that day, and there were sporting events and coronation teas to enjoy.

When King Edward VII was crowned in 1902, it had been 64 years since the previous coronation – Victoria's – so, like us, there were many people with no memories of how coronations should be celebrated.

But one elderly writer contacted The Belper News with a memory of celebrations for the coronation of George IV held 81 years earlier, on July 19th 1821. In 1821, there was no street lighting, yet the festivities across the county lasted long past sunset. To ensure that every

reveller arrived home safely that night, candles or lanterns were lit and placed in the front windows of houses facing onto the main streets. This 'magical' effect impressed all who saw it in 1821, and the letter writer suggested it be repeated for future coronations.

**You can find out more about local history on the Belper Historical Society website – [www.belperhistoricalsociety.co.uk](http://www.belperhistoricalsociety.co.uk).**



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# TOP HISTORIC DERBYSHIRE ATTRACTIONS FOR FAMILIES

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Derbyshire is brimming with tales of our historic past and we have asked some local hot spots to share what their attraction can teach the next generation.

Here are some round-ups of what is on offer...

### Cromford Mills

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### Ecclesbourne Valley Railway

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## Derby Museums

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Credit: Oliver Taylor



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The pottery also worked with many artists and designers, to make sure it kept up with the **current fashions in homeware** and has invented and perfected many handcrafting



techniques and unique glazes that Denby's craftspeople still use at Denby Pottery today to create its iconic designs.

You can find out more about the history of Denby Pottery by visiting the **Denby Museum Experience** at **Denby Pottery Village**. Plus why not have a go at **pottery throwing or painting a pot** in the **Craft Studio**. <https://www.denbypottery.com/denby-pottery-village>

## Markeaton Park

Markeaton Park is Derby's most visited park and is one of the most popular attractions in the East Midlands. But behind the modern day park lays a fascinating history that is waiting to be discovered. The park as we know it today can be traced back to the **medieval period**, when the first park was laid out. It was sold to the **Mundy family** in 1516. Over the following centuries the park went through many changes, from arable fields to an enclosed designed **18th century park and hall** and finally at the beginning of the 20th century The Mundy family gave Markeaton Park to **Derby City Council** who made it into the public park of today.

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## Heights of Abraham

Transport yourself back to 1750... Matlock Bath was full of wealthy Georgian tourists who believed that 'taking the waters' of Matlock Bath would do wonders for their health. One entrepreneurial hotel owner decided this was a great opportunity to make money- and so bought land on Masson Hill in 1780 to create a 'pleasure ground'.

Now fast-forward to 1810... The Heights of Abraham had become an established attraction, known throughout the UK and frequented by the rich and famous. **The Great Rutland Cavern** was opened to the public, followed by the **Great Masson Cavern** in 1844. Ex-miners became tour guides, showing the wealthy tourists around the mines for a high price.

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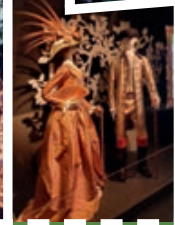
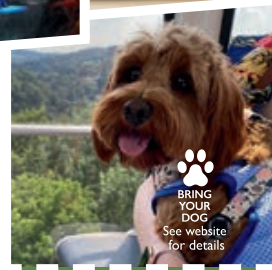
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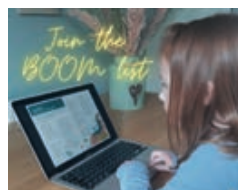


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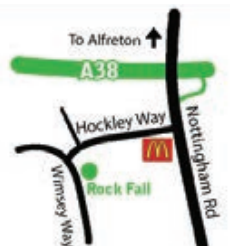
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## Where are we?

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Please use Scallywags car park at both sites. You will find signage in both car parks on how to access the centres.

## How it works?

Both role play centres work on a pre-book via our website and pay on arrival basis with sessions lasting 90 minutes. On your first entry you will be issued a loyalty card and for every nine sessions you attend you will receive your 10th entry free of charge! Loyalty cards can be used across both sites. Payment is cash only.

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