



### Pricing

Walks cost £4 per adult with accompanied under 16 year-olds free. All money raised helps to maintain the Strutt's North Mill Museum, which tells the story of Belper's most significant contributions to world history. For some special events through the year, there are occasional free walks – check the listings to see when these take place. Well-behaved dogs are welcome on a lead, unless otherwise stated for a specific walk.

### World Heritage Site Discovery Festival

In October each year, as part of the World Heritage Site Discovery Days Festival, Strutt's North Mill provides lots of extra walks. These walks are clearly marked in the listings. Booking is recommended for Discovery Festival events, through the World Heritage Site booking line 01629 536831 or email [info@derwentvalleymills.org](mailto:info@derwentvalleymills.org).

### Booking

For all other walks you can pre-book on 01773 880474 or just turn up at the starting point before the walk begins. Please be advised that if there are any changes to the schedule we can only inform those who pre-book. Please ensure you have suitable footwear and clothing for walking and the seasonal weather.

*Information is correct at the time of going to press. The Belper North Mill Trust cannot be held responsible for any loss or inconvenience relating to changes or cancellations for these events.*



Explore our heritage and discover its secrets

Lying at the heart of the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site, Strutt's North Mill in Belper is the ideal place to start exploring this historic landscape.

From the mills and factories nestling by the Derwent, to the houses, chapels and schools provided for the workforce; from the formal parks and gardens in the town centre to the well-preserved 18th century rural valley landscape setting, Belper is a treasure chest of sights to discover and experience.

Thanks to a dedicated group of volunteers, carrying out research and trying out new and interesting routes, Strutt's North Mill adds extra heritage walks to its walks programme every year – in 2017 there are more walks and greater choice than ever before. Walks range from short tours around the town centre to longer rambles into the countryside, but all include opportunities to see this area's heritage as you've never seen it before.

## MARCH

### World Heritage Site Celebration Event

Strutts Centre on Derby Road, Belper (DE56 1UU)  
11th March 2017 from 11am to 4pm.

**11 Belper in a Hurry**  
(Saturday), 11.30am  
**FREE WALK** - Donations welcome.

**Start point:** The Strutts Centre. **Leader:** John Morrissey.  
An hour's walk, looking at some of the historic highlights in Belper's town centre.



**11 Into Town and Back**  
(Saturday), 2pm  
**FREE WALK** - Donations welcome.

**Start point:** The Strutts Centre. **Leader:** Brian Deer.  
An hour-long walk up to the Market Place and back, looking at historical features.

**26 Around Sunny Hill, Milford**  
(Sunday), 2pm  
£4 per person, Under 16s free.

**Start point:** The Mill House Pub Car Park (DE56 0QW). **Leader:** Brian Deer.  
A look at Milford's west side story – Derbyshire's oldest school building still in its original use, Sunny Hill and the Chevin Hill. Walk will involve steep climbs and footpaths that may be slippery if wet.

## APRIL

**9 Windmills, Waterworks and Witches**  
(Sunday), 2pm  
£4 per person, Under 16s free.

**Start point:** Belper Market Place (DE56 1FZ). **Leader:** Dawn Churchill.  
A long walk of about five miles, utilizing roads and footpaths. Discover science, superstition and sustainable energy amongst hidden channels and stunning countryside views. Walking boots required. Gentle slopes and some squeezer and step-over stiles.

**30 Discovering Duffield**  
(Sunday), 2pm  
£4 per person, Under 16s free.

**Start point:** St Alkmund's Church Car Park (DE56 4BA, GR 348428). **Leader:** John Morrissey.  
A two-mile walk around the Village that Moved. John will follow in its footsteps. Includes a visit to the site of one of England's sturdiest castles, long demolished.



## MAY

**1 Belper and Morley Park Railway**  
(Sunday), 2pm  
£4 per person, Under 16s free.

**Start point:** Openwoodgate Crossroads (DE56 0SD). **Leader:** Trevor Griffin.

Following part of the early horse-worked railway, built between 1815 and 1842, that carried coal from the Drury Lowe coal mines around Derby to Belper. The route follows the final alignment, with its rope-worked incline down into the Henmore valley and returns along the earlier route that pursued a winding course to climb the same hill. A two mile walk, with some stiles and rough ground.

**14 Water Power in Belper, Past and Present**  
(Sunday), 2pm  
£4 per person, Under 16s free.

**Start point:** The Old Swiss Tea Rooms, Belper River Gardens (DE56 1BE). **Leader:** Ian Jackson.

A short walk around the water ways of the Belper Mill complex, seeing how the Strutt's used water from the River Derwent to power their cotton mills. Also discussing the Hydro Power currently being produced on site and along the Derwent Valley.

**21 The Strutt Farms**  
(Sunday), 2pm  
£4 per person, Under 16s free.

**Start point:** Strutt's North Mill (DE56 1YD). **Leader:** Alex Gilbert & Adrian Farmer.

A walk over Bridge Hill to Dalley Farm, where Alex Gilbert will talk about new findings about the Strutt family's agricultural experiments, before returning past Crossroads Farm. Walking boots required.

**28 Exploring Openwoodgate**  
(Sunday), 2pm  
£4 per person, Under 16s free.

**Start point:** Belper Leisure Centre Car Park (DE56 0DA). **Leader:** John Morrissey.

Exploring this old community on the outskirts of Belper, at the top of 'Bedlam Hill'.

## VISIT STRUTT'S NORTH MILL

**By Car** On the A6 between Derby and Matlock. Free parking is available.

**By Bus** Trentbarton's 'Sixes' and the Transpeak bus services run to Belper. The 6.1 between Derby and Bakewell drops you almost at the mill door.

**By Train** Belper is served by trains running between Newark, Nottingham, Derby and Matlock. The station is just a short walk from the North Mill.



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Belper Heritage Walks 2017



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## JUNE

- 1 Talk, not Walk – Belper’s Pubs**  
(Thursday) 7pm  
£3 per person, Under 16s free.  
**Venue:** No.28 Community Hall, Market Place, Belper (DE56 1FZ).  
**Speaker:** Mary Smedley.  
Join Mary Smedley as she looks back at the many lost (and surviving) pubs and inns from Belper’s past, showing images of what they were like and telling tales of the people who lived and worked in them.

- 4 Pubs and Parks**  
(Sunday) 2pm  
£4 per person (£2 discount if you came to Thursday’s pubs talk), Under 16s free. **Start point:** Belper Market Place (DE56 1FZ).  
**Leader:** Christine Smith.  
Following Thursday’s talk, get on the trail of some of Belper’s lost pubs, and learn fascinating stories about those you might already know, before following in the footsteps of medieval Belper folk to visit the Deer Park and beyond. Please note: NOT a pub crawl! Approximate length 1.5 miles, with some steep paths.



- 11 Exploring Belper Cemetery**  
(Sunday) 2pm  
£4 per person, Under 16s free.  
**Start point:** Belper Cemetery Entrance, Matlock Road (DE56 1UR).  
**Leaders:** Adrian Farmer and Beki Howey.  
Discover how Belper’s beautiful hillside cemetery was created, some of the people buried there, and where Oliver Reed stood during the filming of 1968’s *Women in Love*. Includes a look inside the chapel. Some steep and uneven climbs. Sorry, no dogs.

- 18 Laying the Tracks: The Railway in Belper**  
(Sunday) 2pm  
£4 per person, Under 16s free.  
**Start point:** Strutt’s North Mill (DE56 1YD).  
**Leader:** John Morrissey.  
Follow the railway through Belper, still a major artery, its route and features determined by the power of a local mill and land-owning family.



- 25 Beyond the Dalley**  
(Sunday) 2pm  
£4 per person, Under 16s free.  
**Start point:** Strutt’s North Mill (DE56 1YD). **Leader:** Dawn Churchill.  
A mainly countryside 5 mile walk with stunning views through parts of the old Strutt estate, looking at the site of the Dalley Lane coal pits and passing by the house Samuel Slater (‘the Traitor’) never lived in! Walking boots required. Some steep slopes and both types of stile.

## JULY

- 2 Belper Snippets**  
(Sunday) 2pm  
£4 per person, Under 16s free.  
**Venue:** Belper Market Place (DE56 1FZ). **Leader:** Mary Smedley.  
A gentle meander around the oldest but most fascinating parts of Belper town centre. Wheelchair accessible.

- 9 Wyver Lane and the Scotches**  
(Sunday), 2pm  
£4 per person, Under 16s free.  
**Start point:** Strutt’s North Mill (DE56 1YD). **Leader:** Brian Deer.  
A chance to explore the west side of the River Derwent, including early industrial housing.

- 16 Turnpike to the Workhouse**  
(Sunday), 2pm  
£4 per person, Under 16s free.  
**Start point:** Strutt’s North Mill (DE56 1YD).  
**Leader:** Christine Smith.  
Trace the route of the old turnpike from the Mill to the Workhouse, along the A6, to find out about the social lives of Belper people in times past, their hardships and entertainments. Approximate length 1.5 miles.



- 23 Around Swinney Lane**  
(Sunday), 2pm  
£4 per person, Under 16s free.  
**Start point:** Belper Market Place (DE56 1FZ). **Leader:** Dawn Churchill.  
Swine or St Winifreds – how did the road get this name? Find out on this walk which includes Chesterfield Road, Swinney Lane, parts of Belper Cemetery and Crich Lane. Some field paths. Quite steep in parts.

- 30 Belper in Wartime**  
(Sunday), 2pm  
£4 per person, Under 16s free.  
**Start point:** Strutt’s North Mill (DE56 1YD). **Leader:** Adrian Farmer.  
Discover the hidden heritage that has survived and the stories from Belper’s time during the two World Wars, with some surprises on the way. Two-mile walk with some slopes and uneven surfaces.

## AUGUST

- 6 Along the Dalley**  
(Sunday), 2pm  
£4 per person, Under 16s free.  
**Start point:** Bull’s Head, Belper Lane End (DE56 2DL).  
**Leader:** John Morrissey.  
A walk along the Dalley Lane Turnpike, finding out about the spring, the small Belper coalfield at Lane End, the Strutt’s Wyver Farm, pre-enclosure paths and the ancient track of Longwalls Lane. Great views of the Derwent Valley.

- 13 Makeney**  
(Sunday), 2pm  
£4 per person, Under 16s free.  
**Start point:** Mill House Car Park, Milford (DE56 0QW).  
**Leader:** Brian Deer.  
A look at the tiny community of Makeney, including the home of George Herbert Strutt, an ancient route used by Mary, Queen of Scots, and a hostelry with its own Dick Turpin myth.

- 20 Bridge Hill to Corn Mill**  
(Sunday), 2pm  
£4 per person, Under 16s free.  
**Start point:** Strutt’s North Mill (DE56 1YD). **Leader:** John Morrissey.  
From Bridgefoot, where ancient roads converged to Bridge Hill and the turnpike to Ashbourne, returning alongside the Black Brook, past the 17th Century Corn Mill. Ends with views of Belper’s elegant late 18th Century bridge. 2.5 miles - easy terrain, with a couple of stiles, one ascent.

- 27 A Taste of Belper’s History**  
(Sunday), 2pm  
£4 per person, Under 16s free.  
**Start point:** Belper Market Place (DE56 1FZ). **Leader:** Adrian Farmer.  
A food-themed look at Belper’s history, looking at a gigantic larder, an early bread factory and ending with a little taster of what present-day Belper has to offer.

## SEPTEMBER

- 10 From Cow Hill To Highland Cattle**  
(Sunday), 2pm  
£4 per person, Under 16s free.  
**Start point:** Belper Market Place (DE56 1FZ). **Leader:** Dawn Churchill.  
A 2.5 mile walk looking at the industry and old community of the Cow Hill area, then across Belper’s Medieval Deer Park to ancient farmland to encounter Highland cattle. Walking boots recommended. There are some steep slopes and some stepover and (tight) squeeze stiles.

- 24 Belper and Morley Park Railway**  
(Sunday), 2pm  
£4 per person, Under 16s free.  
**Start point:** Openwoodgate Crossroads (DE56 0SD).  
**Leader:** Trevor Griffin.  
Following part of the early horse-worked railway, built between 1815 and 1842, that carried coal from the Drury Lowe coal mines around Denby to Belper. The route follows the final alignment, with its rope-worked incline down into the Henmore valley and returns along the earlier route that pursued a winding course to climb the same hill. A two mile walk, with some stiles and rough ground.

## OCTOBER

- 8 Changing Channels**  
(Sunday), 2pm  
£4 per person, Under 16s free.  
**Start point:** Belper Market Place (DE56 1FZ). **Leader:** Brian Deer.  
Brian continues an exploration of Belper’s hidden channels and footpaths, with a new route and additional channels. Includes steep climbs which may be slippery if wet. A chance to discover the town’s lesser-known off-road routes.

# World Heritage Discovery Walks

(booking recommended on 01629 536831 or [info@derwentvalleymills.org](mailto:info@derwentvalleymills.org))

- 14 On Old Cow Hill**  
(Saturday), 11.30am  
**FREE WALK** - Donations welcome.  
**Start point:** The Strutts Centre on Derby Road, Belper (DE56 1UU). **Leader:** John Morrissey.  
A 1.5 mile short walk, looking at Belper beyond the Deer Park, and a six hundred year old boundary that still defines Belper localities.

- 14 Discovering the Deer Park**  
(Saturday), 2pm  
**FREE WALK** - Donations welcome.  
**Start point:** No.28 Community Hall, Belper Market Place (DE56 1FZ). **Leader:** Dawn Churchill.  
A short one-mile walk around Belper’s medieval deer park, to hear about the lost Manor House and find out about later uses of the Park, now a Local Nature Reserve. Walking boots recommended. Footpaths and slopes but no stiles.

- 15 Stockings, School & the Workhouse**  
(Sunday), 11.30am  
**FREE WALK** - Donations welcome.  
**Start point:** The Strutts Centre on Derby Road, Belper (DE56 1UU). **Leader:** Adrian Farmer.  
A short walk around the south end of the town centre – discovering old schools and hosiery companies, before exploring the old workhouse exercise yard and learning about what the inmates ate and did.

- 15 Water Power in Belper, Past and Present**  
(Sunday), 2pm  
**FREE WALK** - Donations welcome.  
**Start point:** The Old Swiss Tea Rooms, Belper River Gardens (DE56 1BE). **Leader:** Ian Jackson  
A short walk around the water ways of the Belper Mill complex, seeing how the Strutt’s used water from the River Derwent to power their cotton mills. Also discussing the Hydro Power currently being produced on site and along the Derwent Valley.

- 18 Early Industry in Holbrook**  
(Wednesday), 1pm & 2pm  
£4 per person, Under 16s free.  
**Start point:** 1pm Belper Market Place (DE56 1FZ) or 2pm Pond Road, Holbrook (DE56 OTX) for a shorter walk.  
**Leader:** Dawn Churchill.

A six-mile circular walk, three-mile linear walk or one mile village walk – take your pick! A look at this attractive village, learning about its industrial past. The circular walk from Belper Market Place includes a countryside walk to Holbrook, or start at the village. Afterwards, there’s an option to walk back to Belper via Bargate, Pinchom’s Hill and Mill Lane. Trent’s Sevens Buses from Belper arrive at Pond Road at 13.39 where there is a bus shelter and benches on the green. Check the Trent Buses website for details.

- 19 Skirting the Southern Border of the Duffield Frith**  
(Thursday), 2pm  
£4 per person, Under 16s free.  
**Start point:** Bell and Harp Car Park, Alfreton Road, Little Eaton (DE21 5AE). **Leader:** John Morrissey.  
The Duffield Frith was a medieval forest of deer parks, tightly-controlled communities and ancient industries. Discover why the southern boundary followed a certain route, and how the landscape still helps us to perceive it.



- 20 St John’s Chapel and Surroundings**  
(Friday), 2pm  
£4 per person, Under 16s free.  
**Start point:** St John’s Chapel, The Butts, DE56 1HX.  
**Leader:** Mary Smedley.  
Join Mary on a tour of Belper’s oldest building – to discover why this medieval chapel was built and the resources available inside today. Then explore the oldest part of Belper.

- 25 Bridge Hill – Ice House and Observatory**  
(Wednesday), 2pm  
£4 per person, Under 16s free.  
**Start point:** Strutt’s North Mill (DE56 1YD). **Leader:** Adrian Farmer.  
A steep walk up Bridge Hill, to look inside the Ice House, the only substantial surviving structure belonging to the Strutt’s remarkable Belper mansion. Then a chance to discover what else has survived, hidden away, including the recently rediscovered remains of the Strutt Observatory. Sorry, no dogs.



- 26 Jewel in the Crown: Belper River Gardens**  
(Thursday), 2pm  
£4 per person, Under 16s free.  
**Start point:** Strutt’s North Mill (DE56 1YD). **Leader:** Christine Smith.  
A look at the history of Belper’s beautiful River Gardens. Fully accessible to wheelchair users.

- 27 Heage & the Duffield Frith**  
(Friday), 2.15pm  
£4 per person, Under 16s free.  
**Start point:** Eagle Tavern Car Park, Heage (DE56 2HU - GR 372505). **Leader:** John Morrissey.  
Four mile walk to see and hear how a former medieval deer park lying at the northern edge of the Duffield Frith was acquired by the Hurt family using profits from mineral extraction to make them yet more money. Start time is bus friendly.

## DECEMBER

- 26 Boxing Day Heritage Walk**  
(Tuesday), 2pm  
£2 per person, Under 16s free.  
**Start point:** Strutt’s North Mill (DE56 1YD). **Leader:** Adrian Farmer.  
Walk off the Christmas excess with a walk around Belper’s town centre, looking at some of the hidden heritage you wouldn’t find on your own. Ends at the Strutt-built Unitarian Chapel with a warm drink and a bite to eat.

## JANUARY 2018

- 1 New Years Day Heritage Walk**  
(Monday), 2pm  
£4 per person, Under 16s free.  
**Start point:** Strutt’s North Mill (DE56 1YD). **Leader:** Dawn Churchill.  
A town-based walk, looking at the history of Belper’s schools and education. Visiting buildings that were once schools, sites where schools previously stood and one still functioning school that celebrates its bicentenary this year! Includes refreshments at the end of the walk, in the Unitarian Chapel.