



So much of our hidden heritage to discover!

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 2018, for the first time we have a walk every Sunday at 2pm from April 1 right through to October 28.

The programme includes several brand new walks and greater choice than ever before. Walks range from short tours around the town centre to longer rambles into the countryside, and walks around some of the neighbouring communities with their own history to tell. All include opportunities to see this area's heritage as you've never seen it before.

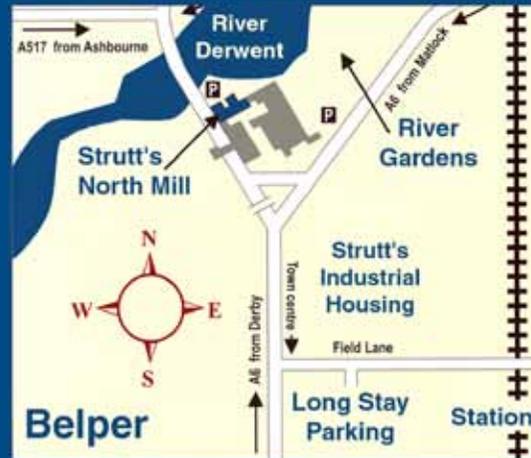


How to visit Strutt's North Mill

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

By Bus Trentbarton's Sixes and the Transpeak 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 Castle, Nottingham, Derby and Matlock. The station is a short walk from the North Mill.



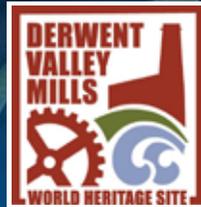
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HERITAGE WALKS 2018

Lots to discover on our friendly guided tours





Pricing

All walks cost £4 per adult with accompanied under 16 year-olds free. All money raised helps to support the Strutt's North Mill Museum, which tells the story of Belper's most significant contributions to world history.

Heritage Talks

Also new for 2018 are our Heritage Talks, running through the winter months after the main walking season is over. These will be on the second Sunday of the month at 5pm, in No.28 on Belper Market Place and also cost £4 per person (under 16s free) and include refreshments. The first talk is on November 11th, on **Belper during World War One**; followed by **Belper Food and Festivities** on December 9th. Bookings open from September 2018. Ask for more details at the Strutt's North Mill reception.

Discovery Days

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

Bookings

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. Well-behaved dogs are welcome on a lead, unless otherwise stated for a specific walk.

KEY TO WALKS:

Title in blue means the walk is shorter and mainly in town

Title in green means the walk is longer and mainly rural - walking boots required

Title in red means some steep or challenging bits!

APRIL

1st (2pm) Around Bullsmoor – an Ancient Landscape

Start: Market Place, Belper (DE56 1FZ).

Leader: John Morrissey.

A 3.5 mile country walk through six hundred years of history, close to the heart of Belper.

8th (2pm) Historic South Belper - NEW

Start: Market Place, Belper (DE56 1FZ).

Leader: Trevor Griffin.

Heading south along The Fleet and down to Derby Road, to explore a little-known part of the town on a 1.5 mile walk.

15th (2pm) Duffield to Peckwash - NEW

Start: St Alkmund's Church, Duffield (DE56 4BA).

Leader: Brian Deer.

Following the River Derwent from Duffield, to discover the history of the least-known Derwent Valley Mill, at Peckwash.

22nd (2pm) The Strutt Farms

Start: Strutt's North Mill (DE56 1YD).

Leaders: Alex Gilbert & Adrian Farmer.

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

29th (2pm) Early Industry in Holbrook

Start: Pond Road Bus Shelter, Holbrook (DE56 0TX).

Leader: Dawn Churchill.

A circular walk looking at industry in Holbrook from Roman times to the 20th century. Varied terrain including paths through fields and stiles and calling at the Spotted Cow for refreshments. Trent's Sevens buses from Belper stop at Pond Road where there is a bus shelter and benches on the green. Check the Trent buses website for details.



MAY

6th (2pm) Water Power in Belper – Past and Present

Start: The Old Swiss Tea Rooms, Belper River Gardens (DE56 1BE).

Leader: Ian Jackson

A walk around the water ways of the Belper Mill complex, seeing how the Strutts 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.

13th (2pm) The Railway in Belper

Start: Strutt's North Mill (DE56 1YD).

Leader: Trevor Griffin.

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.

20th (2pm) The Deer Park Boundary

Start: Market Place, Belper (DE56 1FZ).

Leader: Adrian Farmer.

A chance to walk the one-mile boundary of Belper's ancient deer park, and discover its centuries-old story.

27th (2pm) Pubs, Parks and Peculiarities

Start: Market Place, Belper (DE56 1FZ).

Leader: Christine Smith.

Looking at the sites of Belper's old hostelries, some long-gone and some still in use. Also the old parklands in the town, with some odd peculiarities of old Belper thrown in!

JUNE

3rd (2pm) Milford West and Makeney

Start: The Mill House Pub car park (DE56 0QW).

Leaders: Brian Deer and John Morrissey.

A look at Milford's west side story, including Derbyshire's oldest school building still in its original use, then on to Makeney, once home to Belper's greatest benefactor. Some steep climbs and footpaths that may be slippery if wet.

10th (2pm) Windmills, Witches and Whitemoor

Start: Market Place, Belper (DE56 1FZ).

Leader: Dawn Churchill.

Find out about local life, industry and legends on this little-explored east side of Belper. Town and countryside paths.

17th (2pm) The Southern Border of the Duffield Frith

Start: 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.



24th (2pm) Bridge Hill House and Grounds

Start: 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 discover what else has survived, hidden away, including the recently rediscovered remains of the Strutt Observatory. **Sorry, no dogs.**

JULY

1st (2pm) Cut to the Chase

Start: Hurt Arms Car Park, Ambergate (DE56 2EJ).

Leader: Brian Deer.

A 2.5-mile walk, taking about three hours. If coming by car, park along the northern wall as far as possible from the A6. A medieval landscape transformed by the Hurt family during the industrial revolution into a transport hub.

8th (2pm) Around Hazelwood - NEW!

Start: The Firestone lay-by on Farnah Green Road (DE56 2UP).

Leader: Dawn Churchill.

A village walk that takes in both town and countryside paths with an emphasis on this village's Roman heritage. Walking boots advisable. No public transport, but for a longer ramble, join Dawn from Strutt's North Mill at 1.15pm.



15th (2pm) Belper Before the Strutts

Start: Belper Market Place (DE56 1FZ).

Leader: Christine Smith.

Exploring Belper's ancient deer park and discovering remnants of the town's medieval past. Some steep paths and steps: stout footwear needed.

22nd (2pm) Exploring Belper Cemetery

Start: Belper Cemetery Entrance, Matlock Road (DE56 1EP).

Leaders: Adrian Farmer and Beki Howey.

Discover how Belper's beautiful hillside cemetery was created, some of the people who are buried there, and where Oliver Reed stood during the filming of *Women in Love* in 1968. Includes a look inside the chapel. Some steep and uneven climbs. **Sorry, no dogs.**

29th (2pm) The Strutt Community

Start: Strutt's North Mill (DE56 1YD).

Leader: Brian Deer

A walk around the Rows and Clusters of the Strutt community. Includes access to a Strutt-built house – 7 Long Row. **Sorry, no dogs.**

AUGUST

5th (2pm) Turnpike to the Workhouse

Start: 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.

12th (2pm) Around Duffield

Start: St Alkmund's Church car park (DE56 4BA).

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.



19th (2pm) Quarries and Buildings - NEW!

Start: Strutt's North Mill (DE56 1YD).

Leader: Brian Deer

Brand new walk, looking at where stone was found to build the mills and surrounding settlements in this part of the Derwent Valley.

26th (2pm) A Taste of Belper's History

Start: 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

2nd (2pm) Into the Depths! - NEW!

Start: Strutt's North Mill (DE56 1YD).

Leader: Dawn Churchill.

A longer countryside walk through the Depth O' Lumb, where you will encounter Romans and witches alongside stunning views. Suitable clothing and footwear required.

9th (2pm) From Channels to Mills

Start: Strutt's North Mill (DE56 1YD).

Leader: Brian Deer.

A new route for exploring Belper's hidden channels and footpaths. Includes steep climbs which may be slippery if wet. A chance to discover the town's off-road routes.

16th (2pm) Iron and Morley Park - NEW!

Start: Park Road, Heage, by the Windmill Inn (DE56 2AB).

Leader: Graham Hutchinson.

A brand new three-mile walk following the route of some horse drawn tramways, and visiting the 18th century blast furnaces which used locally mined iron ore and coal to make castings and also pig iron, which was sent to Ambergate to be processed into wrought iron. Some muddy places.

23rd (2pm) Around Denby - NEW!

Start: Outside Denby Pottery Visitor Centre tea rooms (DE5 8NX).

Leader: Dawn Churchill.

A walk around John Flamsteed's village, crammed with history and industrial heritage. Village based but some countryside paths.

30th (2pm) Around Wirksworth

Start: Wirksworth Market Place (DE4 4ET).

Leader: John Morrissey.

A walk of about two miles showing the development of an untypical English town through one thousand years.



OCTOBER

7th (2pm) Belper and Morley Park Railway

Start: Openwoodgate Crossroads (DE56 0SD).

Leader: Trevor Griffin.

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

14th (2pm) Wyver Lane and the Range

Start: Strutt's North Mill (DE56 1YD).

Leader: Brian Deer.

A chance to explore the west side of the River Derwent, including early industrial housing and one of the biggest firing ranges in use during the First World War.

21st (2pm) Around Openwoodgate

Start: 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'.

WORLD HERITAGE SITE DISCOVERY DAYS 2018

(Booking recommended on 01629 536831 or email info@derwentvalleymills.org)

28th October (Sunday, 2pm) Old Cow Hill

Start: Market Place, Belper (DE56 1FZ).

Leader: Dawn Churchill.

A look at this fascinating area of Belper that housed cows in medieval times but later became the focus of nail-making and heavy industry. Mainly streets but footpaths through The Parks and quite steep at times.

29th (Monday, 2pm) In and around St John's Chapel

Start: St John's Chapel, The Butts, Belper (DE56 1HX).

Leader: Mary Smedley.

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.

30th (Tuesday, 2pm) Heritage at Risk – Darley Abbey - NEW!

Start: Darley Street Car Park, Darley Abbey (entrance opposite The Abbey Pub, DE22 1DX).

Leader: Brian Deer.

Take a look at some of the historic buildings recently surveyed by Brian and others as part of a **Heritage at Risk** review in the Derwent Valley.

31st (Wednesday, 2pm) Places of Worship - NEW!

Start: Market Place, Belper (DE56 1FZ).

Leader: Dawn Churchill.

A brand new tour around Belper's fascinating churches and chapels past and present, some of which will be open for you to look inside and talk to the people involved. Town paths, but sometimes uphill.

NOVEMBER

1st (Thursday, 2pm) The Great Belper High Street

Start: Belper Market Place, Belper (DE56 1FZ).

Leader: Adrian Farmer.

Find out how Belper's history contributed to the town's Great British High Street win in 2014, and the stories behind the development of the town centre and its shops.

2nd (Friday, 2pm) Heritage at Risk – Derby and Little Chester - NEW!

Start: Outside Derby Local Studies Library, Full St/ Derwent St corner, Derby, DE1 3AF).

Leader: Brian Deer.

Take a look at some of the historic buildings recently surveyed by Brian and others as part of a **Heritage at Risk** review in the Derwent Valley.

DECEMBER

26th (Wednesday, 2pm) Boxing Day Heritage Walk

Start: 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 2019

1st (Tuesday, 2pm) New Year's Day Heritage Walk

Start: Strutt's North Mill (DE56 1YD).

Leader: Dawn Churchill.

A town-based walk, looking at the history of entertainment in Belper and much more. Includes refreshments at the end of the walk, in the Unitarian Chapel.

