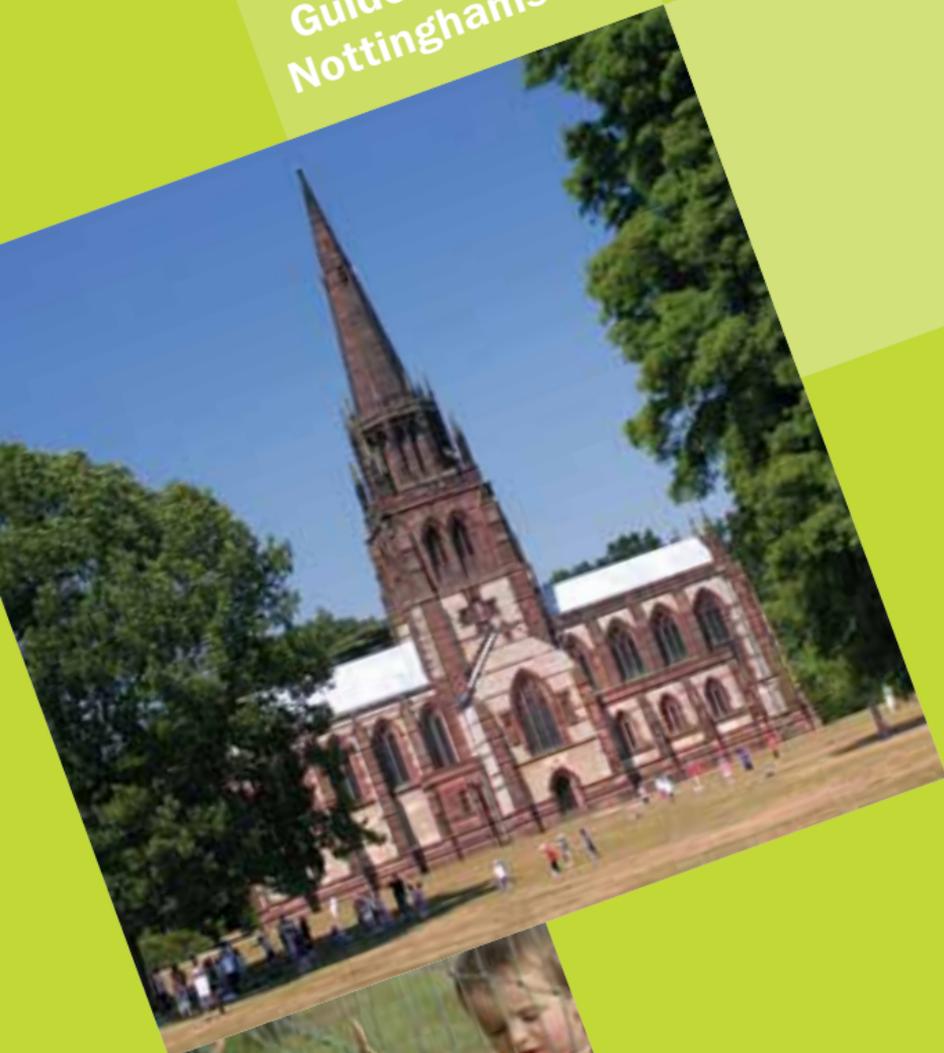


# The Essential Guide to North Nottinghamshire



# Discover Bassetlaw



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**Tradition has it that the sighting of a swallow or a flowering lilac is the first indication that spring has arrived.**

In Bassetlaw, however, the first sign that spring is just around the corner is heralded by the annual Hodscock Snowdrop Festival. This event attracts visitors from far and wide to see the millions of snowdrops in fragrant winter borders.

The height of summer is the time when musical, artistic and cultural activities are staged throughout the district and the rural villages of Bassetlaw abound with summer festivities. Many residents open their gardens to the public and stage spectacular village events. A leisurely walk along the Chesterfield Canal is probably one of the best ways to enjoy a long summer evening, stopping to sample the delights of one the many picturesque pubs along the way.

As evenings draw in and the leaves turn to gold, the stunning autumnal displays seen in Clumber Park can easily rival those of America's New England states. Probably the most enjoyable way to appreciate the colours is by hiring a bicycle from the centrally located National Trust Hire Shop within the park. Elsewhere the villages again come into their own with unique Flower, Ploughing and Harvest Festivals details of which can be found at Retford Tourist Information Centre.

The onset of cold winter evenings mean the year is almost at an end. But the district is alive with seasonal concerts and festive celebrations. The light switching on ceremonies in Retford and Worksop are annual events as are Santa's boat trips on the Chesterfield Canal.

No matter what time of year you plan to visit this picturesque district of North Nottinghamshire you can be assured of the warmest of welcomes.



**A Place for  
all Seasons**



**One of the oldest boroughs in England, the first documentary evidence of Retford is found in the Domesday Survey of 1086.**

The borough of East Retford was established by King Henry I in 1105 and was granted a Royal Charter by Henry III in 1246. The town continues to celebrate Charter Day each May Day Bank Holiday. During the 18th and 19th centuries East and West Retford prospered. A stroll around the town reveals fine Georgian and Victorian frontages and a large number of former coaching inns that bear witness to this prosperity.

For those wishing to learn more about this lovely market town, visit Retford Tourist Information Centre on Grove Street, and pick up a free copy of the Retford Heritage Trail. The trail offers two circular walks that lead you through the town and encourage you to appreciate the architecture and the fascinating facts you may miss if you fail to look closely.

## Shopping in Retford

The historic market town of Retford was granted its first charter (the right to hold a fair) by Henry III in 1246 and this was extended in 1275 by Edward I to allow a Saturday market: a tradition that continues today. Retford offers a variety of markets, located on the recently refurbished Market Square, as well as an impressive range of traditional high street and independent shops.

The very popular open-air market is held in the market square each Thursday and Saturday. On the third Saturday of every month, Retford plays host to a popular farmers' market where a variety of local produce is on sale. On Fridays, browsers can seek out bargains at the antiques and bric-a-brac market.

# Retford



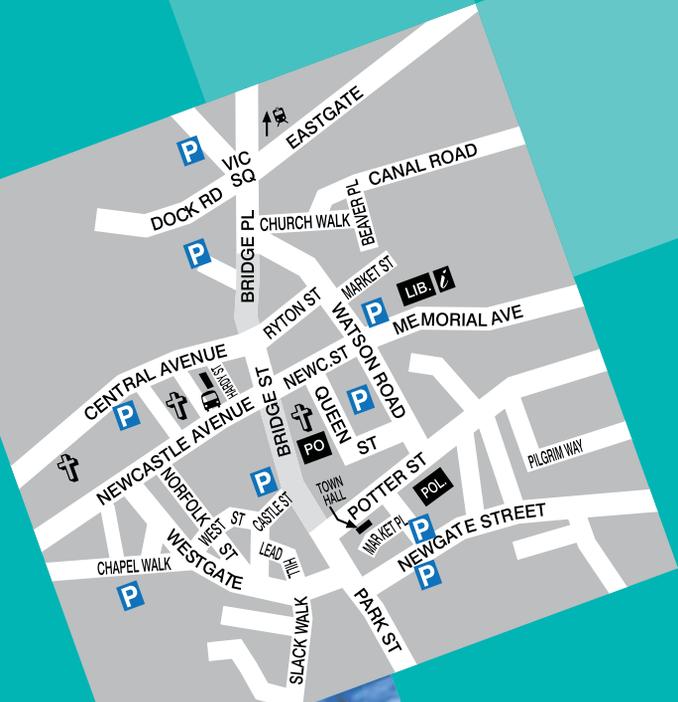
The town's history dates back to Anglo-Saxon times and Workshop was granted a Royal Charter in 1296.

Its architecture is dominated by Workshop's Augustinian Priory of St Cuthbert and St Mary which was founded in 1103. Today, the surviving part of the Priory consists of the nave, western front and twin towers which date from the second half of the 12th century. Workshop's development was influenced first by agriculture and later by industries, particularly mining. The town was boosted by the building of the Chesterfield Canal (completed in 1777) and the arrival of the Great Central Railway in 1849, which attracted trade, commerce and people into the area.

You can discover the town's hidden history by picking up a copy of the Workshop Town Heritage Trail from the Tourist Information Centre. The trail leads you to interpretation panels throughout the town, offering historic facts about Workshop's Priory in 1120, through to the Castle in the 1540's and the Chesterfield Canal in the 1800's.

### Shopping in Workshop

Workshop is a thriving market town with a pedestrian precinct at its centre. High street shops are interspersed with local stores where families have traded for generations. The busy open air street market takes place every Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, turning Bridge Street and Bridge Place into a bustling thoroughfare.



# Workshop





# Historical Bassetlaw



## Gateway to the Dukeries

In the 19th century the name 'the Dukeries' was given to the area of North Nottinghamshire where palaces and vast estates had been created against the backdrop of Sherwood Forest.

For four hundred years from 1550 to 1950, these estates were owned by some of the highest and most powerful families in the land.

Using Worksop as a centre it is possible to explore what remains of some of these estates. Some have been turned into hotels: Thoresby Hall and Hodsock Priory for example; some have extensive parkland to explore and enjoy, Clumber Park and Rufford Abbey Country Park are fine examples.

Although many parts of Welbeck Abbey remain a private residential home, there are a small number of guided tours arranged throughout the year. Please visit the Harley Gallery website [www.harleygallery.co.uk](http://www.harleygallery.co.uk) for more information. To learn more about the fascinating history of the Dukeries visit the Worksop Heritage Trail: [www.worksopheritagetrail.org.uk](http://www.worksopheritagetrail.org.uk)

## Home of the Pilgrim Fathers

The villages of Scrooby, Babworth, Sturton-le Steeple and neighbouring Austerfield are steeped in the history of the Separatists who later became known as the Pilgrim Fathers. It was here that the beginnings of religious Separatism are to be found for it was in 1607 that two of the original separatists, a Scrooby postmaster named William Brewster and a parson from Babworth called Richard Clyfton joined dozens of other religious pilgrims to start a new life in Holland and then in 1620 the pilgrims set sail on the Mayflower to America.

Retrace the footsteps of the Pilgrim Fathers by following the Mayflower Trail, a circular tour of 38-40 miles visiting the historic villages and sites of Pilgrim Fathers' Country. To learn more about the Pilgrim Fathers visit [www.pilgrimfathersorigins.org](http://www.pilgrimfathersorigins.org)

Alternatively, if you are looking for a tailor-made tour, well known novelist and historian Sue Allen gives individual tours that make history come alive. Please call **01673 878 398** or visit [www.mayflowermaid.com](http://www.mayflowermaid.com)

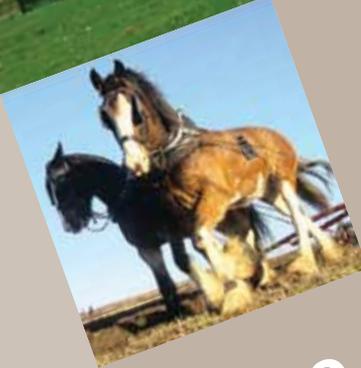
**Bassetlaw boasts a number of delightful villages with traditional values. Many of these picturesque places feature in the county's competition for Best Kept Village.**

A leisurely walk around these villages, incorporating a visit to the local pub is the best way to appreciate this more tranquil pace of life. Be sure to ask Retford Tourist Information Centre for a listing of the Open Gardens programme which takes place over the summer; several private home-owners open their residences to the public to share their gardening tips. Many of the villages have summer fetes, ploughing matches and scarecrow festivals.

The villages of **Babworth**, **Scrooby** and **Sturton Le Steeple** have connections to the Pilgrim Fathers and have detailed interpretation panels telling the story.

The village of **Beckingham** has an attractive village green with a carved barn owl as its focal point and **Blyth** was described as a large and handsome village with a dignified air. **Clayworth** has a most interesting church and together with its neighbour **Wiseton**, boasts beautiful walks along the Chesterfield Canal. **Everton** is a typical country village with a delightful square at the Western end of Church Street. **Gringley-on-the-Hill** with its panoramic vista, is worth visiting for the view alone. **Hayton** is another quaint village on the banks of the Chesterfield Canal.

**Laneham** and **Church Laneham** nestle close to the banks of the River Trent and boast a number of attractive 18th and 19th century buildings. **Tuxford**, is a small town with a working windmill, steeped in history from its former role as a coaching stop for travellers on the Great North Road. **West Stockwith** is a picturesque village where the Chesterfield Canal and the rivers Idle and Trent meet and **Cuckney**, **East Markham**, **North and South Wheatley** and **North and South Leverton** are all worth visiting.



**Picturesque Villages**



**There is no shortage of places and attractions to visit in the district of Bassetlaw.**

Families will enjoy Sundown Adventureland and Wetlands Animal Park and those with a taste for nostalgia will find Bassetlaw Museum and Mr Straw's House fascinating.

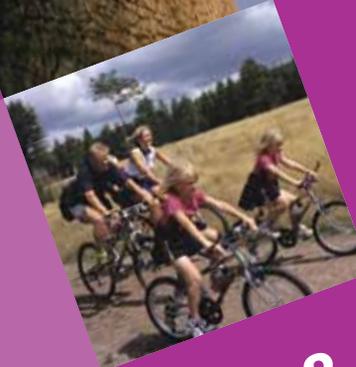
If you are looking to do something totally unique, what about booking a course at the School of Artisan Food at Welbeck? It offers a range of short courses in everything from cheese making to cider brewing through to artisan ice cream making. Courses range from one day through to one year Advanced Diploma courses. Please visit [www.schoolofartisanfood.org](http://www.schoolofartisanfood.org) for more details.

Thaymar Ice Cream and Farm Shop, at Houghton Park Farm near Bothamsall also welcomes groups by prior arrangement, allowing visitors to see (and taste) hand-made ice cream being created. Further details can be found at [www.thaymar.co.uk](http://www.thaymar.co.uk)

Bassetlaw's location, with neighbours Derbyshire, Lincolnshire, and South Yorkshire means there are countless other attractions to visit that are only a few miles away.

The myths and legends associated with Robin Hood are waiting to be discovered at Sherwood Forest. The Visitor Centre is located at Edwinstowe just 12 miles away. Rufford Abbey and the Beth Shalom Holocaust Centre are just a short drive away into the district of Newark and Sherwood. The Tropical Butterfly House and Gainsborough Old Hall are also popular places for families to visit.

The dramatic coastlines of Lincolnshire and Yorkshire are nearby and the breathtaking Peak District National Park provides a spectacularly different contrast of England's countryside.



**Out & About**





## Babworth Church

Off A620 Babworth, Near Retford, Notts

**t:** 01777 860 780

This very important church features prominently on the Mayflower Trail as the origins of Separatism are closely connected with Babworth. The church lies in a delightful glade some 400 meters from the road. There is limited space for coach and car parking.

### Opening Times:

Key available

*See notice in porch or call Retford Tourist Information to make arrangements*

### Admission:

Free



## Bassetlaw Museum

Amcott House, 40 Grove Street  
Retford, Notts DN22 6JU

**t:** 01777 713 749

**e:** [bassetlaw.museum@bassetlaw.gov.uk](mailto:bassetlaw.museum@bassetlaw.gov.uk)

**w:** [www.bassetlawmuseum.org.uk](http://www.bassetlawmuseum.org.uk)

Refurbished and extended in 2008, Bassetlaw Museum tells the story of local life, work and war from the earliest times to the 21st Century. The Rural Heritage Centre tells the story of farming and rural craft industries in Bassetlaw.

### Opening Times:

Mon - Sat 10:00 - 16:30

*Closed Sun & Bank Hols*

### Admission:

Free



## Captain Jack's Adventure

Chancery Lane, Retford DN22 6DF

**t:** 01777 869 966

**e:** [sallycaptainj@googlemail.com](mailto:sallycaptainj@googlemail.com)

**w:** [www.captainjacksadventure.co.uk](http://www.captainjacksadventure.co.uk)

An indoor play centre offering a safe, fun environment, with a separate toddler and junior soft play area we are able to provide a safe exciting play experience for all under 13's. Various party packages available, please call or see website for details.

### Opening Times:

Daily 10:00 - 18:00

### Admission:

£4.25 Peak

£3.25 Off Peak



## The Chesterfield Canal

Chesterfield Canal Trust, Hollingwood Hub,  
22 Works Road, Chesterfield S43 2PF

**t:** 01246 477 569

**w:** [www.chesterfield-canal-trust.org.uk](http://www.chesterfield-canal-trust.org.uk)

From Shireoaks in the south of the District, through to West Stockwith in the North, the towpaths along the Chesterfield Canal offer some of the finest walks in Nottinghamshire.

### Boat Trips:

Boat trips run along the Bassetlaw stretch of the Chesterfield Canal on selected weekends and bank holidays including Santa's Specials in December.

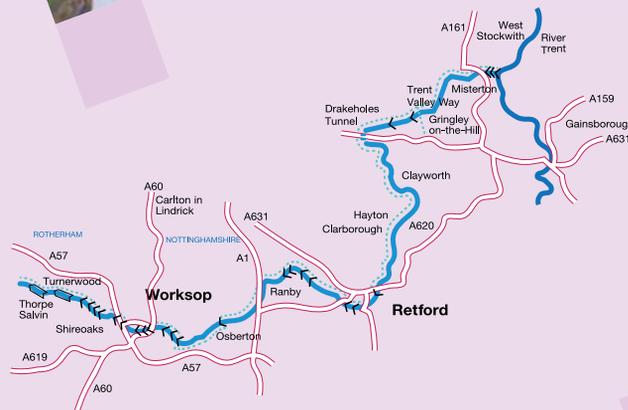
**For more information, please visit the website or contact:**

**t:** 07925 851 569

From the attractive marina at Shireoaks enjoy a gentle 4 mile walk along the tow path. Meanwhile in Worksop, capital of the Dukeries, exciting plans are evolving for a renaissance of the town centre's canal-side areas. Town Lock in the centre of Retford is the first narrow lock on the canal from the River Trent, and is situated at the head of the canal wharf.

From Clayworth one can enjoy a circular walk along the canal whilst in Drakeholes, a seat outside the White Swan Inn offers the chance to watch boats pass through the tunnel under Cuckoo Hill. At West Stockwith, the canal joins the River Trent from where boats can travel to all parts of the country.

The Trust runs a range of activities, including two passenger trip boats, a volunteer working party, canal events and generally assists in the restoration of the canal. Annual membership is inexpensive, and benefits include regular copies of members' award-winning magazine Cuckoo.





## Clumber Park

National Trust Estate Office  
Clumber Park, Worksop, Notts S80 3AZ

**t:** 01909 544 917

**e:** clumberpark@nationaltrust.org.uk

**w:** www.nationaltrust.org.uk/clumberpark

Arguably the jewel in Bassetlaw's tourism crown, Clumber Park was once the country estate of the Dukes of Newcastle. Today Clumber offers the freedom to discover a ducal park and provides a haven for wildlife within glimpses of its grand past. With 3,800 acres of picturesque parkland and gardens, peaceful woodlands and a magnificent lake to enjoy, there's plenty of space to explore and relax with your family and friends.

### Opening Times:

- Clumber Park
- Discovery Centre
- Shop and Cafe
- Cycle Hire

Are all open daily throughout the year

- Walled Garden

March to October

### Admission:

Please check website for current admission prices and special events.

Many clues to the splendour of the past remain, including the classical bridge, Gothic style chapel (often described as a cathedral in miniature), the longest double avenue of lime trees in Europe and the four acre Walled Kitchen Garden, with at 450ft long, the longest glass house in Trust care.

The Park attracts about 700,000 visitors a year. It has a café, restaurant, plant centre, cycle hire, woodland play park and a huge range of events from guided walks to open air concerts. The Discovery Centre offers visitors a chance to find out more about the park's amazing array of wildlife with a changing programme of events and exhibitions throughout the year and kids can let off steam in the woodland play park.

Bike riding is a big attraction and bikes are available for hire at Clumber for all the family. There are numerous trails around the park ranging from a trail around the lake suitable for little legs to demanding off road ones. If you like getting outdoors and closer to nature you can now stay in the heart of Sherwood Forest in one of the park's camping cabins, yurts or pitch up your own tent to enjoy a night under the stars

The award winning Barkers Restaurant has recently opened to great acclaim, a fine dining experience offering morning coffee, lunch and afternoon tea. Voted in The Times Top Thirty Places for Sunday lunch and winner of the UK Property design award for Best Leisure Interior Barkers is an ideal venue for a special occasion or celebration.



## Clayworth, St. Peter's Church

Clayworth, Near Retford, Notts DN22 9AB

**w:** www.stpetersclayworth.org

St. Peter's is a stunningly beautiful 12th Century Church, home of some carefully restored Phoebe Traquair murals. It is a popular location for concerts, and holds an annual flower festival and garden party. Many visitors come by boat along the Chesterfield Canal and maps of towpath walks are available from the Church.

### Opening Times:

During daylight hours

### Admission:

Free



## Creswell Crags Museum & Education Centre

Crags Road, Welbeck, Worksop S80 3LH

**t:** 01909 720 378

**e:** info@creswell-crags.org.uk

**w:** www.creswell-crags.org.uk

Creswell Crags was among the most northerly places on earth to have been visited by our ancient ancestors, a story that is unique on a European and world scale. It is home to Britain's only known Ice Age Rock Art. Walk around the gorge, visit the museum and education centre and participate in the site tours and a calendar of special events. Country park and wildlife reserve.

### Opening Times:

Please visit the website

### Admission:

Museum free. Group tours available, call for details.



## Idle Valley Nature Reserve

North Road, Retford, Notts DN22 8RQ

**t:** 01777 713 945

**w:** www.nottinghamshirewildlife.org/idlevalley

The reserve has 16km of paths including a 2.5km route suitable for pushchairs and wheelchair users. It is a Site of Special Scientific Interest with woodland, wetland and grassland making it particularly important for birds. Light refreshments and weekend café. Varied events programme including walks and talks.

### Opening Times:

Daily 10:00 - 16:00

### Admission:

Free



## Daneshill Lakes Local Nature Reserve

Daneshill Road, Lound  
Near Retford, Notts DN22 8RB

**w:** [www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk](http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk)

### Opening Times:

Daily 08:00 - 20:00  
March to October

*Till dusk during winter*

### Admission:

Free

These extensive lakes are important for over-wintering wildfowl. Other habitats at the site include mixed scrub and birch woodland, which supports a wide range of bird species, butterflies and wildflowers including a variety of orchids. Good numbers of willow warbler, whitethroat and blackcap are present in summer, and in winter siskin, water rail and goldcrest may be seen. A range of wildfowl appears outside the breeding season. This is also a good site for damselflies and dragonflies, and grass snakes are present but rarely sighted.

The grasslands are currently being further developed for their conservation benefits. This and other conservation tasks are undertaken by volunteers. Dogs allowed on site if on a lead. There is a network of recently upgraded surfaced paths allowing access to the site for everyone, including people with restricted mobility.

As well as general access the site is used by a sailing club and a fishing club that leases the main lake. Day fishing is permitted on the car park lake, with tickets available from Ranskill Newsagent.



## Kids Zone

3 Albion Place, Worksop, Notts S80 1RA

**t:** 01909 500 058

**e:** [enquiries@kidszoneplay.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@kidszoneplay.co.uk)

**w:** [www.kidszoneplay.co.uk](http://www.kidszoneplay.co.uk)

Children's indoor soft play centre, separate junior and toddler areas. Café offering drinks, meals and snacks. Large seated viewing area overlooking the play frames.

Available for private hire, please call or visit the website for further details.

### Opening Times:

Please visit the website

### Admission:

£3.75 Per Child  
Adults & U1's Free  
£2.50 Toddler Off Peak



## Langold Country Park

Church Street, Langold, Notts S81 9NW

**t:** 01909 533 488

**e:** [parks@bassetlaw.gov.uk](mailto:parks@bassetlaw.gov.uk)

Located 5 miles to the north of Worksop is the village of Langold. Entrance to the Park can be made from the A60 or from Church Street in Langold. The Park covers an area of 300 acres of parkland made up of woodland, walks, wildlife meadows areas for recreation with play facilities, snack sites and two lakes. It makes an ideal place to spend a restful few hours.

### Opening Times:

Daily 09:00 - 20:00

*Or till dusk*

### Admission:

Free

*Car parking charge applicable*

## Kings Park

Retford, Notts

**t:** 01909 533 488

**e:** [parks@bassetlaw.gov.uk](mailto:parks@bassetlaw.gov.uk)

Covering an area of over 10 hectares, Kings Park recently joined an elite group of parks and green spaces sites by achieving 'Green Flag' status.

This very attractive park boasts manicured lawns which are contrasted by a section of wildlife garden and impressive water features. The wildlife gardens are home to an impressive array of birds and wildlife, including Nuthatches, Thrushes and Pipistrelle Bats. You may even be lucky enough to spot Tawny Owls resting during the day or a Woodpecker flitting between the trees.

Situated right in the centre of town, with the River Idle flowing through it, it is perfect for long leisurely walks to admire the colourful flower displays and open green spaces.

The park's pavilion is open during the Summer months and provides access to the bowling green, tennis court and toilet facilities and offers a range of refreshments.

The park is host to many events throughout the year, including Retford Charter Day on May Day. Facilities include a children's play area, skateboard park, multi use ball court, tennis courts and bowling green.



### Opening Times:

Daily 09:00 - 20:00

*Or till dusk*

### Admission:

Free





### Mattersey Priory (Ruin)

English Heritage Mattersey  
Near Retford, Notts

**t:** 0870 333 1181  
**e:** [customers@english-heritage.org.uk](mailto:customers@english-heritage.org.uk)  
**w:** [www.english-heritage.org.uk](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk)

**Opening Times:**  
Any reasonable time

**Admission:**  
Free

The remains, mainly the 13th-century refectory and kitchen, of a small monastery for just six Gilbertine canons - the only wholly English monastic order. This is an English Heritage site. Has disabled access (if accompanied) but no disabled toilets.



### North Leverton Windmill

Mill Lane, North Leverton  
Near Retford, Notts DN22 0BA

**t:** 01427 880 254  
**e:** [info@north-leverton-windmill.co.uk](mailto:info@north-leverton-windmill.co.uk)  
**w:** [www.north-leverton-windmill.co.uk](http://www.north-leverton-windmill.co.uk)

**Opening Times:**  
Saturday 10:00 - 17:00  
*Or till 15:00 in winter*

**Admission:**  
Free

A unique windmill that has never stopped milling. Stone-ground flour always available. Guided tours by a friendly miller available on request.

Open at other times by appointment, please call for details.



### Memorial Gardens and The Canch

Worksop, Notts

**t:** 01909 533 488  
**e:** [parks@bassetlaw.gov.uk](mailto:parks@bassetlaw.gov.uk)

**Opening Times:**  
Daily 09:00 - 20:00  
*Or till dusk*

**Admission:**  
Free

This park is just a short walk from the imposing Worksop Priory. Substantial improvements took place in 2011 to include upgraded lighting, new pathways and bridges and additional play facilities. These now include a moving water play area, new skateboard park and Adidas Sports Zone.



### St. Swithun's Church

Cannon Square, Retford, Notts

**w:** [www.stswithuns.ratm.org.uk](http://www.stswithuns.ratm.org.uk)

**Opening Times:**  
Please visit the website

**Admission:**  
Free

The stunning architecture of St. Swithun's Church dominates Retford's skyline. It is located in the very centre of the market town adjacent to the landmark Cannon, (captured in 1855 at the Battle of Sebastopol and brought to Retford four years later as a memorial to the Crimean War) from which the square takes its name.

The first recorded reference in history to a church in East Retford comes from 1258, although it is certain that a church, possibly a wooden one, existed long before this date.

Most of St. Swithun's Church was demolished when the tower collapsed in 1651 and, today, it is mainly Victorian restoration that can be seen, along with some fine Victorian stained-glass by Kempe - amongst others.

However, the fourteenth century Lady Chapel remains, together with fragments of medieval stained-glass in one of the windows.

The church building is open for tourists and visitors on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays (subject to volunteers). You will be sure of a warm welcome from the team of "Welcomers", most of whom belong to the "Friends of St. Swithun's Church". Tea and coffee is also available.



### Mr Straw's House

7 Blyth Grove, Worksop, Notts S81 0JG

**t:** 01909 482 380  
**e:** [mrstrawhouse@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:mrstrawhouse@nationaltrust.org.uk)  
**w:** [www.nationaltrust.org.uk](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk)  
**w:** [www.facebook.com/mrstrawhouse](http://www.facebook.com/mrstrawhouse)

**Opening Times:**  
Tues - Sat 11:00 - 16:00  
13 March to 27 October  
*Closed Bank Holidays*

**Admission:**  
Please visit the website

Furnished and decorated to the fashionable taste of Florence Straw in the 1920s, the house was occupied and maintained by her devoted sons. 7 Blyth Grove is an ordinary turned extraordinary Edwardian semi, frozen in time. With knowledgeable, friendly guides, this must-see, life-sized time capsule is a rare treat for welcomed guests.





### Sundown Adventureland

Treswell Road, Rampton  
Near Retford, Notts DN22 0HX

**t:** 01777 248 274  
**e:** info@sundownadventureland.co.uk  
**w:** www.sundownadventureland.co.uk

#### Opening Times:

Daily from 10:00

*Closing times shown at  
entrance, earliest time 16:00*

#### Admission:

Please visit the website

The theme park exclusively designed for the under tens. A magical adventureland of train and tractor rides, pirates adventure and smuggler's coves. Adventure play areas, cafes and shops. Disabled access and toilets. Open from mid February to Christmas Eve.



### Tuxford Windmill

Retford Road, Tuxford, Notts NG22 0NW

**t:** 01777 871 202  
**e:** info@tuxford-windmill.co.uk  
**w:** www.tuxford-windmill.co.uk

#### Opening Times:

Thur - Mon 10:00 - 16:30

*Closed Tues & Weds*

#### Admission:

Free

A 200 year old working windmill sitting in beautiful grounds where you can enjoy the windmill's home baked cakes, scones, freshly baked rolls and delicious coffee and tea. Seasonal calendar of events and regular opportunities to meet the miller and even enrol on bread-making courses. Disabled access and toilets. Group and education visits available by prior arrangement.



### Walks of Life Heritage Centre

33 Lincoln Road, Tuxford, Notts NG22 0HR

**t:** 01777 870 427

#### Opening Times:

By Prior Appointment

#### Admission:

£1.50 Adult  
£1.00 Concession  
£0.75 Child 5-16 years

From a 'milk pram' to a knife-grinders' cart, this collection of old trade hand carts is social history on wheels. For 'old uns' a trip down memory lane; for youngsters, an education.

Group visits available from 5 - 45 people.



### Wetlands Animal Park

Sutton Cum Lound, Near Retford  
Notts DN22 8SB

**t:** 01777 818 099  
**e:** info@wetlandsanimalpark.co.uk  
**w:** www.wetlandsanimalpark.co.uk

#### Opening Times:

Daily 10:30 - 17:00

*Last admission 16:30*

#### Admission:

Please visit the website for current prices including family and group tickets.

Wetlands has a wide selection of exotic residents from all over the world. Here you have the chance to see, hear, smell, touch and even feed most of our collection. You can see at close quarters the cheeky monkeys, elegant deer, lovable wallabies and chatty meerkat collection to name but a few.

Take part in the animal handling experiences during the school holidays with Noodles our friendly Skunk and Meela the meerkat, or get up close and personal with Barney our barn owl.

Wetlands Animal Park surrounds two lakes full of natural wildlife and incorporates a natural woodland area for those who prefer a more sedate experience of the park.

With free ample parking, cafe, gift shop, picnic and play areas and access to all enclosures for wheelchairs and disabled visitors. Disabled toilet facilities on site.



### Worksop Priory Church and Gatehouse

Priorswell Road, Worksop, Notts S80 2BU

**t:** 01909 472 180  
**e:** vicarworksoppriory@tiscali.co.uk  
**w:** www.worksoppriory.co.uk

#### Opening Times:

Daily 09:30 - 12:30

#### Admission:

Free

The ancient Priory Church founded in 1103, has a superb traditional Norman Nave and an early English Lady Chapel. Its 14th century gatehouse is quite unique.

## The Arts in Bassetlaw

Bassetlaw District Council works in partnership with the local community to develop creative opportunities, projects and a host of annual events throughout the district including an annual Arts Festival that brings together local amateur and professional artists offering free public workshops, exhibitions and performances across Bassetlaw.

Bassetlaw is fortunate to have a very professional local theatre company in its midst. Talegate Theatre is an exciting company within the field of theatre, theatre in education and events! Specialising in pantomime they make use of the genre in all of their work. They regularly put on performances throughout the district at hotels and open spaces ranging from traditional family fun pantomimes to educational shows using larger than life characters, songs and interaction. Please visit the website [www.talegatetheatre.co.uk](http://www.talegatetheatre.co.uk) or telephone 01777 708 333.

On the Welbeck Estate, The Harley Foundation, a charitable trust, was set up to promote the visual arts and crafts and to ensure the continuation of specialist craft skills in an age of mass production. Over the last thirty years the Foundation has developed three studio blocks for artists as well as an Art Gallery, Museum and Café.

Both the Harley Gallery and Percy Laws Gallery at Bassetlaw Museum present an exciting calendar of exhibitions, workshops and events.



Theatres  
& Galleries





### Percy Laws Gallery at Bassetlaw Museum

Amcott House, 40 Grove Street  
Retford, Notts DN22 6JU

**t:** 01777 713 749  
**e:** [bassetlaw.museum@bassetlaw.gov.uk](mailto:bassetlaw.museum@bassetlaw.gov.uk)  
**w:** [www.bassetlawmuseum.org.uk](http://www.bassetlawmuseum.org.uk)

The Percy Laws Memorial Gallery, named after a prominent local artist and photographer, houses the museum's art exhibitions.

There are a variety of exhibitions throughout the year, visit the website for latest news.

#### Opening Times:

Mon - Sat 10:00 - 16:30

*Closed Sun & Bank Hols*

#### Admission:

Free



### Majestic Theatre

Coronation Street, Retford, Notts, DN22 6DX

**t:** 01777 706 866  
**w:** [www.majesticretford.com](http://www.majesticretford.com)

This 1927 theatre has now been lovingly restored and renovated to its former glory.

The theatre stages a mix of plays, concerts, opera and ballet throughout the year. Backstage tours available. Licensed bar.

#### Box Office Open:

Mon - Sat 10:00 - 14:00



### The Harley Gallery

Welbeck, Worksop, Notts S80 3LW

**t:** 01909 501 700  
**e:** [info@harleygallery.co.uk](mailto:info@harleygallery.co.uk)  
**w:** [www.harleygallery.co.uk](http://www.harleygallery.co.uk)

The Harley Gallery shows a changing programme of contemporary art, design and photography exhibitions, alongside a nationally renowned craft shop. There is a vibrant annual programme of events and activities. Rest a while at the Lime House Café and complete your visit by browsing the award winning Welbeck Farm Shop.

#### Opening Times:

Mon - Sat 10:00 - 17:00

Sun 10:00 - 17:30

#### Admission:

Free



### Music @ the Crossing

c/o The Crossing Church & Centre  
Newcastle Street, Worksop, Notts S80 2AT

**t:** 01909 475 421  
**e:** [info@musicatthecrossing.co.uk](mailto:info@musicatthecrossing.co.uk)  
**w:** [www.crossingmusic.org](http://www.crossingmusic.org)

A regular (2-3 per month) public concert programme in the 300 seat concert hall facility at The Crossing. Features high standard professional and amateur musicians in a programme of brass bands, jazz bands, period instruments, organists, pianists, small string and brass ensembles. Part of Worksop's 'Town Centre Arts' with the adjacent Acorn Theatre.

#### Opening Times:

Tickets available from The  
Crossing Welcome Desk  
Mon - Fri 09:00 - 17:00

*Or till 16:00 on Saturday*



### The Acorn Theatre

Queen Street, Worksop, Notts S80 2AN

**t:** 01909 501 817  
**e:** [info@acorntheatre.net](mailto:info@acorntheatre.net)  
**w:** [www.acorntheatre.net](http://www.acorntheatre.net)

A 200 seat theatre right in Worksop's town centre. Home of dance, drama, musical theatre and folk events ('AcornFolk'). Events by talented amateur organisations and professional touring bodies.

Available for hire for artistic events by community organisations.

#### Opening Times:

Visit the website for  
the current programme  
of events



### Retford Little Theatre

Wharf Road, Retford, Notts DN22 6EN

**t:** 01777 702 002  
**e:** [boxoffice@rlt.org.uk](mailto:boxoffice@rlt.org.uk)  
**w:** [www.rlt.org.uk](http://www.rlt.org.uk)

Founded in 1941, Retford Little Theatre is an amateur drama group, housed in its own purpose-built theatre. Five plays are presented each season (from September to May) with extras in the form of platform productions, visiting companies and social events. Licensed bar, teas and coffees available.

#### Opening Times:

Please visit the website



### Country lanes, towpaths, bridleways and cycle routes are abundant in Bassetlaw.

The main off-road cycling route is the Millennium Cycle Way Route 6 (York to Derby) which enters Bassetlaw via the Chesterfield Canal before crossing into Clumber Park and then passing through the heart of Sherwood Forest on its way to Nottingham. For shorter cycling routes visit Clumber Park (cycles available to hire) for its way marked routes. Virtually the entire Chesterfield Canal Cuckoo Way towpath is accessible within the District.

Bassetlaw District Council Sports Development Team deliver an excellent standard of service creating opportunities through sport and physical activity to improve the health and well-being of residents and visitors to Bassetlaw who are encouraged to take part.

In addition to producing walking leaflets (available at Retford Tourist Information Centre), the team organises themed walks and festivals throughout the year. For further information, please visit the Sports and Leisure section at [www.bassetlaw.gov.uk](http://www.bassetlaw.gov.uk)

Other local maps and trails covering the Bassetlaw area are produced by Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust. A visit to the Leisure section on Nottinghamshire County Council's website [www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk](http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk) will lead to pages with maps to download such as Cycling in Bassetlaw and more information on rights of way and horse riding.



Sports  
& Leisure



### Bircotes Leisure Centre

Whitehouse Road, Bircotes, DN11 8EF

**t:** 01302 743 979

**w:** [www.bpl.org.uk/bassetlaw](http://www.bpl.org.uk/bassetlaw)

#### Opening Times:

Visit the website for details of opening times and admission prices

Bircotes Leisure Centre hosts a variety of facilities providing the perfect mix of sporting and leisure activities. The swimming pool caters for all manner of sessions, including early morning swims, family swimming, adult relaxation and fun swims. The fitness classes range from Yoga to Aqua Aerobics and there is a wealth of sports based activities for children, including swimming, gymnastics, trampolining classes, gym tots, dance, junior squash and badminton.



### North Notts Community Arena

Eastgate, Worksop, Notts S80 1QS

**t:** 01909 480 164

**w:** [www.nnca.info](http://www.nnca.info)

#### Opening Times:

Mon - Fri 09:00 - 23:00  
Sat - Sun 10:00 - 17:00

#### Admission:

Please visit the website

Multi-purpose community arena catering for exhibitions, functions, children's parties and a wide variety of sports, indoor bowls, basketball, football and snooker. Bar and Café. Has disabled access and toilets.



### Retford Leisure Centre

Old Hall Drive, Retford, Notts DN22 7EA

**t:** 01777 706 500

**w:** [www.bpl.org.uk/bassetlaw](http://www.bpl.org.uk/bassetlaw)

#### Opening Times:

Visit the website for details of opening times and admission prices

Retford Leisure Centre boasts fantastic facilities that will meet all of your fitness and leisure needs. In addition to the 25 metre swimming pool there is a 12 metre training pool onsite, perfect for building up confidence and technique. The Fitness Suite provides all the resistance and cardiovascular machines needed for the perfect gym based workout and Steam Room and Sauna facilities. A number of fitness classes are available including, Pilates, Latino Aerobics, Zumba, Yoga and Boxercise.



### Hallcroft Fishery

Hallcroft Road, Retford, Notts DN22 7RA

**t:** 01777 710 448

**e:** [fishing@hallcroftfishery.co.uk](mailto:fishing@hallcroftfishery.co.uk)

**w:** [www.hallcroftfishery.co.uk](http://www.hallcroftfishery.co.uk)

#### Opening Times:

Summer 07:00 - 20:00  
Winter 07:30 - Dusk

#### Admission:

Day Ticket £6.00  
Concessions £5.00

A total of 6 lakes and a small stretch of the River Idle that can accommodate up to 400 anglers. Camping Pitches & Touring Facilities, Cafeteria with licensed bar, serving breakfasts, snacks and after match food. Shower block and on-site well stocked Tackle shop. Has disabled toilets.



### Worksop Leisure Centre

Valley Road, Worksop, Notts S81 7EN

**t:** 01909 473 937

**w:** [www.bpl.org.uk/bassetlaw](http://www.bpl.org.uk/bassetlaw)

#### Opening Times:

Visit the website for details of opening times and admission prices

The fitness suite at Worksop Leisure Centre caters to every need with a great mix of resistance and cardiovascular machines. There is also Steam Room and Sauna facilities and an Aerobic Studio with fitness classes including Bums N Tums, Zumba, Body Tone, Belly Dancing, Tai Chi and more. The Centre has a heated 25 metre swimming pool and a 12 metre training pool.



### Lakeside Fishery

Access Road, Ranskill  
Near Retford, Notts DN22 8LW

**t:** 01777 818 524

**e:** [lakesidefishery@btinternet.com](mailto:lakesidefishery@btinternet.com)

**w:** [www.lakesidefishery.net](http://www.lakesidefishery.net)

#### Opening Times:

Daily 06:45 - Dusk

#### Admission:

Please visit the website

There are five lakes at Lakeside Fishery comprising of a 40-peg Match Lake, two pleasure lakes, a specimen lake and even a fly lake. The Match Lake holds carp to double figures, skimmers, tench, roach, bream, rudd, chub and crucians, providing year-round sport. Café. Disabled access but no disabled toilets.



### Bondhay Golf Club

Bondhay Lane, Whitwell Common  
Worksop, Notts S80 3EH

**t:** 01909 723 608  
**e:** enquiries@bondhaygolfclub.com  
**w:** www.bondhaygolfclub.com

#### Opening Times:

Open all year round

#### Admission:

Please visit the website

Set in the heart of the Dukeries, forming part of the Chatsworth Estate, Bondhay's idyllic location makes it the perfect setting for a fabulous round of golf. Whether you are here to challenge our Championship Standard Course, to use our Par 3 Academy Course or to enjoy a corporate or wedding function, you will find the warmest of welcomes at Bondhay Golf Club.



### College Pines Golf Club

Worksop College Drive, Worksop  
Notts S80 3AL

**t:** 01909 501 431  
**e:** snelljunior@btinternet.com  
**w:** www.collegepinesgolfclub.co.uk

#### Opening Times:

Open every day  
except Christmas Day

#### Admission:

Please visit the website

College Pines is a well established, 18 hole heathland course set amid the idyllic surroundings of Clumber Park and Worksop College.

Designed and operated by former international golfer David Snell and his family, College Pines Golf Club provides everything for the enthusiastic golfer.

With a friendly atmosphere, good facilities, full greens every day, plus your choice of tee we truly are "the home of all year round golf" Driving Range, Pro Shop, club repairs, golf tuition, buggy hire, putting green & pitching area, clubhouse, bar & restaurant. Has disabled access and toilets.



### Lindrick Golf Club

Lindrick Common, Worksop, Notts S81 8BH

**t:** 01909 475 282  
**e:** info@lindrickgolfclub.co.uk  
**w:** www.lindrickgolfclub.co.uk

#### Opening Times:

Please visit the website  
for up to date times  
and prices

Considered one of Britain's finest inland courses, the Lindrick course is unusual in that it finishes with a Par 3, rated by some as one of the best finishing holes in golf.

One of that rare breed of courses – a Ryder Cup venue – indeed the last course to host a GB and I victory, in 1957, Lindrick continues to be recognised as one of the great courses in British golf.

It is a course that remains in superb condition all year round and whilst demanding, is always fair and enjoyable.

Professional's shop. Restaurant and bar.  
Dining room and bar for visiting golfers.  
Limited disabled access and disabled toilets.



### Kilton Forest Golf Course

Blyth Road, Worksop, Notts S81 0TL

**t:** 01909 486 563  
**w:** www.bpl.org.uk/bassetlaw

#### Opening Times:

Mon - Sat 07:00 - 19:00  
Sat - Sun 06:30 - 19:00

*During winter, times may differ*

#### Admission:

Please visit the website

Kilton Forest is built on sandy land, allowing for year round golf due to the excellent drainage. The 18 hole par 72 course is both challenging and friendly to experienced and novice golfers alike and visitors are most welcome to 'pay and play'. The course boasts a superb landscaped putting green and chipping area. Buggy hire is available. Lessons can be booked with the PGA qualified Golf Professional. The clubhouse has a fully licensed bar, TV lounge and dining room.





### Retford Golf Club

Brecks Road, Retford, Notts DN22 7UA

**t:** 01777 703 733  
**e:** pop1and1.co.uk  
**w:** www.retfordgolfclub.co.uk

18 hole course in picturesque setting with fairways meandering through mature woodlands. Professional shop, buggy hire, putting green. Restaurant and bar for visiting golfers.

Please check tee availability before arriving.

#### Opening Times:

Mon - Fri 08:00 - Dusk  
*Excluding Tuesday mornings*

Weekends 12:00 - Dusk  
*Includes Bank Holidays*

#### Admission:

Please visit the website



### Styrrup Hall Golf & Country Club

Main Street, Styrrup  
 South Yorkshire DN11 8NB

**t:** 01302 759 933 - Club House  
**t:** 01302 751 112 - Golf  
**e:** office@styrrupgolf.co.uk  
**w:** www.styrrupgolf.co.uk

The par 73, 6745 yards course, from the white tees, is challenging and well-presented having matured substantially since its opening in 2000.

The excellent drainage guarantees play all year round, giving the course a good reputation both locally and further afield.

18 hole golf course with a 14 bay driving range. Golf Buggies. Shop and PGA tuition. Bar & Restaurant. Enjoy eating in the bar overlooking the golf course or, weather permitting in the summer months, sit out on the patio overlooking the pond and woodlands.

Non-Members are welcome.

Banqueting / Conference facilities are also available, please call for further details.

#### Opening Times:

Open daily  
 Golf from 08:00  
 Club House from 10:30

#### Admission:

Please visit the website



### College Farm Equestrian Centre

College Farm, West Markham  
 Tuxford, Notts NG22 0GT

**t:** 01777 870 886  
**e:** enquiries@collegefarm.co.uk  
**w:** www.collegefarm.co.uk

Hacking and lessons to suit all abilities. BHS & ABRS Approved Centre. 2 large floodlit, outdoor, all-weather manages. Outdoor show jumping manage with show jumps already set up. Quality British Show Jumping Association jumps and a wall are available together with a 22 jump cross-country course. 30 seat classroom. Shower and changing room.

#### Opening Times:

Daily 08:30 - 20:30

#### Admission:

Please visit the website



### Grove House Stables Equestrian Centre

Grove Wood Road, Misterton, Doncaster  
 South Yorkshire DN10 4EF

**t:** 01427 890 802 / 01427 890 478  
**e:** ghs1991@aol.com  
**w:** www.grovehousestables.co.uk

Comprehensive equestrian training from hourly lessons through to examination courses. 35 horses & ponies, 1 indoor arena, 1 floodlit outdoor arena, show jumping paddock & 2 heated Lecture Rooms. Regular activity days for adults and children, approved Pony Club Centre, with a team of experienced, well qualified instructors and staff.

#### Opening Times:

Please visit the website for opening times and prices



### Vale of York Polo Club

Highwood Farm, Misson, Doncaster  
 South Yorkshire DN10 6EP

**t:** 07788 426 968  
**e:** info@valeofyorkpoloclub.co.uk  
**w:** www.valeofyorkpoloclub.co.uk

The Vale of York Polo School structures lessons to suit all ages and abilities. The landscaped parkland, lakes and woodland offer stunning scenery and riding. Lessons are available six days a week, throughout the year, with an HPA Qualified Polo Coach. Non-riders are welcome. Student lessons start from £25, adult from £40, all lessons are a minimum 1 hour, price includes pony and all equipment.

#### Opening Times:

Please visit the website for opening times and prices

**The area referred to as the Trent Vale comprises 76 villages following the course of the River Trent in Nottinghamshire and Lincolnshire.**

Trent Vale offers everything from guided walks, cycle routes, nature reserves, historic buildings, beautiful landscapes and fantastic pubs and restaurants.

There are many ways to explore the Trent Vale, whether on foot, bike or boat. Discover the network of circular walks, historic dwellings and nature reserves, cycle the heritage trails or try boating or fishing.

Trent Vale supports a wonderful world of wildlife to explore. With the largest area of reedbed in the region, a mosaic of traditional farmland and pockets of nationally important habitat, it supports a wide diversity of species.

Partners working in the Trent Vale are creating new habitats and enhancing existing ones to improve the landscape for wildlife, including creating, restoring or managing hundreds of hectares of new grassland and reedbed. Farmers, landowners and community groups are also being encouraged to manage their land for wildlife through the Trent Vale grants scheme. This work all contributes to increasing diversity and makes the Trent Vale more suitable for key species such as otter and water vole. To find out more, please visit [www.trentvale.co.uk](http://www.trentvale.co.uk)



**Discover  
Trent Vale**



**The new, state-of-the-art Savoy Cinema, located on Bridge Street boasts the latest 3D and digital technology over six air conditioned auditoriums.**

The cinema's opening heralds a renaissance of exciting projects designed to revitalize the town. For cinema listings, please visit [www.savoyworksop.co.uk](http://www.savoyworksop.co.uk)

Building the cinema on what was previously the Market Square, necessitated moving Workshop Market; this has proved to be a very positive move as each Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, Bridge Street and Bridge Place are transformed into a vibrant street market, popular with traders and shoppers alike.

The Civic Square has been created to complement the approach to the cinema, perfect for town centre events. New bars and restaurants have opened in the immediate vicinity breathing life into the top part of town. Elsewhere, Workshop Creative Village is an ambitious plan to see old buildings restored and converted into offices and studios for creative industries such as graphic design, craft workshops and photography.

Workshop Waterside (The Canch) sees further improvements to the park, including landscaping, a new bridge, and piazza area to hold events. The project is complemented by towpath improvements to the Chesterfield Canal, making it possible to walk from Shireoaks through to Workshop town centre.

### What People are Saying:

**"As someone who is passionate about increasing visitors to the area, I am delighted that Workshop is getting a well-deserved facelift. We have so much to offer to visitors in The Dukeries, and the cinema is a very welcome addition to Workshop town centre."**

**Joan Brown** - Proprietor of Browns of Holbeck [www.brownscholbeck.co.uk](http://www.brownscholbeck.co.uk)

**"I recognised that moving the market onto Bridge Street would be a tremendous boost for the town, prompting me to relocate my shop here and I've seen a substantial increase in turnover. Chatting to my customers it is also clear that the town is drawing visitors from outside the area."**

**John Poxon** - J P Meats, 54 Bridge Street

**"I live in Northumberland and am staying with relatives nearby. I've seen a lot of improvements to the town since I last visited three years ago. What hasn't changed is the warmth and humour of the Workshop people."**

**Judy Walters** - Blyth, Northumberland



**Workshop's Renaissance**

**When choosing your accommodation in North Nottinghamshire, quality assurance ratings give you an indication of what you can expect to find.**

Star-ratings are determined by the services and facilities provided for guests, but also by the quality of the welcome, service and hospitality of the staff, the food and the cleanliness. Having an official star-rating system helps potential guests know what to expect before they arrive.

VisitEngland's unique Gold and Silver awards are given in recognition of exceptional quality within a property's star rating, or for out performing a star rating. There is also a Breakfast Award for businesses where the owners, managers, chefs and staff have gone the extra mile to ensure the breakfast will exceed expectations.

Bassetlaw District Council is unable to provide a guarantee on the accommodation offered. If there is cause for complaint, please notify the proprietor immediately.

### VisitEngland Ratings Made Easy

- ★ Simple, practical, no frills
- ★★ Well presented and well run
- ★★★ Good level of quality and comfort
- ★★★★ Excellent standard throughout
- ★★★★★ Exceptional with a degree of luxury

**Where  
to Stay**





### 4 Churchgate

4 Churchgate, Retford, Notts DN22 6PA

**t:** 07760 223 316  
**e:** [acestates123@aol.com](mailto:acestates123@aol.com)  
**w:** [www.rooms-in-retford.co.uk](http://www.rooms-in-retford.co.uk)

Luxury en-suite accommodation next to St Swithun's Church, Retford town centre. Digital TV/DVD, fridge, microwave, tea/coffee making facilities, Wi-Fi enabled. Rates include free overnight parking.

#### Self Catering

#### Rates from:

£35.00 Single  
 £40.00 Double  
 £140.00 Weekly



### Best Western The Charnwood Hotel

Sheffield Road, Blyth, Notts S81 8HF

**t:** 01909 591 610  
**e:** [reservations@thecharnwood.com](mailto:reservations@thecharnwood.com)  
**w:** [www.thecharnwood.com](http://www.thecharnwood.com)

Located in the picturesque village of Blyth. 45 tastefully designed en-suite bedrooms with free Wi-Fi. Landscaped gardens and ample parking. Lounge bar and fine-dining restaurant.

#### Star Rating:

★★★ Hotel

#### Rates from:

£55.00 Single  
 £70.00 Twin / Double  
 £85.00 Executive



### Angel Inn

Dame Lane, Misson, Near Doncaster  
 South Yorkshire DN10 6EB

**t:** 01302 711 761  
**e:** [info@angel-misson.co.uk](mailto:info@angel-misson.co.uk)  
**w:** [www.angel-misson.co.uk](http://www.angel-misson.co.uk)

Village pub with stylish comfortable en-suite rooms nestled to the rear of the pub. We serve beautiful, locally sourced food, freshly prepared 'from scratch'.

#### Star Rating:

★★★ Inn

#### Rates from:

£59.00 Twin  
 £79.00 Double



### Best Western West Retford Hotel

24 North Road, Retford, Notts DN22 7XG

**t:** 01777 706 333  
**e:** [reservations@westretfordhotel.co.uk](mailto:reservations@westretfordhotel.co.uk)  
**w:** [www.westretfordhotel.co.uk](http://www.westretfordhotel.co.uk)

Located in the historic market town of Retford this hotel gives guests the chance to relax inside and out. Whether you want to explore the local area or the four acres of beautifully landscaped gardens that surround the hotel, you'll be able to feast your eyes on stunning views throughout your stay. When you return to the hotel, you'll enjoy a luxurious dining experience in our Candlewicks Restaurant.

#### Star Rating:

★★★ Hotel

#### Rates from:

£105.00 Single  
 £125.00 Twin / Double  
 £145.00 Family



### Best Western Lion Hotel

112 - 114 Bridge Street  
 Worksop, Notts S80 1HT

**t:** 01909 477 925  
**e:** [reception@thelionworksop.co.uk](mailto:reception@thelionworksop.co.uk)  
**w:** [www.thelionworksop.co.uk](http://www.thelionworksop.co.uk)

An old coaching inn dating back to before 1601 with 46 en-suite bedrooms, fine dining restaurant, grill room and bar. Five conference and event rooms. Situated in the market town of Worksop.

#### Star Rating:

★★★ Hotel

#### Rates from:

Please visit the website.



### Blaco Hill Farm

Mattersey, Doncaster DN10 5HQ

**t:** 01777 817 254  
**e:** [aaleefarms@aol.com](mailto:aaleefarms@aol.com)  
**w:** [www.blacohillcottages.co.uk](http://www.blacohillcottages.co.uk)

Seven tastefully converted cottages that are very well equipped including Wi-Fi. Set around a courtyard on a working arable farm. Quiet rural location with ample walking and fishing on the farm.

#### Star Rating:

★★★★ Self Catering

#### Rates from:

Please visit our website for current seasonal rates and availability.



### Blue Barn Cottage

Langwith, Mansfield, Notts NG20 9JD

**t:** 01623 742 248  
**e:** bluebarnfarm@supanet.com  
**w:** www.bluebarn-notts.co.uk

**Star Rating:**  
 ★★ Self Catering

**Rates from:**  
 £550.00 Per Week  
 £175.00 Weekend  
 £175.00 Short Breaks

Warm, well-equipped cottage with fully fitted breakfast kitchen, dining room, large lounge, downstairs utility room with washer/dryer and shower/toilet. A combination of double bedrooms and twin/family rooms gives flexible accommodation for up to 9 people.



### Blue Barn Farm

Langwith, Mansfield, Notts NG20 9JD

**t:** 01623 742 248  
**e:** bluebarnfarm@supanet.com  
**w:** www.bluebarn-notts.co.uk

**Star Rating:**  
 ★★★ Bed & Breakfast

**Rates from:**  
 £30.00 Per Person  
*No single occupancy supplement*

A warm welcome to our family home. Easily accessible from M1 (J30) and A1. Many places of interest just a short car journey away including Sherwood Forest and the Peak District.



### Bluebell Inn

Town Street, Lound, Retford, Notts DN22 8RT

**t:** 01777 818 457  
**e:** info@bluebellinnretford.co.uk  
**w:** www.bluebellinnretford.co.uk

**Bed & Breakfast**

**Rates from:**  
 £49.00 Single  
 £59.00 Twin / Double

An excellent bed and breakfast with Inn, located in the rural village of Lound close to wildlife centres. All three en-suite rooms have been carefully converted from barns and stables and are finished to the highest standards. The spacious rooms boast ground floor access, TV with DVD player, tea and coffee making facilities and fridge. Ample off street parking.



### Browns

The Old Orchard Cottage, Holbeck Lane  
 Holbeck, Worksop, Notts S80 3NF

**t:** 01909 720 659  
**e:** browns.holbeck@btconnect.com  
**w:** www.brownsholbeck.co.uk

**Star Rating:**  
 ★★★★★ Gold Award  
 Bed & Breakfast

**Rates from:**  
 £59.00 Single  
 £79.00 Twin / Double

Cross over the ford in the driveway and stay somewhere secluded. 1730 country cottage, three en-suite garden rooms with four poster beds and are stylishly decorated to high standards. Perfect for exploring the Dukeries and Creswell Craggs.



### Church Spa

High Street, East Markham, Notts NG22 0RE

**t:** 01777 871 811  
**e:** info@churchspa.co.uk  
**w:** www.churchspa.co.uk

**Boutique Spa**

**Rates from:**  
 Please visit the website

A late 19th century former Methodist church restored in this luxurious and peaceful spa with sumptuous accommodation. An oasis of exclusive relaxation facilities and treatments.

Please visit the website for inclusive accommodation and treatment packages.



### Clumber Park Hotel and Spa

Blyth Road, Clumber Park, Notts S80 3PA

**t:** 01623 835 333  
**e:** enquiries@clumberparkhotel.com  
**w:** www.clumberparkhotel.com

**Star Rating:**  
 ★★★ Hotel

**Rates from:**  
 Please visit the website

Set in peaceful surroundings, The Clumber Park Hotel & Spa has undergone a significant transformation over recent years. All 73 rooms, including a mixture of Clumber and Executive rooms, have cotton duvets with comfort pillows, flat screen TV's and DVD Players. New Leaf Spa and indoor swimming pool. Courtyard Restaurant and Normanton Inn.



### Diamond House

South Leverton, Notts DN22 0TY

### Dunham House

Dunham on Trent, Notts NG22 0TU

**t:** 07940 166 692  
**e:** chris@diamondhouse.org.uk  
**w:** www.dunhamhouse.co.uk

**Star Rating:**  
 ★★ Self Catering

**Rates from:**  
 Please visit our website for up to date rates and availability.

Beautifully restored country house available for parties, family reunions, friends, birthdays and celebrations. The central location makes it ideal as a gathering place for people from all over the UK. Quiet retreat for business and pleasure. Set in private grounds.



### Ginny's Barn

Orchard Hill Farm, Top Street, Askham Newark, Notts NG22 0RR

**t:** 01777 838 246  
**e:** sue@orchardhillfarm.co.uk  
**w:** www.orchardhillfarm.co.uk

**Star Rating:**  
 ★★★★★ Self Catering

**Rates from:**  
 Please visit our website for up to date rates and availability.

Delightful barn with character and modern living, including under-floor heating. Wi-Fi available. Situated on a family-run livestock farm. Located just 300m walk from the old village with pub food. Open all year.



### Dukeries Park Hotel

29 Park Street, Worksop, Notts S80 1HW

**t:** 01909 476 674  
**e:** dukeriespark@btconnect.com  
**w:** www.dukeriesparkhotel.co.uk

Hotel

**Rates from:**  
 £45.00 Single  
 £65.00 Double  
 £70.00 Twin  
 £75.00 Family

A small, family run hotel, The Dukeries Park Hotel offers en-suite accommodation, breakfast room, lounge bar and gated car park. Our best attention is assured at all times.



### Home Farm & Lodge

High Street, Austerfield South Yorkshire DN10 6QU

**t:** 07516 102 676  
**e:** homefarmandlodge@yahoo.co.uk  
**w:** www.homefarmandlodge.co.uk

Bed & Breakfast

**Rates from:**  
 £35.00 Single  
 £65.00 Double

Luxury self-contained suites in a barn conversion, overlooking gardens and outside seating area in Austerfield, near Bawtry. Off-road parking available and credit cards accepted.



### Enfield Cottages

Blyth Road, Oldcotes, Worksop, Notts S81 8JL

**t:** 01909 540 225  
**e:** enfieldcottages@talktalk.net  
**w:** www.enfieldcottages.com

**Star Rating:**  
 ★★ Self Catering

**Rates from:**  
 £250.00 Weekly  
 £180.00 Midweek  
 £180.00 Short Breaks

3 star, high quality, self-catering holiday-let cottages particularly suited for those with mobility problems. Situated in a picturesque village surrounded by open fields and within a 2 minute drive of local amenities and shops.



### Tanamara Guest House

167 Moorgate, Retford, Notts DN22 6TL

**t:** 01777 706 447

Guest House

**Rates from:**  
 £25.00 Per Person

The Tanamara Guest House offers a warm and personal welcome to its guests. The central location makes it ideal for exploring the historic town of Retford by foot and for those who do have a car there is a large free car park. TV in all rooms, tea and coffee making facilities. Special diets are catered for.



### The Barns Country Guest House

Morton Farm, Morton, Babworth  
Retford, Notts DN22 8HA

**t:** 01777 706 336  
**e:** enquiries@thebarns.co.uk  
**w:** www.thebarns.co.uk

**Star Rating:**  
★★★★ Guest House

**Rates from:**  
£39.00 Single  
£64.00 Double  
£70.00 Twin  
£85.00 Family

Tastefully converted 18th century barns with excellent en-suite accommodation. Situated on the B6420 between the A1 and Retford, the rural position provides a peaceful overnight haven. Private parking.



### Ye Olde Bell Hotel & Restaurant

Barby Moor, Retford, Notts DN22 8QS

**t:** 01777 705 121  
**e:** enquiries@yeoldebell-hotel.co.uk  
**w:** www.yeoldebell-hotel.co.uk

**Star Rating:**  
★★★★ Hotel

**Rates from:**  
£105.00 Single  
£150.00 Twin / Double

Passionately restored to combine traditional style with contemporary luxury. Stunning bedrooms, suites and 4-posters. Disabled facilities and ground floor bedrooms. Stylish 1650 Restaurant plus Bistro-by-the-Bar with log fires and Garden Terrace Bar. Fitness suite free to residents. Beauty Suite.



### The Courtyard at Hodsock Priory

Hodsock, Blyth, Notts S81 0TY

**t:** 01909 591 204  
**e:** courtyard@hodsockpriory.com  
**w:** www.hodsockpriory.com

**Star Rating:**  
★★★★★ Bed & Breakfast

**Rates from:**  
£80.00 - £150.00  
*Dependent on dates and room*

Nestled in the grounds of historic Hodsock Priory, the five star B&B suites are decorated with plush, luxurious fabrics. Each apartment has a kitchenette, flat screen TV and comfy sofas and a terrace for guests to enjoy the views of the Estate. Double and twin rooms available. Dedicated rooms for disabled guests with facilities including wet room, grab rails and widened doors. Dogs welcome (charge applies).



### Clumber Park Campsite

National Trust Estate Office, Clumber Park  
Worksop, Notts S80 3AZ

**t:** 01909 506 581  
**e:** clumber.camping@nationaltrust.org.uk  
**w:** www.nationaltrust.org.uk/clumberpark

**Camp Site**

**Rates from:**  
Visit the website  
for current prices  
and availability.

Stay in the heart of Clumber Park in one of our camping cabins, yurts or pitch your own tent and explore all that Clumber has to offer.

**Pitches:** 38 camping cabins, 3 pods,  
3 wigwams and 1 yurt.



### Woodend Farm Guesthouse

Cuckney, Mansfield, Notts NG20 9NR

**t:** 01623 844 339  
**e:** info@woodendguesthouse.co.uk  
**w:** www.woodendguesthouse.co.uk

**Guest House**

**Rates from:**  
£40.00 Per Person

Built around 1700 and lovingly restored, Woodend Farmhouse is situated on The Duke of Portlands Welbeck Estate, providing quality Bed & Breakfast for the discerning traveller. 3 individually styled rooms including 4 poster or sleigh bed. Wi-Fi access.



### Greenacres Caravan Park

Lincoln Road, Tuxford, Newark, Notts NG22 0JN

**t:** 01777 870 264  
**e:** stay@greenacres-tuxford.co.uk  
**w:** www.greenacres-tuxford.co.uk

**Caravan Park**

**Rates from:**  
£17.00 Per Night

Family owned and run and more suited to adults. An ideal base to explore Robin Hood country. Fountain Hotel and Pub within easy walking distance. Open Mid-March to end October.

**Pitches:** 27 touring caravan, 10 camping,  
39 static units to hire.



Caravan Park

**Rates from:**  
£7.00 Per Night

### Hallcroft Fishery and Caravan Park

Hallcroft Road, Retford, Notts DN22 7RA

**t:** 01777 710 448  
**e:** fishing@hallcroftfishery.co.uk  
**w:** www.hallcroftfishery.co.uk

Situated on the outskirts of the market town of Retford. Ample space for campers. Ideal for fishing enthusiasts with its 5 lakes. Open for 11 months. Disabled facilities.

**Pitches:** 15 touring caravan/motorhome, 20 camping, 50 static units to hire.



Caravan Park

**Rates from:**  
£17.00 Per Night

### Orchard Park (3 Pennants)

Marnham Road, Tuxford, Newark  
Notts NG22 0PY

**t:** 01777 870 228  
**e:** info@orchardcaravanpark.co.uk  
**w:** www.orchardcaravanpark.co.uk

A quiet park for caravans and tents, in a mature fruit orchard on the outskirts of Tuxford. Electric hook-ups, heated shower block, children's play trail. Open mid-March to mid-November.

**Pitches:** 60 touring caravan/motorhome and camping pitches.



Caravan Park

**Rates from:**  
£9.00 Per Night

### Pilgrim Fathers Caravan Site

Orchard Bungalow, Saracens Lane, Scrooby  
Doncaster, South Yorkshire DN10 6AS

**t:** 01302 711 031  
**e:** ken.pickersgill875@btinternet.com

Situated in the historic village of Scrooby. A well drained grass site. Free showers and toilets, Elsan, ten hook ups, 6amp. Dogs on leash welcome. The Pilgrim Fathers pub is just a stroll away.

**Pitches:** 25 touring caravan/motorhome, 10 camping.



Camp Site

**Rates:** Call for details.

### Rhubarb Farm

Hardwick Street, Nether Langwith NG20 9DR

**t:** 07527 929 592  
**e:** jennie@rhubarbfarm.co.uk  
**w:** www.rhubarbfarm.co.uk

Rhubarb Farm is located on the edge of Nether Langwith. Lovely walks from the site, walk leader can be provided on request. Outdoor pizza oven. Facilities on site are basic, with composting toilet. One Yurt, sleeps 4-5.



Caravan Park

**From:** £12.00 Per Night

### Riverside Caravan Park

Central Avenue, Worksop, Notts S80 1ER

**t:** 01909 474 118

Attractive landscaped park on level ground with hard standing pitches. Canal walks adjacent. Ideal site for families. Close to Clumber Park and Sherwood Forest. Open all year.

**Pitches:** 60 caravan all with electric hook up.



Caravan Park

**From:** £16.00 Per Night

### Trentfield Farm (3 Pennants)

Trentfield Farm, Church Laneham, Notts DN22 0NJ

**t:** 01777 228 651  
**e:** bookings@trentfield.co.uk  
**w:** www.trentfield.co.uk

Peaceful and idyllic on the banks of The River Trent. Excellent local pub serving food. Ideal for visiting local attractions. Booking is not essential. Open March - November.

**Pitches:** 25 caravan and 25 camping pitches.



Caravan Park

**From:** £10.00 Per Night

### Whitehouse Farm Camping and Caravanning

Haxey Road, Misterton, Doncaster DN10 4BA

**t:** 01427 890 482  
**e:** whitehousefarm@aol.com  
**w:** www.whitehousefarmcamping.co.uk

Quiet level site. Children's play area. Fishing pond on site. Excellent for walking and cycling. Pub, golf course and riding stables close by.

**Pitches:** 50 touring caravan, 10 camping.



# Travel Information

## By Air

**Robin Hood Airport Doncaster Sheffield:** 30 minutes drive  
**t:** +44 (0) 871 220 2210 **w:** [www.robinhoodairport.com](http://www.robinhoodairport.com)

**East Midlands Airport:** 30 minutes drive  
**t:** +44 (0) 1332 852 852 **w:** [www.eastmidlandsairport.com](http://www.eastmidlandsairport.com)

**Manchester Airport:** 90 minutes drive  
**t:** +44 (0) 8712 710 711 **w:** [www.manchesterairport.co.uk](http://www.manchesterairport.co.uk)

**Birmingham Airport:** 90 minutes drive  
**t:** +44 (0) 871 222 0072 **w:** [www.bhx.co.uk](http://www.bhx.co.uk)

## By Car

Central Bassetlaw is crossed by the A1 and M1: Worksop (A57) and Retford (A638) from the South - A620 from the North.

**Doncaster:** 30 minutes      **Birmingham:** 90 minutes  
**Sheffield:** 30 minutes      **London:** 180 minutes

## By Rail

### Worksop and Retford Rail Stations

**National Rail:** **t:** 08457 484 950 **w:** [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk)

East Coast Mainline through Retford links Edinburgh, Newark, Newcastle, Peterborough, York and to London in 90 minutes. Hull Trains also run services between London and Hull stopping at Retford.

East-West rail links (between Lincoln and Sheffield) connect Retford and Worksop. Robin Hood Line provides a direct link from Worksop to Nottingham. Both Nottingham and Sheffield connect to rail links to all UK major cities.

## By Sea

**P&O Ferries** - from Hull

**t:** 08716 642 121 **w:** [www.poferries.com](http://www.poferries.com)

**Via Eurotunnel**

**t:** 08443 35 35 35 **w:** [www.eurotunnel.com](http://www.eurotunnel.com)

## By Coach

**National Express** - Daily from London to Worksop / Retford.

**t:** 08717 818 178 **w:** [www.nationalexpress.com](http://www.nationalexpress.com)

*Tickets also available from Retford Tourist Information Centre.*

Bassetlaw Tourist Information Centres are staffed by knowledgeable, local people who are able to provide assistance with advice on things to do and places to visit, accommodation bookings, local and national transport information, maps, books, souvenirs and much more.

### Retford Tourist Information Centre

40 Grove Street, Retford, Notts DN22 6LD

**t:** 01777 860 780

**e:** [retford.tourist@bassetlaw.gov.uk](mailto:retford.tourist@bassetlaw.gov.uk)

**w:** [www.bassetlaw.gov.uk](http://www.bassetlaw.gov.uk)

### Experience Nottinghamshire

The Marketing Suite, Gothic House  
Barker Gate, Nottingham NG1 1JU

**t:** 0115 962 8300

**e:** [enquiries@experiencenottinghamshire.com](mailto:enquiries@experiencenottinghamshire.com)

**w:** [www.experiencenottinghamshire.com](http://www.experiencenottinghamshire.com)

For further help and advice, visit [www.robinhoodtourism.co.uk](http://www.robinhoodtourism.co.uk) which is your 'one-stop shop' for all tourist information, provided by the North Notts Tourist Association.

Available are details of what to do, where to stay, information to plan your visit including town trails, maps, walks, cycling routes, events, eating and drinking, things to do for free, church trails, the Pilgrim Trail, the Robin Hood Trail and local history.

Useful  
Contacts





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