



# CALDERDALE VISITOR GUIDE

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# WITHOUT NOWT

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WANT TO VISIT THE COOLEST PLACE TO LIVE IN BRITAIN,  
A WINNER OF YORKSHIRE'S FAVOURITE PUB AND ONE OF  
MUSIC WEEK'S BEST LIVE MUSIC VENUE FINALISTS? YOU'LL  
FIND THEM ALL HERE IN CALDERDALE.

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Looking for beautiful countryside? Get yourself up Cragg Vale, the longest continuous incline in England. The views from the top will make the burning thighs worth it.

Prefer something a bit less strenuous? Try afternoon tea on a canal boat from Hebden Bridge and watch the world pass you by.

If adventure's your thing you can scale the highest man-made climbing wall in the UK, try mountain boarding, grass sledging, archery, snowboarding and more at any number of places in our "adrenalin hub".

Or if you're bringing the tykes, don't miss Eureka! the National Children's Museum for squishy, squashy experiences.

Our industrial heritage and stunningly intact architecture make us home to the past. Our creative spirit and commitment to all things local mean we're also home to the future. In Yorkshire we'd say we're "without nowt". Come and see for yourself, we reckon you'll think Calderdale's champion.

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Winding dry stone walls and steep-sided valleys characterise Calderdale's beautiful landscape.

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“DISCOVER CYCLE-FRIENDLY FACILITIES LIKE BIKE RACKS AND A HOSE TO WASH DOWN AT THE FOX BAR & BISTRO IN RIPPENDEN, OR BLAZING SADDLES BIKE SHOP IN HEBDEN BRIDGE. EXPERIENCE THE WIND IN YOUR HAIR (AND THE ACHES IN YOUR THIGHS) WHEN CYCLING ENGLAND’S LONGEST CONTINUOUS INCLINE, CRAGG VALE. EXPLORE THE AREA’S HISTORY, FROM WITCHES TO ROBIN HOOD, WITH CALDERDALE HERITAGE WALKS AND CALDERDALE RAMBLERS.”





# HAPPILY LOST

It took thousands of years to make scenery this magnificent. We don't suggest you take that long exploring... but then again, there's no rush.

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## A SIMPLE STROLL

Discover the Giant's Tooth at Ogden Water and you'll nearly be in Lancashire (just don't get too close!). This reservoir and country park between Halifax and Keighley has paths for an easy saunter around the reservoir edge or trails up onto the moorland for the more adventurous. Try also Jerusalem Farm Nature Reserve or download the audio tour for your very own guide to Cromwell Bottom.

Hardcastle Crag is not to be missed for its stunning woodland walks and the National Trust's flagship sustainable centre is at its heart. Gibson Mill has no connection to the national grid, so the 19th century mill has to generate its own power. Download a selection of suggested walks from the National Trust website or simply amble along some of the estate's 15 miles of paths through the 400 acres of unspoiled woodland. Can you spot a roe deer, rare green woodpecker or the hairy northern ant?

If your four-legged friend is coming along you'll be pleased to hear that pooches are welcome at many pubs and bars across Calderdale.

## FOR LONGER STOMPS

Parts of the Pennine Way – the backbone of England – cut through our spectacular scenery, both up hill and down dale. The Calderdale Way loops around several of our towns and takes you on the old packhorse ways up gritstone hillsides and through villages perched on the hilltops. See the medieval settlements of Lumbutts and Mankinholes, and join the Pennine Way at Withens Gate.

If you fancy something organised you can have a walk and learn about the area's history on one of the walking tours run by Calderdale Heritage Walks or Calderdale Ramblers. Taking around two hours, Heritage walks are themed and explore a different part of the area most Sundays, with some mid-week walks in the summer. Calderdale Ramblers also offer walks throughout the borough all year round.

We're also home to the Walkers Are Welcome initiative. Watch out for the black and gold waymarkers.



## FREE WHEELING

If you want to take in the views on a steady bike ride, why not pick up a section of Route 66 of the National Cycle Network? It takes you along the valley floor from Brighouse in the east to Warland in the west. Or you could take a trip along the towpath of the Rochdale Canal. Look out for the hawk sculpture in Mytholmroyd, created in honour of former Poet Laureate Ted Hughes who grew up nearby.

## FOR SERIOUS CYCLISTS

Feeling brave? Follow in the tracks of Le Grand Départ and attempt Cragg Vale, the longest continuous incline in England. They pulled a grand piano up it with bikes you know, all 8.35 kilometres of it. If you're wondering whether you're nearly there yet, handy markings on the road count down the distance to the finish line. Never fear, those spectacular moorland views will be worth the burning thighs.

If road riding isn't your thing but you're still up for a challenge you can go off-road on the Mary Townley Loop, part of the Pennine Bridleway. This 47 mile route mixes sweeping moorland views and a whizz past Stoodley Pike with a moorland road and a super-steep climb up Hebden Gorge. Not for the faint-hearted, although there are a clutch of pubs along the route where you can rest and ready yourself for the next exertion.

The easy access to walking and cycling routes are part of Calderdale's commitment to sustainability. Investment in facilities for bikers and walkers means we're a popular place to explore by foot or by bike. You can even lighten the load with electric bikes for hire by the day or half day. Where will you start?

Explore hundreds of miles of footpaths and bridleways on foot, by bike or in the saddle.





**This side:** Live music at The Piece Hall, Halifax  
**Opposite Side:** Todmorden Lamplighter Festival, Norland Scarecrow Festival, Hebden Bridge Arts Festival, The Tour de Yorkshire.

# TRADITIONALLY MODERN EVENTS

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**Rush carts. Puppets. Scarecrows. Pace Egg Plays. A canal-side piano for anyone to play. Bet you can't wait to find out what goes where in our jigsaw of weird and wonderful events.**

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## **SOMETHING OLD**

Have you ever seen a giant cart, covered in rushes, pulled by men in clogs and serenaded by bands and morris dancers? Thought not. Sowerby Bridge's annual Rushbearing Festival honours ancient traditions and is the only one of its kind in Yorkshire. Definitely one for the bucket list.

If more recent history is your thing, marvel at the wide range of vintage cars and bikes at the Hebden Bridge Vintage Weekend – one of Britain's best car shows according to Classic Car Weekly – or dress up and take part in the Brighouse 1940s weekend which showcases living history displays, variety shows, old aircraft and vintage cars.

## **SOMETHING NEW**

We're a generous bunch so charity galas abound in Calderdale. Try Halifax in June for its annual gala, or go in August to visit the agricultural show.

Todmorden's Country Fair features all creatures great and small, with a parade and then judging in the town's Centre Vale Park. Food, craft and produce stalls take pride of place among the judging rings, with entertainment provided by live bands.





### SOMETHING DIFFERENT

It feels like the whole village gets involved with the Norland Scarecrow Festival. Perched on the top of one of Calderdale's steep hills, a trail sheet is all you need to see the amazing efforts people go to. This is a fantastic day out combining fresh air, a good stretch of the legs and the amazing talents of the scarecrow-makers.

"What on earth is a Pace Egg Play?" I hear you ask. Well, it's a traditional village play, usually performed around Easter telling the tale of St George vanquishing all-comers. Popular for centuries before dying out around the Second World War, performances are now rare across the UK.

Calderdale is somewhat of a hub with pace egg plays performed by Mummers (actors) from Heptonstall, Midgeley, Luddenden and Hebden Bridge.

### SOMETHING BLUES

Calderdale has some of the most exciting and vibrant music venues in the country. Halifax is the home of The Grayston Unity, the UK's smallest music venue and The Piece Hall, a spectacular open air courtyard that can accommodate thousands of people. The Golden Lion in Todmorden is one of a kind - psychedelic disco? Check. Monthly UFO Club meeting? Check. Star DJs? Check. The renowned Hebden Bridge Trades Club hosts artists as diverse as Patti Smith, George Ezra, and Shonen Knife, and offers a blend of music, community activism, stand-up, and cabaret.

**"DISCOVER AWARD-WINNING GUINEA PIGS (YES REALLY) AT HALIFAX'S AGRICULTURAL SHOW. EXPERIENCE THE THRILL OF THE DUCK RACE IN HEBDEN BRIDGE. WILL YOURS WIN? EXPLORE NORLAND, NAVIGATING BY SCARECROWS AT ITS ANNUAL SCARECROW FESTIVAL"**

Hebden Bridge is also the home of the Piano Festival. Not just for connoisseurs, the organisers of this festival take care to put on events to suit everyone, from drop-in recitals to workshops and free concerts in cafés, teamed with a programme featuring internationally-acclaimed pianists. There's even a piano on a riverside terrace on which anyone can take a turn.

Away from music there are the arts festivals in Brighouse, Mytholmroyd and Hebden Bridge. In Brighouse there is art, music, photography, poetry and dance as organisers strive to put together a festival for all. Mytholmroyd hosts an annual Arts Trail, where local artists present their work in a variety of venues throughout the village. Or catch the Hebden Bridge Arts Festival, which is kicked off each year by the Handmade Parade. Workshops precede the event itself so people can get involved with making the puppets which will be the stars of the show. You can even learn to walk on stilts or samba and take part in the parade. A spectacle you can be part of and not to be missed.





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**"EXPLORE THE BARGAINS, LOCAL PRODUCE AND GREAT FOOD AND DRINK AT CALDERDALE'S MARKETS. EXPLORE INDEPENDENT SHOPS, CAFES AND BARS. THERE'S SO MANY TO CHOOSE FROM. EXPERIENCE BETTER BRED BREAD, FREE FROM ARTIFICIAL ADDITIVES AND ENZYMES, SLOW FERMENTED AND MADE USING ORGANIC FLOUR BY THE BAKEHOUSE."**

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# GLOBALLY LOCAL

We're an enterprising lot. Home to global brands as well as proudly local ones, Calderdale's wide range of local businesses reflects our traditions of independence, co-operation and individuality.

Birthplace of the Industrial Revolution, much of the Calderdale landscape developed out of industries such as textiles, with our canals replacing pack horse routes as the early motorways that allowed us to spread our wares country-wide. These days the enterprising spirit that was the making of us is alive and well.

Once dubbed "the town of a hundred trades" Halifax is now home to one of very few family-owned and run department stores, Harveys. Approaching its 100th anniversary, the store is still run by the same family.

Our community spirit is immortalised in the co-operative movement which began life in Todmorden and was resurrected more recently by Totally Locally. The vibrant social scene, from our vast numbers of events and festivals to the thriving independent social businesses – cafes, pubs, theatres, and now a community-owned town hall and pub in Hebden Bridge – speaks volumes about how we do things around here.

Calderdale's co-operative roots are alive and well in The Bakehouse, a community bakery and workers' co-op which bakes and delivers bread by bike around the borough. Put in your order and collect it from one of the community hubs they deliver to.

Markets are central to our towns, be that modern solar-powered in Sowerby Bridge or the ancient Friday market in Elland. There's also the stunning Victorian architecture of Halifax Borough Market and Todmorden Market Hall. Outdoor markets can be found in five of our towns.

Calderdale is reaching a global TV audience through the BBC/HBO historical drama 'Gentleman Jack', telling the story of 17th century landowner and industrialist Anne Lister and her ancestral home of Shibden Hall.

**Left Side.** Enjoy shopping in totally local independent shops and Calderdale's markets. Pick your own herbs and vegetables at Incredible Edible Todmorden. See Calderdale on television in the period drama 'Gentleman Jack'.





# MODESTLY MAGNIFICENT

Ominous hills and steep-sided valleys characterise Calderdale's landscape. Vibrant and welcoming communities inhabit hill-top villages and cosmopolitan towns. All are welcome in this creative and historic district, which seamlessly blends the ancient with the modern. Take a look...

At the western tip of Calderdale, **Todmorden** is perched on the Yorkshire/Lancashire border. Home to Stoodley Pike on the hilltops and Centre Vale Park on the valley floor, visit the community-owned Hippodrome Theatre or take a stroll along the canal where you can stop to see the art at the award-winning Fielden Wharf. Nearby is **Walsden**, a moorland village and the location of the George Stephenson's Summit Tunnel, one of the oldest railway tunnels in the world.

**Heptonstall** is the burial place of the leader of the notorious counterfeiters, the Cragg Vale Coiners (who hailed from nearby **Mytholmroyd**) and was the site of a battle in the English Civil War. Its museum tells both of these stories, and tragic poet Sylvia Plath is also buried in the village.

Head east to **Hebden Bridge**, renowned for being fiercely independent. Once a small stop on the packhorse routes which criss-cross Calderdale, it takes its name from the bridge over Hebden Water. Visit Hebden Bridge Mill in St George's Square, a restored watermill where you can see the giant waterwheel in the Innovation Café and Gift Shop.

Multiple Yorkshire In Bloom winner **Luddenden** is a pretty conservation village. Its pub, the Lord Nelson Inn, was frequented by Branwell Brontë while he was a railway booking clerk.

At the meeting point of two rivers – the Ryburn and Calder – and two canals – the Rochdale and the Calder and Hebble Navigation – is **Sowerby Bridge**. It's home to Tuel Lane Lock, the deepest in the UK at six metres, and many refurbished historic industrial buildings like Sowerby Bridge Wharf. The foodie scene is fantastic – try Gimbals, rated "charming" by Michelin, or stir-fry specialists Temujin, which has a Trip Advisor certificate of excellence.

Climb south to **Ripponden**, perched high up on the Pennines. From nearby a Roman road goes to Blackstone Edge (technically a mountain at 472m above sea level) and there's great walking at Baitings or Ryburn Reservoirs.







Take a stroll around **Halifax**, the UK's most complete Victorian town and proud owner of a Purple Flag for its quality night-time attractions. Marvel at the Grade II listed Town Hall's magnificent stained glass and The Piece Hall's golden stone colonnades and expansive Italian-style courtyard. And don't forget to look up to see Victorian splendour above modern façades. Easy to reach by train and Calderdale's transport hub, Halifax is the starting point for many an adventure.

“DISCOVER THE TRADITIONS OF SWEET-MAKING AT JOSEPH DOBSON'S IN ELLAND. EXPLORE CALDERDALE BY BOAT. HIRE ONE FROM SHIRE CRUISERS, HEBDEN BRIDGE CRUISES OR BRONTE BOATS. EXPERIENCE A HEAD-RUSH AT ROKT CLIMBING GYM, BRIGHOUSE.”

Spend some time in **Brighouse** – home of the famous Brighouse and Rastrick Brass Band – and you could while away the hours in the Smith Art Gallery. Don't miss the town's award-winning food and craft markets, including a special festival at Christmas. Just like nearby Elland, the town's mills have been converted and you'll find an abundance of independent shops to browse.

Some of our towns and villages have the most amazing names. **Mankinholes** is the starting point for a hike up Stoodley Pike, nearby **Lumbutts** features a 98 ft high water wheel tower, and **Friendly** near Sowerby Bridge is home to The Friendly Band which was started in 1868. You can discover **Wainstalls** and **Greetland** for yourself.

**This side.** The Rochdale Canal at Hebden Bridge, Todmorden Town Hall, Sculpture at Halifax Town Hall. **Left side.** Stained Glass at Halifax Town Hall, Wainhouse Tower the 'Tower of Spite'.







# HIDDEN IN FULL VIEW

Calderdale's history and heritage is obvious, yet easily goes unnoticed. Look up and you'll see untouched building frontages dating back centuries, look down to see original flagstones and cobbles.

Birthplace of the Industrial Revolution, our history is a rich tapestry. Pubs and churches, original pack-horse roads and the magnificent engineering feats of the canals and railways, heritage is all around you.

Stone is the language of our architecture, from the 900-year old hewn pillars in Halifax Minster to the 100-foot magnificence of the Stoodley Pike monument.

Take a rare trip up the Wainhouse Tower in Halifax, all 84 metres of it, or a stroll along the Victorian promenade built in front of it, taking in the views of the valley below.

Marvel at the demonstrations of wealth in the homes of some of our most famous families – Shibden Hall, home to the Otes, Savile and Waterhouse families and later to diarist Anne 'Gentleman Jack' Lister; and Dobroyd Castle, home to mill dynasty the Fieldens of Todmorden and now an activity centre.





**“DISCOVER MORE ABOUT OUR HISTORY WITH A GUIDED WALK FROM CALDERDALE HERITAGE WALKS OR CALDERDALE RAMBLERS. EXPLORE THE GROUNDS OF 200-YEAR OLD GIBSON MILL, UNIQUELY SELF-SUFFICIENT AND SURROUNDED BY THE BEAUTIFUL WOODLAND OF HARDCASTLE CRAGGS. EXPERIENCE BRIGHOUSE AS YOU’VE NEVER SEEN IT ON THE TOWN’S HISTORY TRAIL.”**

And speaking of the legacy of the area’s textile wealth, Halifax is home to the oldest remaining cloth hall in Britain - the Grade I listed Piece Hall. Built in 1779 for the trading of ‘pieces’ of woollen cloth, the building is now a treasure trove of high-quality boutique and unique shops, independent cafés, bars and restaurants. The stunning colonnades and central courtyard are a worthy backdrop for a huge array of events throughout the year.

The Grade I listed Minster Church of St John the Baptist is at the heart of the community in Halifax. Enjoy stunning stained glass windows, regular concerts, services and exhibitions.

Many of our municipal buildings are feats of architecture, all using our trademark stone. Visit Hebden Bridge Town Hall, now owned and operated by the community, or the Grade I listed Todmorden Town Hall – another building bearing the Fieldens’ fingerprints. Step inside to see the striking mosaic set into the corridor floor.

Blending our friendly culture and historic heritage are some of the area’s oldest pubs, such as the Old Bridge Inn in Ripponden, reputedly the oldest pub in Calderdale.

Legend has it that Robin Hood is buried on the privately-owned Kirklees Estate near Brighouse, and in Heptonstall – the site of a battle in 1643 – there are two churches sharing one graveyard. One is the Parish Church of St Thomas the Apostle and the other, the ruins of the original church of St Thomas a’ Becket. Heptonstall’s octagonal Methodist chapel is one of the oldest surviving in continuous use.

More than 10 centuries of history is all around you. Which parts will you discover?

**This side.**The Nave of Halifax Minster, Gibson Mill in Hardcastle Craggs.  
**Opposite side.** Shibden Hall in Halifax, The magnificent Piece Hall.



# EXCLUSIVELY FOR EVERYONE

You'll be spoiled for choice for activities for all the family. The only question is, will you have time to try them all?

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Up for a day of adrenaline and adventure? Or fancy kicking back and chilling out? Maybe it's discovery that takes your fancy. Here, you can do all that and more.

## MUSEUMS FOR ALL

Shrieks of delight & discovery reverberate around the building at Eureka! the National Children's Museum, where the emphasis is on learning by playing. Shed those shoes and try the Wonder Walk, a sensation for your feet with squishy, splashy and scratchy things to wander over. Or learn about how bodies work and how to look after them in the All About Me gallery. Forget no touching allowed, this is one museum where getting your hands on the exhibits is practically compulsory. You're never too old to join in you know.

The more traditional Heptonstall Museum charts the history of this hill-top village, from the prehistoric through infamous counterfeiters, the Cragg Vale Coiners, to the present day.

Wonder at the history contained within Grade II\* listed Shibden Hall, which sits within its own parkland and boasts a boating lake and café. Or if military history is your thing pay a visit to the Duke of Wellington's Regimental Museum at Bankfield Museum, Halifax.

Calderdale Industrial Museum houses a collection of industrial machinery and artefacts and a coal mining experience over four floors and hosts regular exhibitions and events.

## TAKE IT EASY

For a steadier pace of life, try the Manor Heath Park and Jungle Experience in Halifax. Run wild in the park and playgrounds, then explore the wild in the Jungle Experience. There's even an outdoor gym, so mum and dad can play on the equipment too. Go on, you know you want to! Fancy watching the world go by? Chill out on a meandering canal boat ride on the Rochdale Canal. Hebden Bridge Cruises do a







Roktface at Rokt Climbing Gym in Brighouse, Relaxing in the Upper Calder Valley, Square Chapel Arts Centre, Eureka! the National Children's Museum.

**“DISCOVER YOUR INNER CHILD AT EUREKA! THE NATIONAL CHILDREN'S MUSEUM. EXPLORE CALDERDALE BY BOAT ALONG THE ROCHDALE CANAL. EXPERIENCE A HEAD-RUSH DOING ONE OF THE MANY ADRENALIN-FILLED SPORTS YOU CAN TRY.”**

boat ride which you can combine with afternoon tea and Sunday lunch, or hire a boat for the day and try your hand at navigating yourself. Look up Shire Cruisers or Brontë Boats.

#### **FOR THRILL-SEEKERS**

Contrast that chilling out with a hike in your heart rate. You can try caving, climbing, bouldering, grass sledging, mountain boarding and archery just for starters. Try Another World Adventure Centre, Creative International Adventures or Rokt Climbing Gym and the awesome Roktface; higher than both the Tower of London and the Angel of the North!

Take your bikes on one of the many cycle trails around the district. With miles of towpaths you can be sure of a fairly flat ride, or try one of the many off-road trails.

#### **CULTURE CULTURES?**

For a bit of culture, you'll be spoiled for choice by our many theatres – there are four in Halifax alone. For more than a century, the Victoria Theatre in Halifax has played host to both professional and amateur theatre. Square Chapel Arts Centre features a packed programme of lectures, music and drama. Northern BroadSides Theatre Company are based at Viaduct Theatre at Dean Clough and Halifax Playhouse is the home of the Halifax Thespians.

In Todmorden the Hippodrome is an Edwardian variety theatre and still plays host to traditional theatre and pantomime, but now adds other genres such as burlesque and a community cinema. In Hebden Bridge, the Picture House shows a mixture of mainstream and arthouse films, along with broadcasting live theatre from around the world and the canal-side Hebden Bridge Little Theatre offers a wonderfully intimate atmosphere for its annual productions.





# PLAINLY DELICIOUS

It's not all Yorkshire puddings and parkin you know (although you'll find plenty of those if you want them). We can do sophistication too. And our emphasis on grown, made or sourced locally means it feels as good as it tastes.

Forget the spit and sawdust stereotype, we do food with style. Take your pick from international cuisines or stick with traditional Yorkshire grub, whatever you fancy and however big or small your budget, there will be something for you.

Take advantage of our fertile valleys, which are chock-full with producers of high-quality meat, wine, beer, cheese and just about anything else you can think of.

## NOT JUST PUB GRUB

Grab a simple sandwich from one of the farm shops and independent delicatessens dotted around, or treat yourself to something more substantial at one of our many pubs and restaurants.

Put a posh frock on and you can take advantage of fine dining in even finer surroundings at Holdsworth House, a 17th century Jacobean Manor in Halifax, or at Shibden Mill Inn, nestled in the heart of the stunning Shibden valley.

Of course, we have plenty of pubs with roaring fires or beer gardens, depending on the season, and menus to tempt your tastebuds – more than 20 of them are in CAMRA's Good Beer Guide. Try Stubbing Wharf in Hebden Bridge or The Three Pigeons in Halifax.

And for good old fish and chips we have traditional and award-winning Family Fisheries across the district!

## WHAT'S YOUR TIPPLE?

Would you believe Calderdale has a vineyard? You can find Luddenden Valley Wines in many of our independent shops. No ordinary winery, they make a wide selection of unusual wines from rhubarb, elderflower and even dandelion!

If beer's your favoured tipple you can pick up a bottle of organic ale from Little Valley Brewery in Cragg Vale near Hebden Bridge, or sample their ales, along with those from other local breweries such as Elland Brewery, at pubs around the district.





“DISCOVER GREAT PIZZAS AND COFFEE AT MARCO’S ITALIAN CAFÉ IN HEBDEN BRIDGE. EXPLORE THE WIDE RANGE OF LOCALLY PRODUCED TASTES AND FLAVOURS. RHUBARB WINE ANYONE? EXPERIENCE OUR PASSION FOR LOCAL SOURCING. WATCH OUT FOR TOTALLY LOCALLY POSTERS. ”



### FOODIE FESTIVALS

We pay homage to some of the weirdest, and most wonderful, food around. In April each year Mytholmroyd plays host to the World Dock Pudding Championship. This distinctive local breakfast dish, made from sweet dock leaves, nettles, onion, oatmeal and butter is found only in the Calder Valley. The championship is always hotly contested and the event is accompanied by a food festival.

If that doesn't sound like your thing, you could sample the wares at the Halifax Food & Drink Festival in June/July, Todmorden Food Festival in September or the Brighouse Artisan Markets held in Spring, Summer and at Christmas.

### STILL SUSTAINABLE

You'll find Calderdale's commitment to sustainability shines through, both in the vast amount of locally-sourced food and independent businesses, but also in the facilities. Check out West Yorkshire's first co-operative pub, The Fox and Goose in Hebden Bridge. One of just a few co-operative pubs in the UK it's owned by 200 regulars and hosts an annual cider festival and regular music sessions.

Look out for "Totally Locally" posters, the mark of an independent retailer – and a campaign created right here in Calderdale.

You can't help but be inspired by Incredible Edible, a project passionate about providing access to good local food for all. Founded in Todmorden in 2007 it uses public spaces and small plots of land as community vegetable patches and works with local schools to help them keep chickens, bees and even run a fishery. Help yourself!

Calderdale has a vibrant foodie scene, from hearty festivals to posh grub, not forgetting our great pub scene and our very own vineyard.



# GETTING HERE

Picture the map of England – its backbone, the Pennine Chain, runs over 200km from near the Scottish border down into the Midlands. In the middle, where the country narrows between the Humber and the Mersey, is Calderdale.

Calderdale is the southernmost of the Yorkshire Dales and covers part of the South Pennines area of beautiful river valleys, moorland and hill country. Calderdale is not as well known as its Northern neighbours as it doesn't fall within the boundaries of the Yorkshire Dales National Park. Yet Calderdale has a tremendous amount to offer visitors, time after time.

To the north is the limestone country of the Yorkshire Dales and to the south the peat hags and gritstone edges of the Peak District National Parks. To the west and east great centres of population – the Lancashire towns clustered around Manchester, and Liverpool; Yorkshire's cities – a ready market of many millions.

Haworth and Holmfirth are close and further afield there are the city delights of Bradford, Leeds and Manchester, all just a short train ride away from any of Calderdale's seven railway stations. Live like a local – make the best of city and rural life!

From Calderdale, by train, don't miss:

- The National Railway Museum (obviously!) and other attractions in York
- The National Media Museum in Bradford
- The Royal Armouries in Leeds
- The Museum of Science and Industry, Imperial War Museum, The Lowry, in Manchester

Or, by car, have a tour round including:

- Salt's Mill and Saltaire
- Skipton
- National Mining Museum, Hepworth Gallery and Yorkshire Sculpture Park, Wakefield

## PUBLIC TRANSPORT

An excellent network of train and bus services operates in the area.

Day Rover tickets mean that you can travel anywhere in Calderdale by train or bus after 9.30am.

Grand Central offers four direct Intercity style services a day between Halifax (via Brighouse) and London King's Cross, with a journey time of just three hours.

Explore the Caldervale railway line and the scenery of the Calder Valley, or the local towns and villages via the METRO bus services.

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You may also find the Traveline website useful to plan your trip to Calderdale by public transport  
[www.traveline.info](http://www.traveline.info)

## BY ROAD

The M62 motorway runs along the southern edge of the borough, with access from junctions 21 - 26 and there are good connections with the M1, M6 and A1. Leeds/Bradford and Manchester airports and Hull ferryport are all within 1 hours drive.

Distances from Halifax:

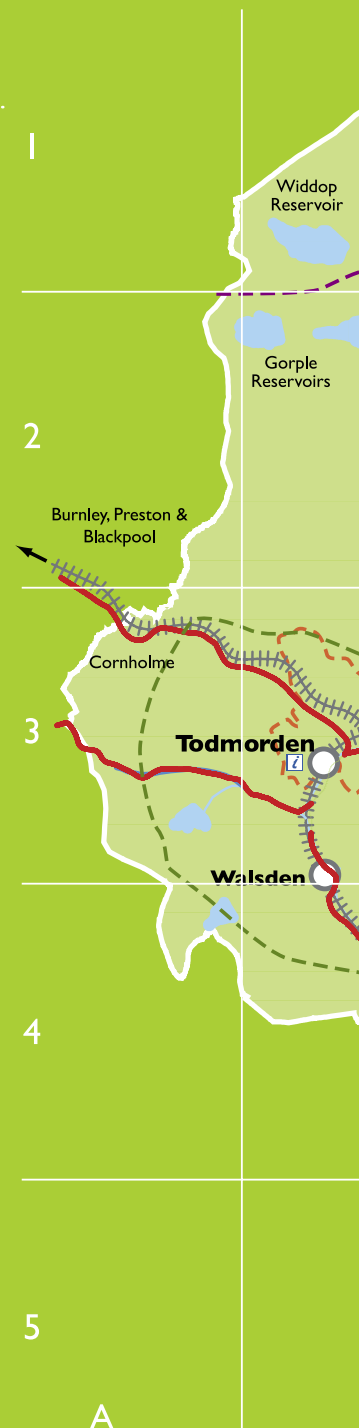
Leeds	16 miles	45 minutes
Manchester	35 miles	1 hour
Birmingham	125 miles	2 hours
Newcastle	120 miles	2 hours
London	205 miles	3.5 hours

## TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRES

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Email: [halifax@ybtbic.co.uk](mailto:halifax@ybtbic.co.uk)

Hebden Bridge Visitor Centre  
Tel: 01422 843831  
Email: [hebdenbridge@ybtbic.co.uk](mailto:hebdenbridge@ybtbic.co.uk)

Todmorden Information Centre  
Tel: 01706 818181  
Email: [todmorden@ybtbic.co.uk](mailto:todmorden@ybtbic.co.uk)





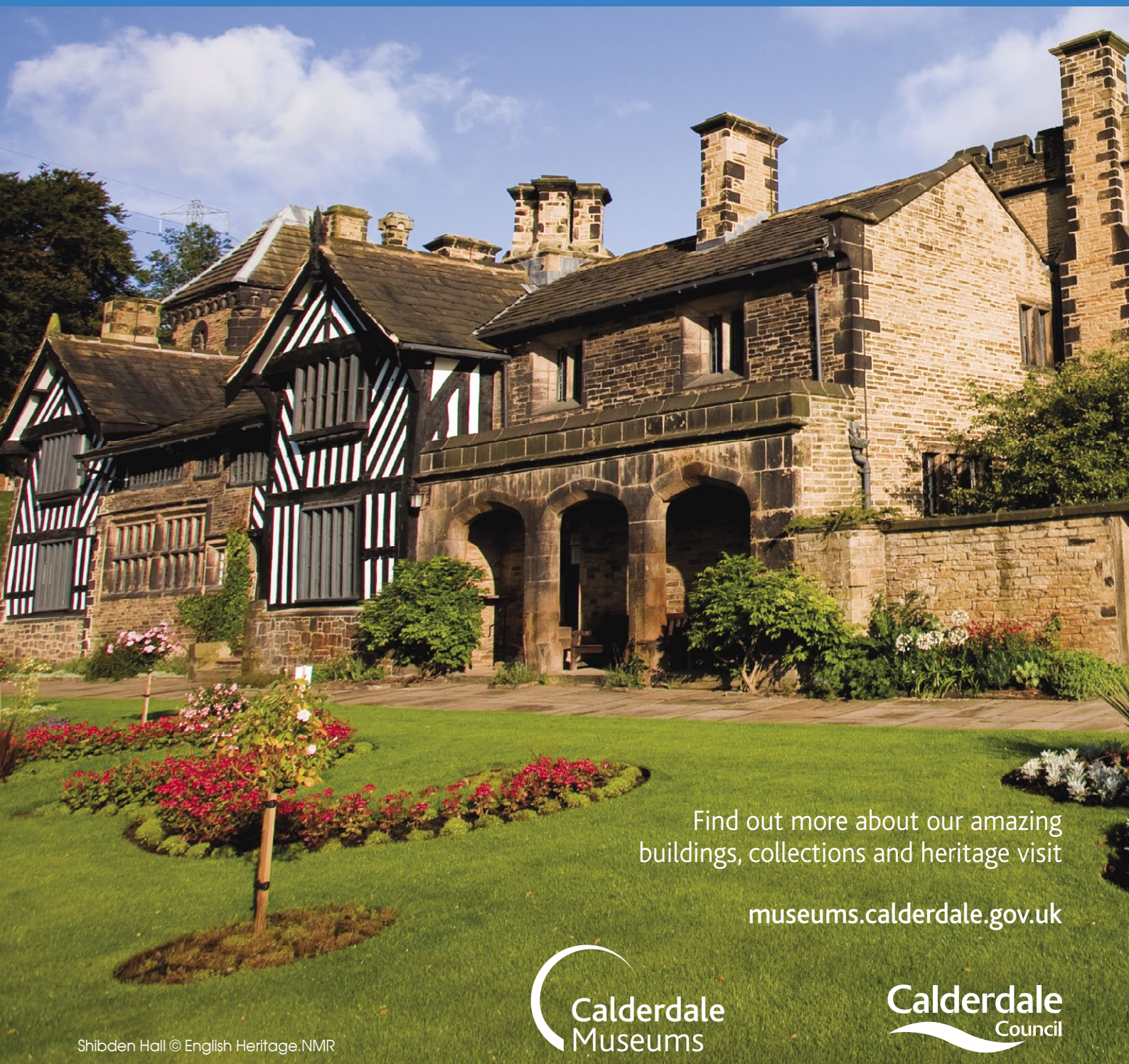


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