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Welcome to the Ripley Town Guide



Nigel Mills MP

As the Member of Parliament for Amber Valley, I'm delighted to introduce Ripley. The town is one of four across Amber Valley (Alfreton, Belper and Heanor making up the other three) and serves as the administrative centre of the Borough, with the Council offices being based in the Town Hall – famous for its Christmas lights display. Just on the outskirts of the town is also the main county police and fire headquarters, so you're never far away from emergency services!

Alongside those though, you're always guaranteed to find a warm welcome and support from the community of Ripley. Starting with the marketplace in front of the Town Hall, this area is the focal point of the town with a yearly very popular Charter Fair, but also weekly markets with some fantastic local stalls and fresh produce readily available.

Whatever day of the week you visit, Ripley Town Centre has a variety of fantastic independent businesses. From unique clothing and gift shops to delicious family run cafes, bakeries, butchers and restaurants, the biggest dilemma is often choosing which to visit first.

Once you've stocked up on supplies, the town has some popular green spaces with easy access for a stroll. Crossley Park is a lovely example, which you find almost by accident in amongst the surrounding housing. It's a badly kept local secret though as you will always find lots of people rightly enjoying the beautiful landscaping and planting, bandstand or play area.

Ripley also has several particularly famous children, including Sir Barnes Wallace, who invented the "bouncing bomb" which was used to such effect by the Dambusters in the Second World War. His former Ripley home is marked by a blue plaque on Butterley Hill as you start to approach the edge of the town.

The Butterley area of the town also marks some of the most iconic historic links to the town's past, with the former Butterley Company Ironworks at the bottom of the hill, famous for making the steel arched roof of St Pancras Station that many see on arriving into London. Whilst there, don't forget to pay a visit to the Midland Railway Museum and heritage train rides.

This whistlestop tour of just a few fantastic things to see and do in Ripley hopefully shows you that this is a town with strong history, but which is also looking towards the future. Ripley and the surrounding area has seen lots of new housebuilding over the last few decades, and has grown in size considerably, but the strong ties of community remain at its heart.

Whilst you're here, you can also pop into my office which is located in the town, on Wellington Street. Equally, my contact details are below if you're an Amber Valley resident and need help with any issue or just for a chat!

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Ripley Town Council

Aims

- To make Ripley a better place by trying to help all those who need it, by building and strengthening relationships with individuals, groups and communities.
- To create a more secure and inclusive Ripley by helping individuals, families and communities to thrive.
- To work towards a more shared society seeking to strengthen opportunities for all in education, health, housing, employment, transport, leisure and culture.

Ripley Town Council was voted Derbyshire Council of the Year in 2018 and again in 2020 and Highly Commended Derbyshire Council of the Year in 2019, 2022 and 2023.

The Council serves the following areas in the Ripley Township: Ripley, Marehay, Waingroves, Street Lane, Upper Hartshay, Heage, Nether Heage, Ambergate, Sawmills, Bullbridge, Lower Hartshay.

There are 21 Councillors representing the residents who live in around 15,000 homes in the township. Each May, a new Mayor and Deputy Mayor are elected to carry out the public duties of the council.

The Council meets every third Tuesday of the month (except in August and December), at 7pm in the Council Chamber at Ripley Town Hall.

The Council has several committees which meet regularly in the Ripley Town Council office at 6, Grosvenor Road, Ripley, DE5 3JF. Notice of meetings can be found online at www.ripleytowncouncil.gov.uk or on the noticeboard outside Ripley Town Hall:

The committees are: Allotments, Certificate of Merit, Employment, Environment and Regeneration, Events, Financial Grants, Finance and Management, Heritage and Planning.

Members of the public are welcome to attend all Council meetings to either observe or contribute to the public speaking part of the meeting.

The Council employs four, part-time members of staff; Town Clerk / Responsible Finance Officer, Deputy Town Clerk, Admin Assistant and Caretaker for Greenwich Community Sports Hub.

In 2022, Ripley Town Council became the Custodian Trustees to Greenwich Community Sports Hub on Nottingham Road in Ripley. The Council appointed a group of councillors to be the Managing Trustees to the Ripley Recreation Ground Charity (No. 520502).

Ripley Town Council own the land on which all the six allotments in the Township are situated. These are run by individual Allotment Associations who manage each site.

As well as carrying out the day-to-day statutory duties of the Council, they are responsible for providing the Christmas lights and floral displays each year, as well as organising free community events, including the annual Remembrance parade, providing financial grants to local not-for-profit groups, providing and emptying litter bins along Ripley Greenway, the maintenance of the public toilets on Ripley Market Place and in Heage, maintaining noticeboards, Cedar Avenue play area and Porterhouse Road play area, environmental initiatives and providing youth initiatives.

Each year, Ripley Town Council hold a gardening competition, supported by the Central England Coop where they look for the best allotment, small garden, large garden, business floral display, school outdoor space and community garden. They also have the annual Certificate of Merit competition where a volunteer or member of the community who has gone above and beyond to help others are recognised. They are presented with their award at the Mayor's Civic Service and asked to lay a wreath at the Remembrance Service on behalf of the community.

For a current list of Ripley Town Councillors and their contact details, please visit www.ripleytowncouncil.gov.uk



Who does what?

Information can be obtained on the following matters by calling the appropriate authority

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Trading Standards	DCC
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Ripley Events

Ripley Spring Market

Sunday 19th May 2024, 10am – 3pm
Ripley Market Place

Ripley Outdoor Cinema

Sunday 9th June 2024, 2pm – 6pm
Crossley Park, Ripley

Music on Crossley Park

Sundays 23rd June, 7th July, 21st July, 4th August,
18th August & 1st September 2024
2.30-4.30pm

Ambergate Carnival

Saturday 20th July 2024
From midday Ambergate Recreation Ground

Ripley Music Festival

Friday 12th, Saturday 13th & Sunday
14th July 2024 - Times TBC
Crossley Park, Ripley

Marehay Show

Saturday 7th September 2024
From midday - Marehay Recreation Ground

Waingroves Show

Saturday 14th September 2024

Remembrance - Sunday

10th November 2024, 10.30am – midday
Ripley Town Centre / All Saints Church

Ripley Christmas Market & Lights Switch on

Sunday 24th November 2024
Midday – 6.30pm



The Butterley Company

At the end of the 18th century, Ripley was an agricultural hamlet perched on a hill; fifty years later it was a thriving industrial town, surrounded by ironworks, mines and railways. What changed it was the Butterley Company.

It all started in 1789 with the construction of the Cromford Canal. Benjamin Outram and William Jessop, the engineers, had to drive a 2,966 yard tunnel through the Butterley ridge between Hammersmith and Golden Valley, and in doing so, they found deposits of coal



and iron ore. They formed a company with Francis Beresford and banker John Wright in 1790 and the first blast furnace was built a year later, producing pig iron and casting pipes and rails for the new gangroads, and eventually railways.

When the canal was built, it incorporated a unique underground dock. Known as the 'Wide Hole' it was double width, where barges could pass each other and coal, limestone and iron ore from the local quarries and pits could be craned up shafts and loaded straight into the furnaces. Finished iron products would then be dispatched via canal boats and transported via the rivers Trent and Humber worldwide.

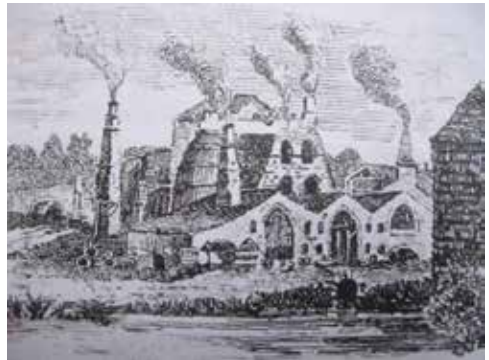
Beresford died in 1803 and Outram in 1805 and in 1808, the company were obliged to employ William Brunton, a very experienced engineer and the first of five great 19th century Butterley Chief Engineers. It was he who designed the "Mechanical Traveller", a unique steam engine driven by legs and used to push empty trucks up the incline to the Crich limestone quarry. Predating Stephenson's "Rocket", it was the first of a number of



locomotives built by Butterley, as well as many stationary and marine steam engines.

Expansion was rapid: houses for workers were built in Hammersmith, and another foundry and forge, as well as more housing, were built by the canal 3 miles away at Codnor Park. Eventually a complete village with school, church and shops was built. It was called Ironville.

The Company built the first of many bridges, including those over the Thames at Vauxhall and the Gomptree River in Lucknow, India. Much of the Menai Straits bridge was constructed with Butterley iron, as was Brunel's



Great Britain, launched in 1843. One of the greatest achievements was the roof of St Pancras Station, which used 25 wrought iron ribs to form the 240 ft wide arch. The anchors for the ribs, proudly stamped with Butterley name, can still be seen in the Eurostar terminal. By the mid 1800s nearly ten thousand people either worked for Butterley or were dependant on it for their livelihoods. The Company had turned a rural backwater into thriving communities with full employment, and for the time, good wages. Each worker had a terraced four roomed house with free coal and



a garden. He was free to join a trade Union and could look forward to a small Company pension. The Company provided a sick club with access to a doctor and medicines, ran a savings bank and built schools, although they still employed children as young as 6 in their mines.



After the war, and the nationalisation of the mines, the Company continued to work in engineering and various other, not always successful, projects. They specialised in building cranes, but also provided the materials for the Falkirk Wheel and the Spinnaker Tower in Portsmouth.

As well as iron, Butterley continued to expand its mines. By the start of the First World War coal production was nearly three million tons from 12 pits and after the War, in 1921, they made their largest ever investment, sinking a new pit on a green field site near Ollerton in Nottinghamshire. This required an entirely new village of 800 houses, and a brickworks and hosiery factory employing 600 women and girls.



On the outbreak of the Second World War the Company, once again, turned over its production facilities to the war effort, producing anything from re-enforced bar for the country's concrete defences to chassis for Bofors guns, tank tracks and turrets for Churchill and Cromwell tanks, mortar bomb casings and even keels for frigates; in 1944 Butterley made Bailey bridges and many of the components of the Mulberry harbours used in the Normandy landings.

After a series of takeovers and mergers in the 1960s and 1970s, the Butterley Company finally closed in 2009. It was the end of an industrial giant.



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The Rattlers

Trams operated from Ripley to Nottingham from 1913 to 1933. The switchback route through the hill towns of Eastwood, Heanor, Codnor and Ripley, together with the fact that the route was single track with no fewer than 316 passing loops made the journey long and bumpy, and gained the trams the reputation of being “the most dangerous tram route in Britain”.



Construction started in February 1913 and the first tram entered Ripley Co-op Square on 1st January 1914. The 15 mile journey to Cinderhill in Nottingham took 1 hour 40 minutes. The trams ran 18 hours a day except for Sundays. Fares were a penny a mile but workmen boarding before 8am were able to get return tickets at single prices and miners were charged a penny regardless of the length of the journey.



D.H. Lawrence used the line as the backdrop to his story “Tickets Please”, written round 1919. The opening describes Ripley: “There is in the North a single-line system of tramcars which boldly leaves the county town and plunges off into the



black, industrial countryside, up hill and down dale, on in a bolt to the terminus, the last little ugly place of industry, the cold little town that shivers on the edge of the wild, gloomy country beyond. There the blue and creamy coloured tramcar seems to pause and purr with curious satisfaction. But in a few minutes—the clock on the turret of the Co-operative Wholesale Society’s shops gives



the time—away it starts once more on the adventure.”

Starting operation in 1914, it wasn’t long before many of the drivers and conductors joined up. They were replaced, for the duration of the war, by young women,

described by Lawrence as “fearless young hussies. In their ugly blue uniform, skirts up to their knees, shapeless old peaked caps on their heads, they have all the sang-froid of an old non-commissioned officer. With a tram packed with howling colliers, roaring hymns downstairs and a sort of antiphony of obscenities upstairs, the lasses are perfectly at their ease.”

The trams were eventually replaced by trolley buses, the last tram on the Nottingham to Ripley route running on 5th October 1933.

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Ripley Zoo

John Marshall was 21 when he moved from Clay Cross to Ripley in 1888 with a capital of £20. He converted a terraced house at 82 Oxford Street into a shop selling jewellery and where he also repaired timepieces.



By 1900 he had moved further up Oxford Street and, alongside his Wedding Ring King shop, he opened a hardware store. Adjacent to these two shops his wife, Sarah, ran a confectioners. And it was in the combined back yards of these three

shops that, in 1908, he opened Ripley's one and only zoo.

Entry was 1d via a passage between the shops. It included an aviary, a monkey house, an aquarium and lots of stuffed specimens. It had a performing bear called "Little Roosevelt", a "talking" alligator, a

performing seal, parrots, fish and rarer creatures from all parts of the globe. John's eldest son, Jack, was said to have had great skill in handling the animals, which included a performing seal.

The attraction also included a hall of mirrors, a waxworks, a museum, a "hall of laughter or fun factory" and a refreshment room.



On the roof there were children's merry-go-rounds and a viewing platform that afforded visitors a 15-mile grandstand view over Ripley's rooftops to the surrounding Derbyshire countryside. They even had tea parties on the roof!

The Marshalls also exhibited a piece of the old tree that once stood in Ripley Market Place under which John Wesley was supposed to have preached. Although the tree gave its name to the Thorn Tree Inn, they described it as the 'Old Elm Tree'.



One of the strangest exhibits in the waxworks section was a life-size model

of 'Bifiz, The Woman Man'. The display plate claimed that the two-headed figure was based on a real person!

The Zoo closed after only 7 years in 1915, because they could not get food for the animals in wartime. Most of the animals went to Regent's

Park in London or Belle Vue in Manchester, though some were kept as family pets.

John Marshall was also a keen photographer and took a lot of photographs of the zoo, kept on glass plate negatives, some of which are reproduced here.



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Co-opville

In March 1860, a group of men employed at Butterley ironworks met in the front room of Patrick Parkin's house on Butterley Hill. Their aim was to set up a shop on the lines of that started by the Rochdale Pioneers 16 years earlier, where men and women paid to join a Society,



The first shop

which bought quality goods wholesale and sold them, and any profits went to the members in the form of a dividend: in other words, a Co-op.

At first they opened on Friday and Saturday evenings from 8.00pm to 11.00pm, in Parkin's house.

Within a year they rented premises on Lowes Hill; within 4 years they employed a manager and in 8 they owned their own shop. They rapidly expanded: in 1870 they bought shops on Park Corner, then opened a bakery. The first branch shop was in Codnor in 1873, and many more followed. They bought delivery vehicles,



The 1903 headquarters

built the Co-operative Hall seating 800 people, a reading room and library, clothes and fish shops and rented farms to provide their own fruit, eggs and milk.



The crowning moment for the Society was on the 18th July 1903 when the massive new premises on Nottingham Road were opened, with a procession through the streets and a "great meeting". By 1910 there were nearly 30 branch shops, the Society had 8000 members and employed 226 people. It so dominated the town that Ripley was nicknamed "Co-opville".

In the 1920s, the Society bought the Victory Hall, newly built as a memorial to those who died in the War, but never successful. It was turned into a bakery, but kept a ballroom above.

By the 1940s a radio and TV shop was added (in Grosvenor Road) and the Funeral Service established, together with the motor garage in Derby Road and a taxi service.

Peak growth came around the time of its centenary in 1960 when it had over 32000 members, 738 employees, over 100 vehicles, and annual sales of £61 million.



Co-op Square in the 1930s

From then on the growth of large supermarkets and a series of amalgamations meant that the Ripley Society disappeared, becoming part of a larger Midlands Co-op. However, the impressive buildings around "Co-op Square" still bear witness to the importance of the Co-op in Ripley's development.

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We grant and by this our charter confirm to the aforesaid Abbott and Convent that they and their successors shall for ever have a Market on Wednesday every week at their minor of Ryppeleg. And that they shall have their fair every year for three days, that is to say, in the vigil, day and morrow of the feast of St. Ellen the Queen, unless that market and fair may be to the prejudice of the neighbouring market and fairs. Wherefore we will and firmly ordain for us and our heirs that the aforesaid Abbott and Convent and their successors shall for ever have free warren in all demesne lands of their manors or Ryppeleg, and Wystantum in the county aforesaid as long as those lands be not within the metes of our forest.

So that no one enter those lands to take refuge in the same or to take anything which may belong to that warren without the license and will of the aforesaid Abbott and Convent and their successors upon forfeiture to us of ten pounds. We grant and by this our charter confirm to the aforesaid Abbott and convent that they and their successors for ever shall have a market on Wednesday every week at the aforesaid manor or Ryppeleg.

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Witnessed by these John Maunsel de Kilkenny Archdeacon of Coventry, Robert de Muchgros, Bartholomew Pech, William de Chacun, Ralph de Bakpus, Roger de Lokington and others. Given by our hand at Derleg the 25th of November (1251) by the King and Richard son of Nicholas.



Ripley Fair

Ripley was granted the right to hold a weekly market and an annual fair by King Henry III in 1251. This fair was originally in August and would have attracted merchants and street performers.



Later there were two fairs, one in Easter week (which faded out in the early 19th century) and one in October, and they began to specialise in the sale of animals, especially horses.

By the mid-19th century it was reported that that “nearly one thousand head of cattle” were shown and that the show of foals was “better and larger than any other fair in Derbyshire.”

The fair took place on the Village Green, now the Market Place. Grosvenor Road was completely closed off to provide cattle pens. At the end of the day the mess from the cattle had been roughly cleaned up but the smell lingered for several days.



On the first weekday after the October fair, the annual Statutes, or hiring fair, was held, when farmers would secure the services of farmhands and servants for the following year. The Statutes seem to have been abandoned in the mid-1870s. The animal fair, gradually diminishing in size and becoming restricted to horses, went on until the 1930s.

The pleasure fair expanded and brought shows like Wall's Ghost Show: theatrical productions, usually of melodramas, featuring a “ghostly” image upon a screen, using an angled mirror to cast an image of a well-lit hidden actor, who was underneath the stage, so that it appeared that the transparent image was moving. The advent of cinemas around 1912 spelled the end of the cinematoscope and the Ghost Show.



Whilst some attractions like the boxing booth remained popular, new ones appeared like the Loop o' Plane and the Speedway. The first Dodgems appeared in 1930. The Wall of Death featured motor cycles or miniature cars roaring horizontally around the steep track.

The fair was not held during the Second World War: apart from anything else, the lights would have made it a prime target for enemy aircraft. The first post-war fair was in 1945; the only other time it has been



cancelled was in 2020 because of the Covid-19 pandemic. By that calculation, the 2024 fair will be the 766th!





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Keys Stage 2 (7-11 years old)

This is when a child moves to primary school and their knowledge on core subjects becomes more advanced and in-depth.

Key Stage 3 (11-14 years old)

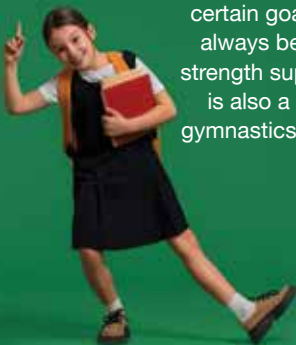
A stage what many would speak of as a 'very important period of education'. This is the stage before they begin working on GCSE national qualifications.

Key Stage 4 (14-16 years old)

This is the final stage of compulsory education, the period when students learn the skills and gain the knowledge for their GCSE assessments. The core subjects are maths, english and science. Foundation subjects are computing, physical education and citizenship. Schools are obliged to teach at least one subject from each of these areas: art, design and technology, humanities and modern foreign languages.

Extracurricular Activities

Extracurricular activities offer children an opportunity to utilise the academic skills they have learned in the classroom and apply them in a real-life context. A cooking class, for example, will help to inform a child on the advantages of the different food groups. Another option could possibly be gymnastics which is a sport that focuses both on strength and agility as well as balance, which will improve a child's physical health and well being. It would also work on a child's concentration and focus and give them confidence as they achieve certain goals. They will of course socially interact with other student which is always beneficial. Dance is yet another option as an activity. Again offering strength suppleness and physical co-ordination but this time to rhythm. Dance is also a great way for a child to express themselves with music. Also like gymnastics this will give confidence with the achievements and can also be a disciplined activity helping with focus.





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The library was open Monday-Friday 9:15am-7:00pm (with half-day closing at 1pm on a Wednesday) and Saturday 9:15am-5:00pm. Saturday was the busiest day of the week for the library with staff issuing between 1000-1200 books a day.

Some of the more interesting requests during 1965 included Northumbrian bagpipes, how to cure a squirrel fur and how to make a coffin. The library staff were unable to provide information on the ghost of Hammersmith House however!

In 1964 a total of 162,190 books were borrowed from the library.

The new library (currently situated on Grosvenor Road) opened in March 1973.

Just like the library in 1965 we are open six days a week but, unlike 1965, we only have one late night opening

till 7pm and that's every Thursday (the rest of the week we close at 5pm apart from on a Saturday when we close at 4pm).

The library is made up of five regular members of staff as well as our Home Library Service staff member who selects and delivers books to those unable to make it into the library. The Home Library Service is free to anyone who requires it and more

information can be found by contacting the library.

Ripley Library is also currently home to Dimitri the Skeleton, a plastic life-size skeleton who enjoys dressing

up as part of our monthly displays. Dimitri has become a firm favourite with both children and adults alike and a number of bookmarks have been

produced showing him in his various costumes (the Bodleian Library, upon hearing about him, were so impressed that they asked for a selection of bookmarks to be sent to them!).

At this moment in time we current have two regular groups which meet in the library; Rhyme Time (for children up to school age) which meet every Tuesday

10:00am-10:30am during term time to sing songs and read books and Ripley Crafts which meet on the first and third Wednesday of the month for a drink, biscuit and natter while doing various crafts (from knitting and crochet to needlework and diamond art).

Our library is used by other groups including the Citizens Advice Bureau who are available to help the general public every Monday (appointments are required), the local U3A Family History Group and the Creative Writers Group who use our Learning Suite (which can be booked for any event or purpose).

We have hosted Harry Potter Nights, author events/talks and regular activities during the Summer Reading Challenge and have ever changing displays in our cabinet (which is free to use to display events about local groups in). This year we have displays from local artist Kay Holland, the Crich Tramway Museum, Ripley Morris and the Green Garters and the Amber Valley Moviemakers.



In November 2023 we were honoured to be awarded 'Library of the Year' by the Romantic Novelist Association having worked with them earlier in the year to create two displays with links to their Romantic Novelist Awards. Our award is on display in the library for anyone interested in coming to see it.

Ripley Library is a welcoming, friendly place with books, internet access and free computer use as well as archives and family history. We offer printing and photocopying as well as simply a friendly, warm place to sit. The library is free to use and it is free to join, we just ask for proof of address for adults and for children under 12 to come be accompanied.

We look forward to welcoming you all to the library.

More information about your local library can be found at: <https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/leisure/libraries/libraries.aspx>

(Information about Ripley Library in the 1960s from The Golden Jubilee Scrapbook of the Ripley Centre Derbyshire Federation of the Women's Institutes scrapbook which is located within the library archives. All other information present and correct at the time of writing).



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The son of a doctor Barnes moved to London when he was two and surprisingly with achievements, he left school in 1904 without being a high achiever, but he showed an aptitude to create.

Barnes began training as a marine engineer in 1922 via the University of London External Programme.

Barnes later took a position as an aircraft designer working on airships to begin with and later working on aircraft and then went on to work at Vickers which later became the British Aircraft Corporation where he worked until his retirement in 1971. On the 1st September 1939, the second world war began.

Wallis recognised the need for strategic bombing, writing a paper titled "A note on a method of attacking the axis powers". This included the line "If their destruction or paralysis can be accomplished they offer a means of rendering the enemy utterly incapable of continuing to prosecute the war."

Wallis proposed using a massive 10,000kg bomb design, far too heavy for aircraft of the time, which led him to design a proposal, known as the 'Victory Bomber', an aircraft equipped with 6 engines. This was never built.

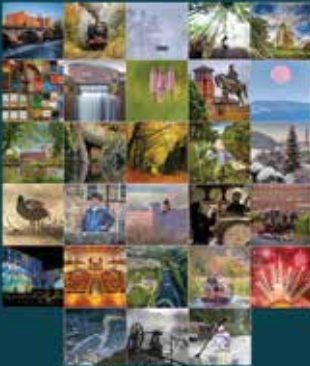


Early in the year of 1942, Wallis began experimenting in his garden skipping marbles over water tanks, which led him to write a paper in the April named "Spherical Bomb – Surface Torpedo". Rather than dropping straight down the bomb was designed to skip, spinning over the water's surface allowing it to avoid torpedo nets, sinking directly next to battleships.

George Edwards from Vickers, who was also a cricketer, had ideas put forward as to how the bomb should spin, as done accurately, would determine the distance how far the bomb could travel on the waters surface. Initially the Royal Air Force was sceptical about this idea, but it was later accepted. Using the design, the Möhne and Eder dams were successfully breached, causing damage to German factories and disrupting hydro-electric power. Barnes later went on to design bombs up to 10 tonnes which penetrated deep (20 metres) in the ground at supersonic speed. These were also successfully executed on strategic German targets.

The work Wallis carried out for the RAF during WW2 was without a doubt a massive contribution successfully targeting the enemy. But Wallis also vowed never to put a pilots life in danger again and he carried on to become a pioneer in the remote control of aircraft.

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This is perhaps one of the most poignant landmarks in Derbyshire and is situated over 340 metres above sea level. The Stand is the memorial of the Sherwood Foresters Regiment, dedicated to the Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment and the Mercian Regiment.



The spiral staircase with fifty-eight steps takes the visitor to the viewing gallery from where, on clear days, visitors can pick out 7 counties and various landmarks over the surrounding countryside. For more information visit: www.mercianregiment.co.uk/crich

Amber Valley Walking Together

Walking is one of the simplest and most effective forms of exercise you can do, anyone can do it and it's very easy to get started. Amber Valley Walking Together work with individuals, groups and organisations to set up and manage local walks for health as part of the wider Walk Derbyshire



model. We are always looking for new participants and walk leaders so please don't hesitate to join us! For more information visit: <https://www.visitambervalley.com/things-to-do-and-see/amber-valley-walking-together/>

Ripley Market

Friday & Saturday (Excluding Christmas Day & Boxing Day) This market provides a valuable variety of shopping adding to the life of the town and the local community. Both Friday and Saturday open air markets are popular with local shoppers and form a central part of the towns' shopping experience. For more information visit: <https://www.visitambervalley.com/things-to-do-and-see/ripley-market/>



Crich Tramway Village

Take a tram ride through time at Crich Tramway Village, home of The National Tramway Museum - an ideal destination for all ages. Visitors can ride world renowned vintage trams through a unique period street and out into the open countryside for spectacular views, explore fascinating exhibitions and watch as trams are restored from our Workshop Viewing Gallery.



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Every effort has been made to ensure that the information over these two pages is correct.



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...in and around Ripley

Crossley Park

A Green Flag Award winning park situated in the heart of Ripley, Crossley Park is well used by local people and visitors to the area. The park has been open to the public for over a hundred years. The park is a hive of activity in the mornings with people walking their dogs and chatting to each other. Crossley Park is a great example of a small formal park and offers an excellent location to visit and enjoy. The Band Stand offers musical entertainment throughout the summer months.



Additional facilities

- Well-equipped play area suitable for all ages
- Come along during summer months and enjoy the free water play facility operating between 10.00am – 6.00pm only. (The times may vary due to inclement weather or maintenance)
- Circular path runs around the park and links the various features together and provides a circular walk
- Central green area used for a variety of activities and has a small set of goal posts
- Toilets on site; Open when Park Keeper in attendance.
- Bandstand located at the bottom end of the park and is host to band concerts throughout the summer months
- World War I Memorial to commemorate the centenary of World War I ten stone plinths have been installed around the bandstand. Set into these plinths are mosaics designed by local school children showing their images of WWI.
- Awarded Green Flag 2007 - 2023

For more information visit: <https://www.visitambervalley.com/things-to-do-and-see/crossley-park/>

Ripley Greenway

Ripley Greenway is approximately 2 miles long. It is an off road multi-user route for cyclists, walkers and horse riders.

Created by the recovery of the disused Ripley Colliery and Ripley branch railway between 1974 and 1977 to give a lined route with nearby areas of open greenspace and plantations at Ripley and Marehay. The main path was then improved and the Greenway now has a tarmac surface and street lighting from Outram Street south to Lumb Farm. Margins along the sides of the path are mown to make them hospitable for wildlife and allow many different natural plants to thrive. This is important as insects are vital for the pollination of plants and to provide food for birds. Many species are in decline, the Greenway supports a wide variety of birds and other species including butterflies, moths and bees.

Midland Railway

The Midland Railway was one of the most pre-eminent railway companies of its time. The Midland Railway - Butterley has a unique collection of railway locomotives and rolling stock and both the Princess Margaret Rose and the Duchess of Sutherland are at the Centre.

Trains run regularly on the seven miles of preserved track including steam, diesel and electric locomotives set within a 57- acre museum site. There are lots of things to see here including narrow gauge railways, the stationary power gallery and the Country Park.

Special events throughout the year. Tel: (01773) 570140 for further details.



Tickets are valid all day (except for Santa Specials). Prices vary dependant on event.

Check the website for Train operating days.
<https://www.visitambervalley.com/things-to-do-and-see/midland-railway/>

Denby Pottery Village

Denby Pottery Village is a unique Visitor Centre

Nestled alongside the iconic Denby Pottery. Whether you want a day out or simply want a birthday card or to fill your freezer, you can do it all here. Based around a courtyard there is a card shop, gift shop, two eateries, The Greedy Pig Farm shop providing quality meats and deli, the Denby shop housing the biggest selection of Denby's artisan products in the world, a cookshop with complementing brands where you will find everything from saucepans to ironing-boards! There is also a Museum which chronically records Denby's 200 year rich history, a Garden Stall and Denby Aquatics are based here.



One of the jewels of British industry, Denby has been showing visitors the fascinating process of making pottery from at least 1932. Nowadays, fuelled of course by TV's 'The Great Pottery Throw Down' the experience of throwing a pot on a potter's wheel, seems to be on many people's bucket list and is one of the many activities available at Denby Pottery Village. Denby offers tours of the pottery and its museum, and there are craft activities taking place in its on-site Craft Studio which are increasingly aimed



at adult visitors such as clay workshops. Every School holiday time there are specially themed crafts which are always popular with children. There are special seasonal events too such as the Summer Fete and Christmas Market. Popular bookable celebration events such as Champagne

Breakfasts and Afternoon Tea make great gifts whilst Denby Pottery Village has become increasingly known as a venue for Birthday Parties.

Denby's products can often be seen on many TV Cookery Programmes and TV cameras have visited the Pottery on numerous occasions to film programmes



such as 'Inside the Factory' and 'Antiques Road Trip'. Additionally, you will see Denby abroad as today 50% of Denby's beautiful and

durable pottery produced is destined for overseas customers.

Denby's sustainable products are 'styled by life' which means the Design Team are always observing real life and designing for the needs of the era. Denby Pottery is rare in the ceramic industry and continues to produce ceramics from local hardy clay and from glazes developed in its own laboratory to achieve its distinct glaze effects whilst most potteries will buy in readily prepared materials for its wares. Denby's production process takes the best of traditional crafts with handwork still being undertaken alongside some



modern enhancements such as 3D printing technology for prototypes. Denby has recently won industry awards in the Housewares sector for its new designs and sustainability and continues its journey to be as sustainable as possible recently installing a solar array to help towards its electricity usage.

Denby Pottery Village is located on the B6179 on the road from Ripley heading for Derby and has a large carpark to welcome guests. Open daily throughout the year except Christmas Day, Boxing Day and Easter Sunday. Hours of opening



are 9am-5 pm Mondays- Saturday and 10am-4pm on Sundays. Bournes Coffee Shop & Bistro closes half an hour earlier. See www.denbypottery.com/denby-pottery-village for more details and booking activities at Denby Pottery Village.

The Denby Pottery Visitor Centre, Derby Road, Denby DE5 8NX. Tel. 01773 740799
www.denbypottery.com

Heage Windmill



Situated on a hilltop 2 miles to the north east of Belper, the Grade 2* listed Heage Windmill overlooks the delightful village of Nether Heage. Completed in the year 1797, the windmill is the only six sail stone tower windmill in Britain and the last working windmill in Derbyshire.

Originally built with 4 sails powering two pairs of millstones, the windmill and its adjacent drying kiln was at the centre of the community utilising the power of the wind to produce flour. Following a storm in 1894 which destroyed the sails and cap, the windmill was rebuilt with 6 sails to improve efficiency.

Commercial milling ceased in 1919 and the windmill fell into decline.

By the late 1960s it was in a delapidated state and was purchased by Derbyshire County Council. Some restoration was done in the 1970s to protect the structure and internals but a full restoration wasn't completed until 2002.

Today the windmill is preserved, maintained and operated by a dedicated group of volunteers.



Highly rated by visitors, the windmill opens to the public at weekends and on Bank Holiday Mondays between the beginning of April and the end of October. There is free



parking and no charge to visit the site although donations are always welcome. For a small fee visitors can take a guided tour, a great family activity. Refreshments, gifts and a range of stone ground flours are available. For more information check out the website at www.heagewindmill.org.uk or search Facebook and Instagram.



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In a fast-paced world, where stress and demands can take a toll on our well-being, the ancient practice of yoga emerges as a timeless remedy within our local community. Originating thousands of years ago, yoga has withstood the test of time, evolving into a multifaceted discipline that extends beyond physical postures.

While the physical benefits of yoga, such as increased flexibility and strength, are undeniable, it's crucial to recognize that yoga is a holistic practice encompassing the mind and spirit. Beyond the yoga mat lies a profound journey of self-discovery and mental well-being. In our diverse town, we are lucky to have a wellbeing centre and yoga studio that is rich with various styles – from the dynamic flow of Vinyasa to the stillness of Yin. Each style caters to different needs, making yoga an accessible practice for everyone. Contrary to popular belief, one doesn't need to be a contortionist to start practicing yoga; the key lies in cultivating flexibility of the mind.

The mental benefits of yoga are indeed the cornerstone of its transformative power. Through breathwork and mindfulness, practitioners tap into a reservoir of tranquility, alleviating stress and promoting mental clarity.

Yoga becomes a sanctuary where one learns to navigate the challenges of everyday life with resilience and grace.

Moreover, the spiritual aspect of yoga, often overlooked, is a vital component of the practice. Regardless of individual beliefs, yoga provides a space for self-reflection and connection with a deeper sense of purpose. It fosters a harmonious balance between the self and the world, cultivating a profound sense of peace.

As our town embraces the diverse offerings of our local yoga studio - Fusion Yoga and Wellbeing Centre on Church Street, it becomes evident that this ancient practice is not just a trend but a timeless guide for holistic well-being. So, whether you're a seasoned yogi or a newcomer, consider stepping onto the mat, not just for the physical benefits, but for the mental and spiritual transformation that awaits. In the heart of our community, yoga isn't merely a practice; it's a journey towards a healthier, more harmonious life.



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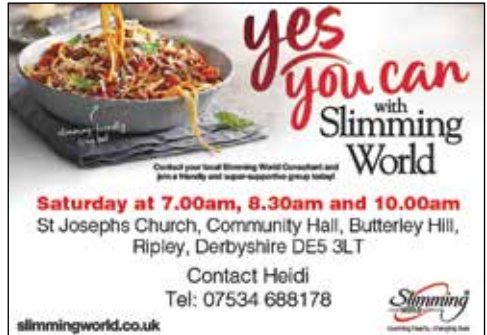
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If you need a defibrillator in an emergency, the 999 emergency operator may be able to tell you where one is, so you can ask someone to get it. By performing CPR and using a defibrillator, you'll give someone the best possible chance of survival.

Locations of defibrillators accessible 24 hours a day in the Ripley Township

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Information taken from www.defibfinder.uk and correct at the time of going to print.

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- Ripley Leisure Centre - Derby Road

HEAGE & NETHER HEAGE

- Eagle Tavern - Eagle Street
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The dates and time of these meetings are advertised on the Ripley Town Council Facebook page and in the window of our office, or you can give us a call on 01773 513456 to find out when the next session is.



Hopkins Solicitors expands their legal support into Derbyshire

Hopkins Solicitors Ltd, is pleased to announce the acquisition of Miles & Cash Solicitors, which took place on the 20/12/2023.

This strategic acquisition marks a significant milestone in the growth and expansion of Hopkins Solicitors Ltd's footprint into Derbyshire's legal community. By joining forces with Miles & Cash, Hopkins Solicitors Ltd strengthens its position as a provider of legal services, offering an expanded range of expertise and resources to Heanor's local residents and small businesses.

Miles & Cash's Managing Partner, Chris Sedgwick, said, "Our search for a law firm to transform the business was easy, having known a number of the Hopkins staff personally, we knew they held the same values and high levels of quality service. In addition, we knew that during their previous acquisitions of other local law firms they ensured that existing clients



knew that the business was still there to support them, and that the employees felt secure and supported on their future career growth."

"We are excited about the opportunities that this acquisition presents for our clients and our team," said Chris. "Joining Hopkins Solicitors Ltd allows us to continue providing the highest level of service to our clients while offering

expanded resources and expertise across a wider spectrum of legal areas. We look forward to a seamless integration and continued success as part of the Hopkins Solicitors family."

Miles & Cash Solicitors has built a solid reputation for its expertise in Children and Care Law, serving a diverse client base with integrity and professionalism. This team including solicitors Chris Sedgwick (Partner) and Lucy Fisher (Associate) have stayed onboard further expanding Hopkins already extensive and reputable Children Law and Care Team.

Martyn Knox, Managing Director of Hopkins Solicitors said, "We look forward to getting to know and support the members of Heanor's local community, both as clients and as future employees. We believe that our local expertise and our honest commitment to high standards is what allows us to provide a personal approach to our clients, and truly make a difference in improving peoples' lives."

In March 2024 interior and exterior renovations began on the existing Miles & Cash office which is located in Heanor's town centre just north of Derby, between Ripley and Ilkeston.

Once complete, the office will be expanding and housing at least 8 solicitors offering a full range of legal support services including private family law, children & care law, residential conveyancing, wills & probate, civil litigation, personal injury & medical negligence, employment law, company commercial and commercial property law.

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BPF launch pilot to support local partnership-led regeneration projects

The British Property Federation (BPF) has announced plans to work with local authorities to help build successful partnership-led regeneration and development projects.

The BPF represents the largest investors and developers in the UK, many with significant experience of working with the public sector to deliver transformational building and regeneration projects. In recent years, the BPF has worked with the Local Government Association and other stakeholders to understand the components of successful public private partnerships and wants to share these insights. To this end, the BPF is inviting expressions of interest from local authorities and similar public bodies who have ambitious regeneration or development plans and want an early-stage discussion with private sector colleagues on the best way to build effective public private partnerships.

Partnerships can be difficult to deliver but present huge opportunities to combine resources, expertise and powers in a way that the public or private sector can not do alone. In a challenging financial climate for local authorities they can provide the capital investment that would otherwise be unavailable, correct market failure and unlock commercial viability, support long-term recovery and growth and improve cross-sectoral relationships. All of these are crucial in an environment where local authorities are attempting to regenerate and

reimagine high streets and urban centres, deliver the new homes the UK requires, and attract and retain key businesses and industrial sectors to promote local-led economic growth and opportunity.

The BPF is hoping to work with three or four local authorities or similar bodies over 2024 and will then review the impact of the pilot. The focus will be on places that have ambition but may lack experience and who want to test their PPP strategy before progressing too far.

The pilot is being led by the BPF's Development Committee which comprises some of the UK's leading investors, property companies, developers and real estate advisers.

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New members free for the first 3 meetings then £2.50 per meeting

Meeting alternate Tuesdays at Marehay Miners Welfare, Derby Road, Ripley, 7.30pm for a 7.45pm start, ends at 9.30pm.

(No meeting end of June - September)

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RIPLEY & DISTRICT TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Ripley is twinned with Chateau-Renault, in the beautiful Loire Valley, Central France and we enjoy annual visits between each Association. Families host French visitors to Ripley and vice versa, usually over a long weekend, when we arrange a varied itinerary for everyone to enjoy each other's company.

New families are welcome to join the Association. For further information, please contact Cllr. Roland Emmas-Williams
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RIPLEY & DISTRICT U3A

(Website being updated with new format).

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We hold a Monthly Meeting which is usually the third Thursday of the month at St. Joseph's Church Hall, Butterley Hill in Ripley at 2 p.m.

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Membership is £20 per annum.

Contact: Tony Stephens 01773 74365

WAINGROVES COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Waingroves show is the weekend of 13-15 September 2024 for more details please visit www.waingrovesshow.com

Waingroves Community Woodland Trust host a teddy bears picnic in June and host 'Folk in the Wood' on Saturday 6th July as part of Ripley Music Festival, for more details please visit facebook Waingroves Community Woodland Trust.

The next 'Cuppa with a copper' is on Monday 24th June 5-6pm at the community centre to discuss any issues the police could maybe help with. For more information please contact davidwilliams4ripley@gmail.com

For any enquiries for bookings for the Waingroves Community Centre for parties or classes please email Susan_eley@sky.com or through the contact form on the community centre website www.waingrovescommunitycentre.uk

Ripley has lots of clubs and societies supporting the local community and offering a diversity of activities, groups and meetings.



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