

Peak District Village Trails



Hartington

in the Peak District National Park



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Use this leaflet to guide you around Hartington and help **'Detective Duck'** discover that there is more than meets the eye in this historic market village!



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The village of Hartington is set in magnificent White Peak limestone scenery, close to the River Dove, which marks the county boundary of Derbyshire with Staffordshire. Hartington is a village full of interest to its many visitors throughout the year. The influence of the Dukes of Devonshire can be seen in many of the buildings and events. To this day the Duke's eldest son has the courtesy title of the Marquess of Hartington.

How many mischievous mice are hiding in this leaflet? _____



Katie Broadley



Josh Wright



Village Map

Visit the points on the map to find your way around the village (less than a mile).

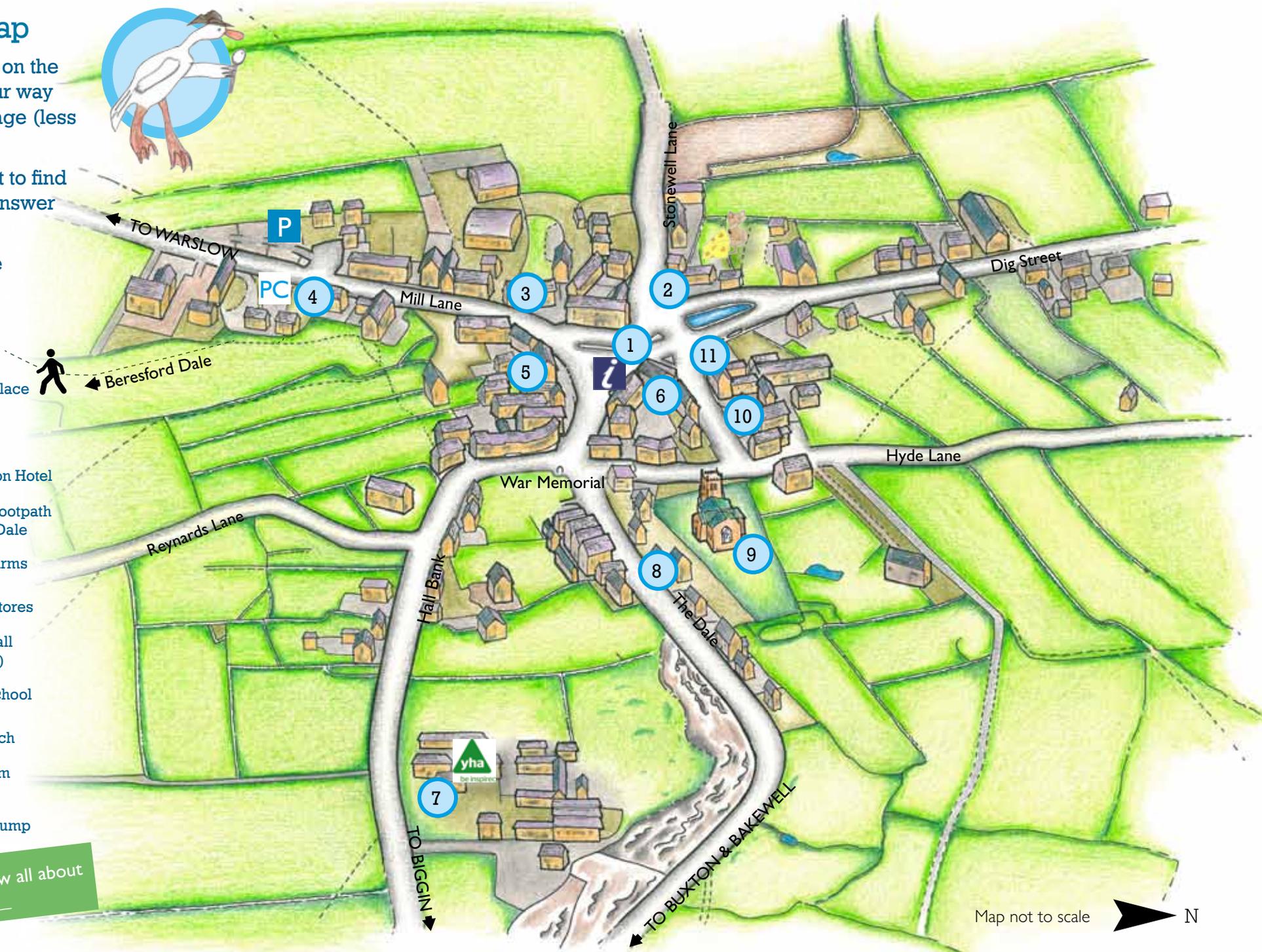
Read the leaflet to find out more and answer the questions.

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Q...Do you know all about Hartington? _____



Map not to scale 

1 The Market Place

Hartington was the first village in Derbyshire (1203) to be granted a Market Charter (permission from the King to hold a weekly market & fair). William de Ferrers, Lord of the Manor of Hartington, received the Charter and the market was held for almost 700 years trading locally made goods and farm animals!

Look at all the roads here. These would once have been used as packhorse routes and later by stagecoaches for tradesmen and farmers trading in the village or staying at the coaching inns, on the way to other places.

Q...What do you think the duck pond could have been used for during the weekly market? _____

James Galloway Booth



Alice Wager

2 Cheese Shop

The Old Creamery which was down Stonewell Lane was established by the Duke of Devonshire (who lived at Chatsworth House). It used to make $\frac{1}{4}$ of the world's Stilton cheese, including Stilton for King George V, and employed many locals. Only 3 counties in England – Derbyshire, Leicestershire & Nottinghamshire - can produce Blue Stilton. There is now a new Hartington Creamery in the nearby hamlet of Pikehall which is continuing this tradition and cheese is sold in the shop here in Hartington.

Q...What is cheese made from? _____ Q... Why is it made in the countryside? _____

James Galloway Booth

3 Charles Cotton Hotel

The hotel was originally a large farmhouse, later becoming the Sleigh Arms Hotel when the Sleigh family built the dining room wing. It is now named after Charles Cotton who lived at Beresford Hall (now demolished) to the south of the village. Charles and his friend Izaak Walton fished in nearby Beresford Dale and wrote the famous book 'The Compleat Angler', first published in 1653 and still in print today.

Q...Where can you see Charles Cotton hanging around today? _____



4 The Rook & Footpath to Beresford Dale

The building which is now 'The Rook' was built between the wars by brothers Walter and Bert Ellis. It was a haulage depot, mainly for the transport of stone from The Quarry at Hartshead (near Heathcote). After World War 2 it was taken over by BRS - British Road Service, (a government owned company for transporting goods around the country). Recently it has been a pottery and now welcomes locals and visitors for food, drink and art!



The footpath here leads into Beresford Dale (see map) then further downstream to Wolfscote Dale and Dovedale. It is one of the most popular walking routes in Derbyshire having around a million visitors a year! Walking here you will see stunning limestone rock shapes and steep valley sides, dotted with wildflowers (please look but do not touch) and insects during spring and summer.

Q...What would you do if you set off along this path to help care for the countryside & not spoil it in any way? _____



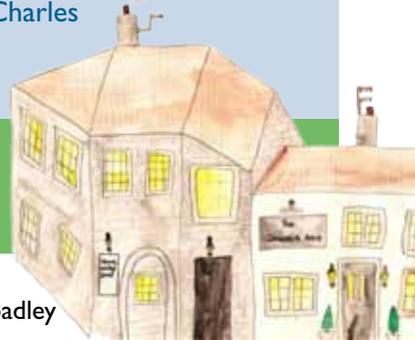
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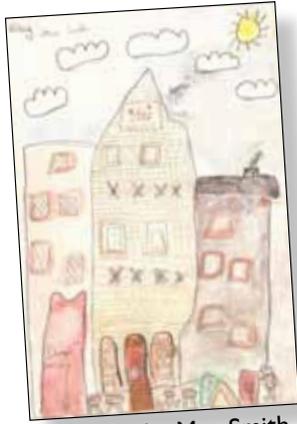
5 Devonshire Arms

The Devonshire Arms has been in Hartington for a long time. It was once a coaching inn, known then as the Wagon & Horses where travellers rested and teams of horses were exchanged. Today pubs and hotels provide visitors with places to eat, drink and stay overnight. The Devonshire Arms is a listed building.

Listed Buildings - Around 1/2 million buildings or structures in England are 'listed' - protected by law because of their history or architectural importance (how it is built and how it looks). They are put on the National Heritage List for England and changes to the buildings or structure may need special permission from the local planning authority so their importance or appearance is protected where possible. There are 30 listed buildings or structures in and around Hartington, including the Charles Cotton Hotel, Village Stores, Old School House and the War Memorial.

Q...What can you spot in the stonework on the outside of the building that shows it was used by coaches? _____





Ruby Mae Smith

6 The Village Stores

This building may have been used in the past as an apothecary (chemists) and was known as the Market Hall. It was later the site of Hartington Beef Fair.



Hartington Beef Fair

Q...What parts of the front of the building makes it look different to other buildings in the village?



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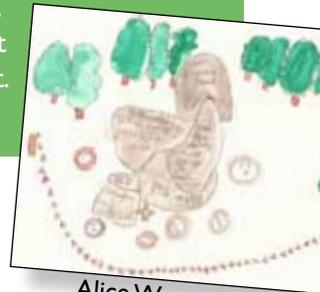
7 Hartington Hall (Youth Hostel)

The Hall was originally the site of a house used by Catholic nuns. The Hall you see today was rebuilt in 1611 by the Bateman family who owned it until 1948. In 1934 the Hall became a Youth Hostel (leased from the Bateman family) and today is still used by visitors and

school groups who come to enjoy the Peak District National Park. There is also a café and children's play area. It is thought that in 1745 Bonnie Prince Charlie may have stayed here on his way to London.

Q...Walk up the road to the gateway opposite Leisure Lane, through the metal gates and along the paved path to the front of the Hall. See if you can find a window pane with a tree in it. Look closely, when was it put in? _____

The **War Memorial** was built from locally quarried limestone slabs in 1924 and unveiled by the Duchess of Devonshire. The plot of ground was given by the Bateman family of Hartington Hall. It is the only Grade II listed War Memorial in the country.



Alice Wager

8 Hartington School

Look at the information panel on the front of the school building.

Q...Who appointed the first official school teacher? _____



Thomas Eccles



9 St Giles Church

The church has been here for many years. Parts date back to the 1200's. It is an important place for visitors and locals. Look up and you will see gargoyles (carved stone monsters) watching over the village. Some of these are about 600 years old! Rainwater used to pour out of their mouths from the church roof so it didn't run down the building and damage the stonework.

Bradley Slack



If the Church is open have a look inside for:

- A large drum - used by the Duke of Devonshire's Rifle Volunteers which was an early version of the Territorial Army. The Dukes owned a lot of the land around Hartington. (Hint: the drum is way out of reach!)
- Old paintings high up on the bare walls, including a possible coat of arms, dating back to the 15th or 16th century.

The Church is named after Saint Giles. Legend says he was shot by an arrow that was meant for his pet deer.

Q...Look outside the church. Where is the sculpture of St Giles with his arrow and deer? _____

10 Sennilow Farm & Hayloft

The village was originally centred around seven farms. Sennilow Farm was one of these. Many farmers rear sheep and cattle in the fields around the village, producing milk, beef and lamb. Farming can be difficult in the Peak District where the weather and soils can be poor and the costs of looking after the land and animals are rising.

Q...Many farmers now bring in extra money from people visiting the villages and countryside. How do they do this?



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11 The Village Pump

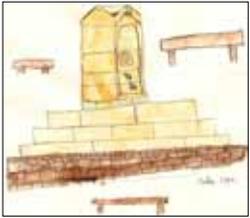
Hartington first grew around its central pond or mere. The people who lived here in the past had many stories to tell of how precious their water supply was. The pump lifted water from a well before there was mains water to the village.

Now look at the nearby village information panel where you can read about sea creatures and limestone.

The panel is mounted on limestone which is the main rock type found in this area of the Peak District.

See if you can find any fossils below the panel and have a go at drawing them just like Toby did.

Q...Whose coronation does the pump commemorate and what year?



Jake Cope



Toby Wigham

Well Dressings are an ancient tradition in Derbyshire - pictures are created in beds of clay using flower petals and natural materials and displayed near wells or springs to give thanks for a fresh water supply. They are displayed in Hartington each September (one at [The Village Pump](#)) linking in with Hartington Wakes and the march of the "Grand Order of Oddfellows". See back cover for further information on local events.

How to get here

By car: Hartington lies 1.5 miles to the west of the A515, take the B5054 just north of Newhaven or east from Warslow and Hulme End. Please park considerately. There is a public car park on the south side of the village.

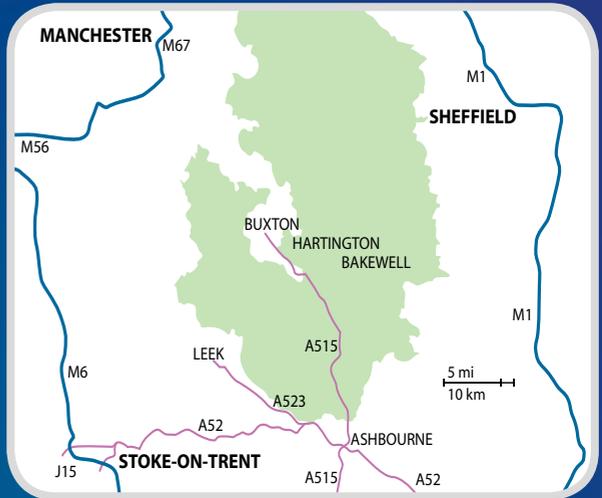
By bicycle: From the south: Leave the Tissington Trail (National Cycle Route 68) at the east of Biggin Village and cycle quiet lanes and part of National Cycle Route 54. From the north: Leave the Tissington Trail south of Sparklow on Cycle route 54 through Pilsbury or at Parsley Hay (Cycle Hire & car park) and follow Hyde Lane which comes into the village.

By public transport: Buses run from Buxton, Ashbourne, Bakewell and Chesterfield. For further information visit www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/peakconnections.



Further information about Hartington and the surrounding areas can be found in the Information hub at Beresford Tearooms.

For information about the Peak District National Park including local events, recreation activities, accommodation & places to visit go to:



Bakewell Visitor Centre,
Tel: 01629 816558 or
www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/villagetrails
www.visitpeakdistrict.com
www.hartingtonvillage.com



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Answers: 1) animals drinking, 2) milk, cows live in country, 3) The pub sign, 4) Keep dogs under control, keep to the path, leave gates as you find them, do not pick wild flowers, 5) A stone arch, 6) The pillars and arches, 7) 2000, 8) The Church, 9) Above the main door, 10) Bed & breakfast/accommodation. 11) King Edward VI, 1902. You should have found 6 mischievous mice!