

## Trail Guide:



**Arts and crafts, stilton and Shrovetide Games Via Longnor and its Craft Centre and the famous Hartington Creamery Cheese Shop, using bus service 442. Check times on the Traveline number - 0870 608 2608 or website [www.derbyshire.gov.uk/buses](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/buses)**

A day out for those who prefer to sit and relax whilst someone else does the driving, or sit and gaze out of the window at the scenery rolling by. The stops have plenty to interest the visitor and provide suitable places to eat and drink too. You can decide how short or long a time you want to stay and which places you wish to stop in. Thus, you could go only to Longnor or Hartington and return to Buxton, or for a full day you could do both, then go to Ashbourne and return at the end of the day to Buxton.

**The gaps between are roughly 2 hours** and the last bus back from Ashbourne is at 1910.

Here's an example of an all day trip and back:

**Leave Buxton at 10am arriving Longnor at 10:25**

**Leave Longnor 12:10 arrive Hartington 12.28**

**Depart Hartington Square 14:35 arrive Ashbourne 15:15**

**Depart Ashbourne 17:40 (or, on Saturdays & School Holidays only 16:05) arrive Buxton Market Place 18:50 (17:31)**

**The route** leaves the splendour of Georgian Buxton, its splendid arcades and crescents south on the A515 and soon branches off right towards Longnor passing through **Earl Sterndale** and its pub called the Quiet Woman and its rather disturbing sign of a headless wife. **Longnor** was once a market centre for the Peaks with the church of St Bartholomew going back over 800 years. A certain William Billinge is buried there aged 112! He was born in a cornfield in 1679 saw the capture of Gibraltar, and saw action against the Stuarts in both 1715 and '45!

The village was once part of the Harpur estates, great landowners of the area. In a former Wesleyan Chapel is a Dolls Hospital called Heirs and Graces. The chief attraction is the Longnor Craft Centre and Coffee Shop, housed in the Old Market Hall of 1873. Here can be found changing exhibitions, wonderful crafts, pottery, textiles and gifts as well as a tempting array of home baked cakes, soups and lunches.

After Longnor, your bus will wind its way to **Hartington**, your next stop, another important

## Trail Key:



Walking



Car



Bus



Cycling



Scenic



Historic



Time



Distance

## Difficulty Rating for walks:



Easy



Moderate



Strenuous

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market centre in the middle ages, granted its charter in 1203. Its landscape is very much man-made, which you will see from the bus: criss-crossed with stone walls and tree plantations, often along the lines of old leadworkings to provide shelter from the winds.

**Hartington Hall**, now a Youth Hostel, is a Tudor manor house built in 1611, where Bonnie Prince Charlie is thought to have stayed on his ill-fated campaign in 1745. Hartington is the focal point for the northern end of the limestone dales on the River Dove and very popular with walkers. Its old railway station is now a picnic area on the old Ashbourne to Buxton railway line, closed in 1968, and now part of the Tissington Trail.

The village has many tea shops and is famous for The Old Cheese Shop: the Duke of Devonshire established the Creamery in the 1876 but it closed in 1895, was reopened again in 1900 by a Leicestershire man to make Stilton Cheese, and is now in one of only 3 counties legally allowed to make it. The shop sells all kinds of delicious cheeses and is housed in the former home of the creamery manager, formerly an 18th century outhouse.

Finally to **Ashbourne**, southern gateway to the Peak, already a Royal Borough by the time of Domesday and famous for Bonnie Prince Charlie's visit in 1745 and for its Shrovetide Football Game (a separate leaflet is available on that – trail 25 in this series). Walk down Church Street to enjoy the fine buildings and if it's a Thursday, enjoy the weekly market.

Dr Johnson of dictionary fame was a frequent visitor here. Ashbourne's church, St Oswald's, is one of the grandest in Derbyshire and has wonderful medieval alabaster tombs inside, including a very moving one carved from carrara marble, of Penelope Boothby aged 5 who drowned in a shipwreck.

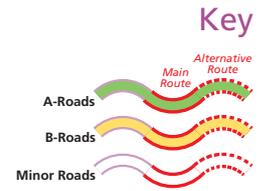
Return to Buxton enjoying the ride back.

# Buxton Trail No. 31

# Bussing Along from Buxton to Ashbourne



Full  
Day



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