


1 **St John's Chapel and Grounds** (Wednesday) 11am

Start point: St John's Chapel, Under 16s free, £2 per person, £4 per person, Under 16s free.

Leader: Mary Smedley, The Butts, DE56 1HX.

Join Mary on a morning tour of Belper's oldest building – inside and out! Discover why this medieval chapel was built and the resources available inside today. Sorry, no dogs.




JUNE

27 **Deer, Coal, Clay & Iron - Heage & the Duffield Frith** (Sunday), 2.15pm

Start point: Eagle Tavern Car Park, Heage DE56 2HU (GR 372505). **Leader:** John Morrissey.

Four mile walk to see and hear how a former medieval deer park lying at the northern edge of the Duffield Frith was acquired by the Hurt family using profits from mineral extraction to make them yet more money. Start time is bus friendly.



29 **Bank Holiday Monday, 2pm** (Bank Holiday Monday), 2pm

Start point: Strutt's North Mill. **Leader:** Christine Smith.

Follow the A6 turnpike road of 1818, spotting hidden heritage on the way to the Union Workhouse, for a walk around the old exercise yard.

From Cow Hill To Highland Cattle (Tuesday), 7pm

Start point: Belper Market Place, DE56 1FZ.

Leader: Dawn Churchill.

A 2.5 mile evening walk looking at the industry and old community of the Cow Hill area, then across the Deer Park to ancient farmland to encounter Highland cattle. Walking boots recommended. There are some steep slopes and both stepover and squeezer stiles.



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Explore our heritage and discover its secrets

Lying at the heart of the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site, Strutt's North Mill in Belper is the ideal place to start exploring this historic landscape.

From the mills and factories nestling by the Derwent, to the houses, chapels and schools provided for the workforce; from the formal parks and gardens in the town centre to the well-preserved 18th century rural valley landscape setting, Belper is a treasure chest of sights to discover and experience.

Thanks to a dedicated group of volunteers, carrying out research and trying out alternative routes, Strutt's North Mill adds new heritage walks to its walks programme every year – in 2016 there are more walks and greater choice than ever before. Walks range from short tours around the town centre to longer rambles into the countryside, but all include opportunities to see this area's heritage as you've never seen it before.

World Heritage Discovery Walks

(booking recommended on 01629 536831 or info@derwentvalleymills.org)

28 **Exploring Dalley Farm** (Saturday), 2pm

Start point: Strutt's North Mill.

Leaders: Alex Gilbert & Adrian Farmer.

A walk over Bridge Hill to one of the Strutt farms, where Alex Gilbert will talk about new findings about the family's agricultural experiments, before returning past Crossroads Farm. Sorry, no dogs.

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Start point: Strutt's North Mill. **Leader:** Gordon Dexter.

Follow the railway through Belper, still a major artery, its route and features determined by the power of a local mill and land owning family.

APRIL

27 **Taking the Turnpik to the Workhouse** (Easter Sunday), 2pm

Start point: Strutt's North Mill. **Leader:** John Morrissey.

Follow the A6 turnpike road of 1818, spotting hidden heritage on the way to the Union Workhouse, for a walk around the old exercise yard.

MARCH

VISIT STRUTT'S NORTH MILL

- By Car** On the A6 between Derby and Matlock. Free parking is available.
- By Bus** The Trent Barton 'Sixes' and Trans Peak busses run to Belper. The 6.1 between Derby and Bakewell drops you almost at the mill door!
- By Train** Belper is on the Nottingham/Derby/Matlock line. The station is just a short walk from the museum.



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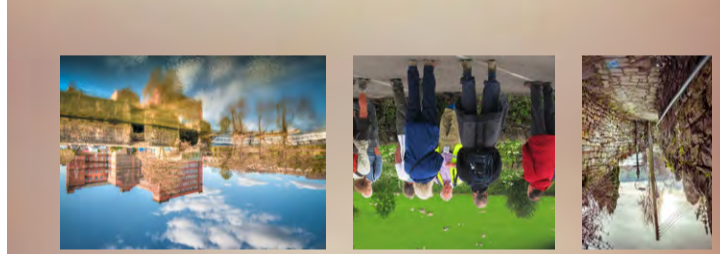
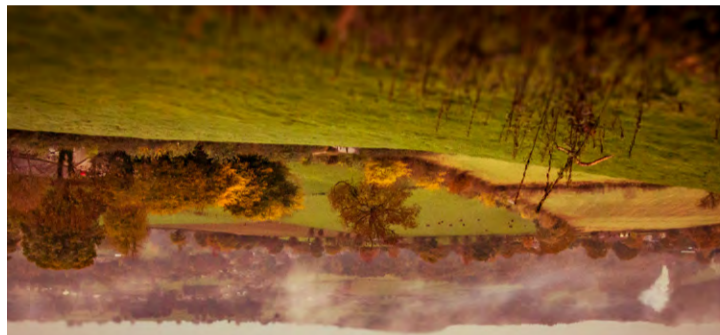
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Booking
 For all other walks you can pre-book on 01773 880474 or just turn up at the starting point before the walk begins. Please be advised that if there are any changes to the schedule we can only inform those who pre-book. Please ensure you have suitable footwear and clothing for walking and the seasonal weather (waterproofs in winter, hats and sunscreen in the summer). Well-behaved dogs on a lead are welcome on walks unless otherwise stated.

Pricing
 Pricing reflects the length of the walks - £2 per adult for shorter walks, usually lasting no more than 90 minutes, and £4 per adult for walks lasting two hours or more. Accompanied under 16s go free in both cases. The shorter Historic Belper walks on the second Sundays through the summer will be different each month, reflecting the latest research by the guides.

World Heritage Site Discovery Festival
 In May and October each year, as part of the World Heritage Site Discovery Festivals, Strutt's North Mill provides lots of extra walks. These walks are clearly marked in the listings. Booking is recommended for Discovery Festival events, through the World Heritage Site booking line 01629 536831 or email info@derwentvalleymills.org.

Information is correct at the time of going to press. The Belper North Mill Trust cannot be held responsible for any loss or inconvenience relating to changes or cancellations for these events.



Belper Heritage Walks 2016



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JUNE (continued)

2 Waterworks and Witches (Thursday) 2pm

£4 per person, Under 16s free.

Start point: Belper Market Place, DE56 1FZ. **Leader:** Dawn Churchill. A long walk of about five miles, utilizing roads, hidden channels and footpaths to view both Belper and Heage windmills, passing by Bessalene Reservoir and eerie Bessalone Wood, returning via Belper Cemetery and Chesterfield Road. Walking boots required. Gentle slopes and squeezer and stepover stiles.

3 Not the Usual Channels (Friday) 2pm

£4 per person, Under 16s free.

Start point: Belper Market Place, DE56 1FZ. **Leader:** Brian Deer. A continuation of Brian's 2015 exploration of Belper's hidden channels and footpaths. Includes steep climbs which may be slippery if wet. Discover the town's lesser-known off-road routes.



4 Exploring Belper Cemetery (Saturday) 2pm

£4 per person, Under 16s free.

Start point: Belper Cemetery Entrance, Matlock Road, DE56 1UR. **Leaders:** Adrian Farmer and Beki Howey. Discover how Belper's beautiful hillside cemetery was created, about some of the people buried there, and where Oliver Reed stood during the filming of 1968's *Women in Love*. Includes a look inside the chapel. Some steep and uneven climbs. Sorry, no dogs.

5 Bridge Hill and the Ice House (Sunday) 2pm

£4 per person, Under 16s free.

Start point: Strutt's North Mill. **Leader:** Adrian Farmer. A short but steep walk up Bridge Hill to look inside the Ice House, the only substantial surviving structure belonging to the Strutt's Belper mansion. Then a chance to discover what else has survived, hidden away. Sorry, no dogs.

6 Talk, Not Walk: Belper Deer Park (Monday) 7pm

£3 per person, Under 16s free.

Venue: No.28 Market Place, DE56 1FZ. **Speaker:** Mary Smedley. A chance to sit down in the second week of the World Heritage Walking Festival, and hear about the history of Belper's ancient deer park, in preparation for Christine Smith's walk around the deer park on Thursday 9 June (see below). Sorry, no dogs.

7 Laying the Tracks: The Railway in Belper (Tuesday), 2pm

£4 per person, Under 16s free.

Start point: Strutt's North Mill. **Leader:** Gordon Dexter. Follow the railway through Belper, still a major artery, its route and features determined by the power of a local mill and land owning family.



9 Walk, Not Talk: Belper before the Strutts (Thursday), 2pm

£4 per person, Under 16s free (£2 per person for those who also attended the June 6 talk above).

Start point: Belper Market Place, DE56 1FZ. **Leader:** Christine Smith. Following Mary's talk on June 6, Christine Smith explores Belper's ancient deer park, discovering remnants of the town's medieval past.



10 Walking in Hurt Country (Friday), 1.30pm

£4 per person, Under 16s free.

Start point: Hurt Arms Car Park, Ambergate DE56 2EJ (GR 347516). **Leaders:** John Morrissey and Brian Deer. A six-mile walk, with a train and Transpeak bus friendly start-time. If coming by car, park along the northern wall as far as possible from the A6. The route goes along the river, past the old wireworks where there are plans to take power from the river once more by turbines. Then a slog uphill past Alderwasley Hall (a school, formerly a seat of the Hurts) to look inside the medieval Alderwasley Chapel - the oldest parish hall in the country. Great views, weather permitting, over the Derwent Valley where the Hurts owned land amenable to industrial exploitation. Field paths then take the group downhill to Whatstandwell Bridge, and along the Cromford Canal back to Ambergate.

12 Jewel in the Crown: Belper River Gardens (Sunday), 2pm

£2 per person, Under 16s free.

Start point: Strutt's North Mill. **Leader:** Stella Howitt/Mary Smedley. For the final day of the Discovery Walks Festival, a shorter walk, looking at the history of Belper's River Gardens. Easy access.

26 Dally Beyond the Dalley (Sunday), 2pm

£4 per person, Under 16s free.

Start point: Strutt's North Mill. **Leader:** Dawn Churchill. A mainly countryside 4.5 mile walk with stunning views through parts of the old Strutt estate, looking at the site of the Dalley Lane coal pits and passing by the house Samuel Slater never lived in! Returning to Belper by the Cornmill and Belper Meadows. Walking boots required. Some steep slopes and both types of stile.

JULY

10 Historic Belper (Sunday), 2pm

£2 per person, Under 16s free.

Start point: Strutt's North Mill. **Leader:** Gordon Dexter. Join Gordon on a shorter walk, looking at recently researched aspects of Belper's history.

31 Bullmoor and Walker Bottoms (Sunday), 2pm

£4 per person, Under 16s free.

Start point: Belper Market Place, DE56 1FZ. **Leader:** John Morrissey. 3.5 mile country walk through six hundred years of history close to the heart of Belper.

AUGUST

14 Historic Belper (Sunday), 2pm

£2 per person, Under 16s free.

Start point: Strutt's North Mill. **Leader:** Christine Smith. Join Christine on a shorter walk, looking at recently researched aspects of Belper's history.

28 A Taste of Belper's History (Sunday), 2pm

£4 per person, Under 16s free.

Start point: Belper Market Place, DE56 1FZ. **Leader:** Adrian Farmer. A food-themed look at Belper's history, visiting a gigantic larder, early bread factory and ending with a little taster of what present-day Belper has to offer in the award-winning Fresh Basil deli. Sorry, no dogs.

SEPTEMBER



11 Historic Belper (Sunday), 2pm

£2 per person, Under 16s free.

Start point: Strutt's North Mill. **Leader:** Brian Deer. Join Brian on a shorter walk, looking at recently researched aspects of Belper's history.

25 Makeney and Milford's West Side Story (Sunday), 2pm

£4 per person, Under 16s free.

Start point: Mill House Car Park, Milford DE56 0QW. **Leaders:** Brian Deer and John Morrissey. A look at the tiny community of Makeney, as well as Milford's west side story - Sunny Hill and the Chevin. Walk will involve steep climbs and footpaths that may be slippery if wet.

OCTOBER

9 Historic Belper (Sunday), 2pm

£2 per person, Under 16s free.

Start point: Strutt's North Mill. **Leader:** Dawn Churchill. Join Dawn on a shorter walk, looking at recently researched aspects of Belper's history.



World Heritage Discovery Days

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22 Discover the Deer Park (Saturday), 11am

Free but donations welcome.

Start point: Belper Market Place, DE56 1FZ. **Leader:** Dawn Churchill. A short one-mile walk around Belper's medieval deer park, to hear about the lost Manor House and find out about later uses of the Park, now a Local Nature Reserve. Walking boots recommended. Footpaths and slopes but no stiles.



22 The Strutt Community & 7 Long Row (Saturday), 2pm

Free but donations welcome.

Start point: Strutt's North Mill. **Leader:** Brian Deer. A short walk around the Rows and Clusters of the Strutt community, hearing about the discoveries made whilst researching the exhibition on the millworkers' housing presented at Strutt's North Mill earlier in the year. Includes access to a Strutt-built house - 7 Long Row. Sorry, no dogs.

23 On Old Cow Hill (Sunday), 11am

Free but donations welcome.

Start point: The Strutts Centre, Derby Road, DE56 1UU. **Leader:** John Morrissey. A 1.5 mile short walk, looking at Belper beyond the Deer Park, and a six hundred year old boundary that still defines Belper localities.

23 What did the Strutts do for Belper? (Sunday), 2pm

Free but donations welcome.

Start point: Strutt's North Mill. **Leader:** Gordon Dexter. A short walk through one of the world's first industrial communities, built to attract and support families working in the new water-powered cotton mills. See how the Strutt family transformed the town.

23 Stockings, School & the Workhouse (Sunday), 3pm

Free but donations welcome.

Start point: The Strutts Centre, Derby Road, DE56 1UU. **Leader:** Adrian Farmer. A short walk around the south end of the town centre - discovering old schools and hosiery companies, before exploring the old workhouse exercise yard and learning about what the inmates ate and did.

24 Discovering Duffield (Monday), 1.30pm

£4 per person, Under 16s free.

Start point: St Alkmund's Church Car Park DE56 4BA (GR 348428). **Leader:** John Morrissey. A two-mile walk around the Village that Moved. John will follow in its footsteps. Start time is train friendly.

25 Belper in Wartime (Tuesday), 2pm

£4 per person, Under 16s free.

Start point: Strutt's North Mill. **Leader:** Adrian Farmer. Discover the hidden heritage that has survived and the stories from Belper's time during the two World Wars. Two-mile walk with some slopes and uneven surfaces.

26 Cut to the Chase - Ambergate (Wednesday), 1.30pm

£4 per person, Under 16s free.

Start point: Hurt Arms Car Park, Ambergate DE56 2EJ (GR 347516). **Leaders:** John Morrissey. A 2.5-mile walk, with a train and Transpeak bus friendly start-time. If coming by car, park along the northern wall as far as possible from the A6. The Hurt continues! A medieval landscape transformed by the Hurt family during the industrial revolution into a transport hub.

27 A Short Circle around Old Belper (Thursday), 2pm

£2 per person, Under 16s free.

Start point: Belper Market Place, DE56 1FZ. **Leader:** Mary Smedley. A short meander around the oldest but most fascinating parts of Belper town centre. Easy access.

28 Belper's Award-winning High Street (Friday), 2pm

£4 per person, Under 16s free.

Start point: Belper Market Place, DE56 1FZ. **Leader:** Adrian Farmer. Find out how Belper's history contributed to the town's Great British High Street win in 2014, and the stories behind the development of the town centre and its shops. Sorry, no dogs.

DECEMBER 2017

26 Boxing Day Heritage Walk (Monday), 2pm

£4 per person, Under 16s free.

Start point: Strutt's North Mill. **Leader:** Adrian Farmer. Walk off the Christmas excess with a walk around Belper's town centre, looking at some of the hidden heritage you wouldn't find on your own. Ends at the North Mill with a warm drink and a bite to eat.



JANUARY 2017

1 New Years Day Heritage Walk (Sunday), 2pm

£4 per person, Under 16s free.

Start point: Strutt's North Mill. **Leader:** Dawn Churchill. Discover things about Belper that you never knew! A seasonal 1.5 mile walk looking at the hidden gems of Belper, showing why it is part of the World Heritage Site. Town paths with no difficulties. Includes refreshments at the end of the walk.