

Cooperatively creative

Hebden Bridge, the market town in the heart of the Yorkshire Pennines, invites you to come and share its resilience and creativity.

The majority of the shops, cafes, pubs and services

which were flooded are reopening. Regular updates are on www.hebdenbridge.co.uk/visitors

And so much remains unchanged. From the old stone bridge that gives the town its name, look up to the distinctive double-decker houses ascending steep valley sides, and then to the woods and moors beyond. Our 2016 calendar is packed full of festivals and events and this year we've added an 'alternative Christmas' on the sixth month anniversary of the floods – 25th June, complete with Christmas Tree, snow machines and an Aussie-style Christmas bbq.

Come and spot the locations of the BBC hit series *Happy Valley* and *Last Tango in Halifax*. On one of our market days enjoy the 'Best Small Outdoor Market in England'. In the day there are shops, cafes and plenty of art. In the evening pubs and restaurants, the historic Picture House and the famous Trades Club music venue. And so much more beyond the town.'

There are 3-4 trains an hour from Manchester, Leeds and Lancashire. So what are you waiting for?



Don't miss...

THE VISITOR CENTRE Your first port of call for the FREE TOWN MAP. Explore the town with the self guided route packed with fascinating information. 07702 525739 / 01422 843831 (after June) hebdenbridge@ybtic.co.uk.

THE BRIDGE The magnificent old packhorse bridge built in 1510. Can you spot the old inscriptions on the bridge recording various repairs? This leads to...

THE BUTTRESS Steep cobbled old packhorse trail to Lancashire goes via Heptonstall. Climb up part of the way for fabulous views.

DOUBLE DECKER HOUSING These unusual tall houses cling to the hillsides; the other side of the top half opens onto a different street.

RAILWAY STATION A gem! A delightful café & weekend evenings pop up cider bar. Don't miss the historic exhibition in the waiting room. Can you spot the white & red roses?

FUSTIAN KNIFE This sculpture in St George's Square commemorates the fustian industry which the town was internationally famous for. It's also a giant sundial set just to 'Hebden Bridge' time.

WORKING WATER WHEEL in Innovation Café Hebden Bridge Mill, St Georges Square. A mill has stood on this site since the 14th Century. An Archimedes screw on the river now generates electricity for the mill.

MILLENNIUM CLOCK (Opposite Town Hall) Astrological style clock paid for by public subscription.

TOWN HALL Always an art exhibition including local artist Kate Lycett's LOST HOUSES OF THE SOUTH PENNINES in August and October.

ROCHDALE CANAL Watch boats go through the lock on the aqueduct crossing the River Calder (look over the side for the curious carved head) or take a...

BOAT TRIP on the Canal from Stubbing Wharf Pub a few minutes walk away. www.hebdenbridgecruises.com

CALDER HOLMES PARK Popular Skateboard Park, superb children's playground, outdoor exercise machines

MARINA The former canal basin built in 1893 now a great spot to watch boats & the noisy geese & ducks.

PICTURE HOUSE Community owned and entertaining the town since 1921 & retaining many of its original features, the cinema hosts a mix of Art house and mainstream films. www.hebdenbridgepicturehouse.co.uk

MARKETS: Winner of the Best Small Outdoor Market award in 2015; Currently Flea market Weds; Food market Thurs; Farmers market some Sundays. Later in year the Flea market will move to Friday and an additional market will take place on Saturdays. See www.hebdenbridge.co.uk/visitors for details.

THE TRADES CLUB Voted one of the best small music venues in the North. www.thetradesclub.com

THE LITTLE THEATRE An excellent local theatre. Try to catch ones of its shows. www.hebdentheatre.moonfruit.com

AND FROM HEBDEN IT'S SO EASY TO EXPLORE A LITTLE FURTHER:

HARDCASTLE CRAGS National Trust estate in a beautiful wooded valley with deep ravines, tumbling streams & waterfalls, an easy 30 minute walk up the Hebden Water. At the heart is Gibson Mill a former cotton mill now restored as visitor centre & cafe.

HEPTONSTALL Delightful historic village full of interest including the world's oldest octagonal Methodist chapel. Museum open weekends April – Oct. Poet Sylvia Plath is buried in new graveyard. Delicious tea room. Self guided trail.

UP TO THE MOORS Save yourself the effort and catch a bus up to the 'Tops' where you're free to roam the moors as you please. Or walk to Stoodley Pike, the peace memorial which dominates the southern horizon. Maps and guides for walkers available at the Visitor centre.

MYTHOLMROYD Explore the home town of Poet Laureate Ted Hughes, just down the valley. Or walk through the woods up to his old house at Lumb Bank above Hebden.



Getting here

TRAIN: Excellent train connections from Manchester, Leeds, Bradford, Burnley. Save petrol and arrive in Hebden at our grade 2 listed historical station complete with its independent café.

CAR: Parking is well sign-posted as you enter the town (and located on the map inside). Look for the Long Stay signs.

BUS: 10 minute service along the Upper Calder Valley/Halifax (Mon-Sat). Hourly buses from Huddersfield and Keighley; try the 500 service over the moors to Bronte's Haworth, and Worth Valley steam railway only 30 minutes away. Our network of little buses from the station gets you up to the moors.

FOOT OR CYCLE: Walkers ARE welcome and the Pennine Way passes above the town and the new Pennine Way loop passes through the town. The Calder Valley Cycle Way comes through Hebden. Bikes can be hired at the train station. See www.bikeandgo.co.uk.

COACH: Parking available in the town

BOAT: Canal moorings available in the centre of Hebden.

Staying here

Now you're here STAY OVER... don't just be a day tripper. You'll miss out on the entertainment, the bars and restaurants and the quiet of a country morning. Then you can fit in that walk or pub lunch that you didn't get round to yesterday or explore a little further. Relax into a stop-over in Hebden.

A wide range of accommodation – hotels, B and Bs, inns, hostels, self catering or camping - can be found at www.hebdenbridge.co.uk/accommodation or get help from the Tourist Information Centre 07702525739 (01422 843831 after June) email hebdenbridge@ybtic.co.uk

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Annual festivals

HEPTONSTALL PACE EGG PLAY MARCH 25TH
Annual performance of traditional Easter Play.

ANNUAL DUCK RACE MARCH 28TH
Buy a duck and see if it wins.

PIANO FESTIVAL APRIL 22ND – 24TH
www.hebdenbridgepianofestival.com

BURLESQUE FESTIVAL APRIL 30TH – MAY 1ST
www.hebdenbridgeburlesquefestival.co.uk

HEBDEN BRIDGE FOLK ROOTS FESTIVAL MAY 13TH – 15TH
www.hebdenfolkroots.org

PENNINE SPRING MUSIC FESTIVAL MAY 30TH – JUNE 4TH
www.penninespringmusic.co.uk

HEBDEN BRIDGE ARTS FESTIVAL (CELEBRATING TROUSER TOWN) JUNE 24TH – JULY 3RD
www.hebdenbridgeartsfestival.co.uk

HEBDEN ROYD ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS JUNE 25TH
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/HBXmas/>
[permalink/1107063659318057/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/HBXmas/)

HANDMADE PARADE JUNE 26TH
www.handmadeparade.co.uk/hebden-bridge-parade

OPEN STUDIOS JULY 1ST – 3RD
www.hebdenbridgeopenstudios.org

VINTAGE CAR RALLY AUGUST 6TH – 7TH
www.hebdenbridge-vintageweekend.org.uk

TED HUGHES FESTIVAL AUGUST (TBC)
www.theelmettrust.org

STEAM PUNK WEEKEND SEPTEMBER 10TH – 12TH
www.hebdensteampunk.co.uk

SOUTH PENNINE WALK AND RIDE FESTIVAL SEPTEMBER 19TH – 25TH
www.walkandridefestival.co.uk

CAMRA BEER FESTIVAL SEPTEMBER 22ND – 24TH

Just a few of our packed calendar of events; there's many more at www.hebdenbridge.co.uk/visitors

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Walkers and cyclists are welcome in Hebden Bridge

Hebden Bridge became the first ever 'Walkers are Welcome' town 10 years ago, so muddy boots are accepted here. Whilst race stages through the town during the Tour De France (2014) and Tour de Yorkshire (2015) have absolutely put it on the cyclists' map.

WALK: along the Hebden Water to the National Trust's Hardcastle Crag; or up the paths and stone steps towards the moors above; but if you want something more leisurely catch any of our little buses up to the tops and then walk down. The Bronte Parsonage in Howarth is but 7 miles away as the crow flies; will you walk where the Bronte sisters did before? The new Hebden Bridge Walkers Action guide to the walking routes between the two towns is now available. The Hebden Bridge Loop on the Pennine Way was newly opened in April 2015. See www.hbwalkersaction.org.uk

CYCLE: along National Route 66 and the cycle paths along the valley; or if you fancy a challenge why not up Cragg Vale, England's longest continuous road climb: 5½ miles at an average gradient of 3%.



Eat well, drink well

Hebden Bridge, for a town of its size supports more cafes, pubs, and restaurants than many other much larger places – another ingredient for a great day out. While many of these were affected by the December floods most of its many pubs and cafes are reopening in the spring. NO Starbucks, NO Costa... just friendly local proprietors serving good coffee, tea, cakes, breakfasts, snack lunches and more. There are cafes in ancient mills, by the canal, in the park, along the river, everywhere. There are PLENTIFUL RESTAURANTS too all reasonably priced but serving quality, often local ingredients: Italian, Thai, Greek, Turkish, Vegetarian, Indian, Fish and Chips, English... We aim to have fully reopened for our Alternative Christmas Day on June 25th! But come before then... help us bounce back!

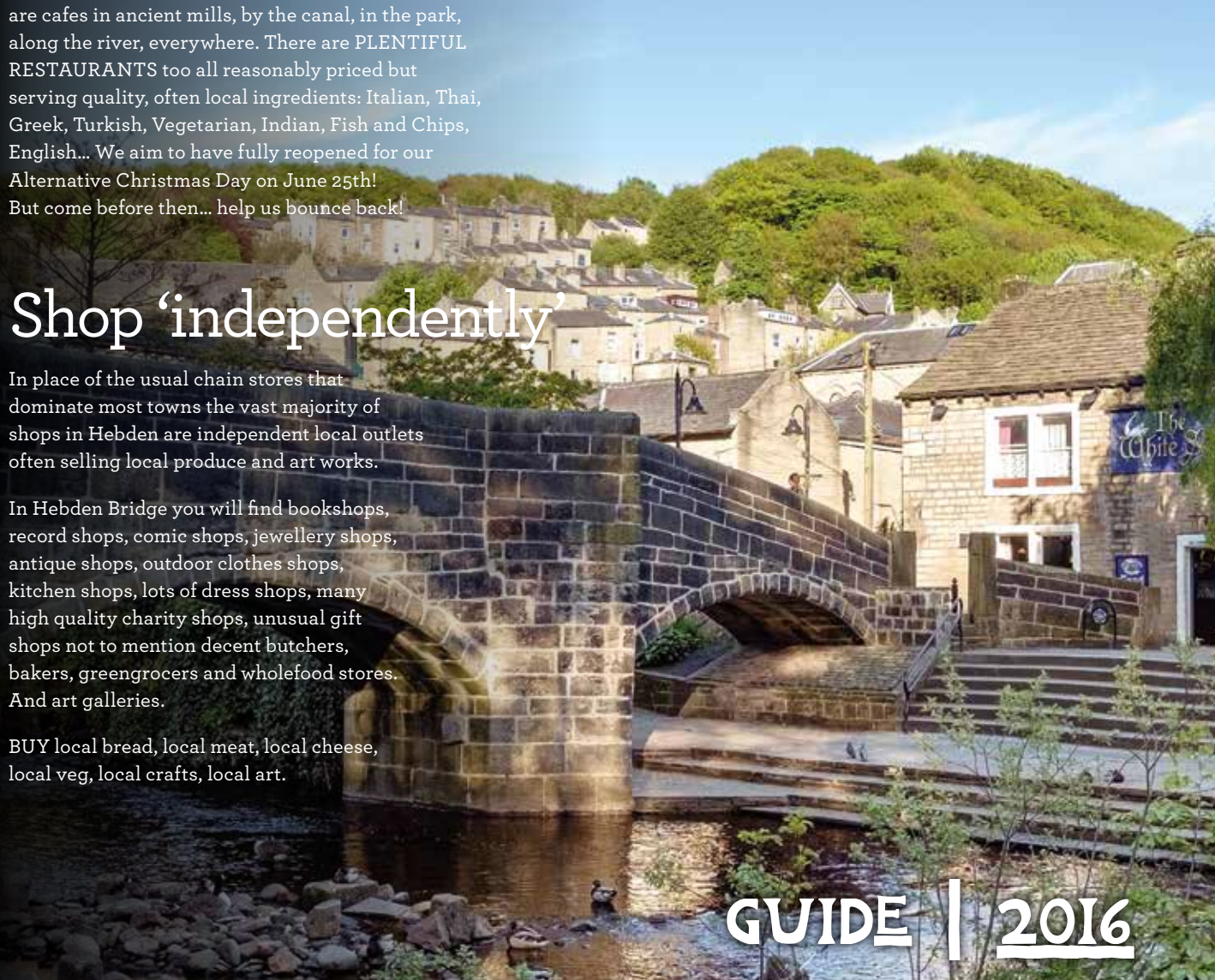
Shop 'independently'

In place of the usual chain stores that dominate most towns the vast majority of shops in Hebden are independent local outlets often selling local produce and art works.

In Hebden Bridge you will find bookshops, record shops, comic shops, jewellery shops, antique shops, outdoor clothes shops, kitchen shops, lots of dress shops, many high quality charity shops, unusual gift shops not to mention decent butchers, bakers, greengrocers and wholefood stores. And art galleries.

BUY local bread, local meat, local cheese, local veg, local crafts, local art.

WELCOME TO HEBDEN BRIDGE



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