

# Blackwell & Kendal

Saturday 27 June - £18.00

8.30am - Northwich Memorial Hall

Other Pick-up Points Available

We start the day visiting Kendal, gateway to the Lake District. Kendal Castle, probably late 12th Century, is now a ruin, but worth exploring. From here you can get brilliant views over the town. At Kendal Museum is an exhibition telling the story of the Castle, its people, and the life of the town. Abbot Hall Art Gallery is set in an attractive Georgian House beside the River Kent. The Museum of Lakeland Life is housed in what was the stable block of Abbot Hall. The Museum of Natural History and Archaeology is one of the oldest museums in the country, housing outstanding displays of natural history and archaeology. The Quaker Tapestry, housed in the Kendal Quaker Meeting House, is an embroidery of community art, the creation of more than 4000 people in 15 countries.

After lunch we visit Blackwell House. This Arts & Crafts House is one of Britain's finest and most important houses from the turn of the last century. Designed by MH



Baillie Scott between 1898 and 1900, it is a superb example of the arts and crafts movement. Overlooking Lake Windermere, Blackwell has fine examples of decorative arts, furniture and objects. The interiors glow with superb examples of stained glass, carved oak and iron work, and are complemented by changing exhibitions of contemporary and applied arts. With delightful garden terraces, craft shop and Tea Room - it's a perfect place to visit!

# Burghley House & Stamford

Saturday 18 July - £20.00

8.30am - Northwich Memorial Hall

Other Pick-up Points Available

Stamford, in Lincolnshire, is on The Great North Road, linking London with York. It boasts 11 churches, 30 pubs, 20 restaurants and over 10 quality hotels. All Saints' Church dating back to the 13th Century was rebuilt after suffering damage during the Wars of the Roses. The church has family memorial brasses and a carved angel roof. Stamford Museum sets out the history and archaeology of the town from its earliest times to today with displays, exhibitions and galleries.

After lunch we move on to Burghley House. Burghley is one of the largest and grandest houses of the first Elizabethan Age. Built and mostly designed



by William Cecil, Lord High Treasurer to Queen Elizabeth I, between 1555 and 1587, the main part of the House has 35 major rooms on the ground and first floors. There are more than 80 lesser rooms and numerous halls, corridors, bathrooms and service areas. The lead roof extends to three quarters of an acre. Visitor facilities include the Orangery Restaurant, Gift Shop, Gardens of Surprise and beautiful walks around the historic parkland laid out by Capability Brown and still occupied by a herd of fallow deer. Inside is one of the finest assemblies of 17th century Italian masterpieces, an exceptional collection of Oriental and European ceramics, fine furniture, textiles and works of art grouped together in a magnificent setting that remains a family home. Burghley is truly a Treasure House.

# Southwell Minster & The Workhouse

Saturday 15 August - £18.00

8.30am - Northwich Memorial Hall

Other Pick-up Points Available

Southwell, in Nottinghamshire, has many elegant Regency houses but its architectural jewel is the Minster church, boasting some of the best medieval stone carving in England. Said by many to be the best kept secret among the forty two English cathedrals it is a gem. The Cathedral and Parish Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary is popularly known, as it has been for centuries, as 'Southwell Minster'. The present church, which is mostly Norman, was built by Archbishop Thomas who wrote a letter in the early 12th century asking all of Nottinghamshire to give alms to finance the building of the Church of St Mary of Southwell. Building commenced in about 1108 and was largely complete by 1340. Perhaps because of lack of resources, the church has been little altered since then. It is said that it narrowly escaped destruction during the Civil War.

Southwell Workhouse (NT) is the most complete workhouse in existence. The audio guide brings the 19th-century inhabitants back to life. Find out about poverty through the years with the help of the interactive displays, then meet the Reverend Becher, the founder of The Workhouse, in the introductory film. Discover the segregated work yards, day rooms, dormitories, master's quarters and cellars, then see the recreated working 19th-century garden and food the paupers would have eaten.



# Beamish Steam Day

Saturday 5 September - £20.00  
8.30am - Northwich Memorial Hall  
Other Pick-up Points Available

Beamish is a world famous open air museum. It tells the story of the people of North East England at two important points of their history - 1825 and 1913.

The Town represents a typical north eastern market town in the years leading up to the First World War. Trams rattle down the cobbled street, carrying visitors on their journey into the past. At the west end of The Town is a Victorian park, with ornamental flower beds and a bandstand from Saltwell Park. Ravensworth Terrace came originally from nearby Gateshead. These fashionable houses were built for professional people and now represent the home of a Music Teacher, the home and surgery of a Dentist and a Solicitor's office.

The Colliery Village is built around a recreation of a typical North Eastern pit in the early 1900s. The pit cottages, from Francis Street, Hetton-le-Hole, show how miners and their families lived. The backyards incorporate 'netties' or ash closets, and a stand pipe.

Beamish Railway Station, adjacent to The Town, is a typical country station as it would have been in 1913. A wrought-iron footbridge from The Town crosses the railway line and leads towards the signal box, dating from 1896.

We visit Beamish when locomotives will be in steam at the Beamish Railway Station and Colliery, plus vintage vehicles, steam rollers, traction engines, stationary engines, the magnificent colliery winding engine and guest appearances of fabulous machines. A must for steam and transport enthusiasts alike.

- The price of tours includes the coach fare but not entry fees to houses, museums and galleries, unless stated.
- Places marked NT/EH are free to National Trust/English Heritage members. Remember to bring your membership card.
- We stop for morning coffee, lunch and afternoon tea, but feel free to bring a packed lunch.

Pick-up point	Departure times
Winsford, Delamere Street	8.00am
Davenham Old Primary School	8.10am
Sandiway Church	8.15am
Weaverham shops	8.18pm
Hartford Crossroads (Bradburns Lane)	8.20am
Greenbank Hotel	8.25am
Darwin Street, Castle	8.28am
Northwich Memorial Hall	8.30am

- Brochure departure times are from Northwich Memorial Hall. Earlier times are shown above for the other pick-up points.
- Please be at your collection point in good time as the coach will not wait.
- Itinerary may change due to circumstances beyond our control.
- Sorry but no refunds on cancellations unless we can resell your ticket.

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