

Derbyshire County Council Countryside Service

The Chesterfield Canal and other local countryside sites are managed by Derbyshire County Council.

At Tapton Lock Visitor Centre you will find a wide range of books, maps, leaflets and advice for exploring the local countryside.

Contact us for more information about:

- Phoenix Greenways.
- Guided walks and events in the area and throughout the county.
- Volunteering opportunities.
- Links to Countryside Service teams across Derbyshire.

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Discover Chesterfield's Greenways



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Exploring Greenways

Whether you are planning a car-free weekend with the kids; want to get away from it all for an hour; just get fit and healthy or are looking for a longer holiday - Chesterfield's Greenways are here for you to enjoy.

This series of linked trails and paths are designed to connect you to communities and places to visit. Walkers, cyclists, disabled users, prams, buggies and horse riders can enjoy the surfaced paths in some of our most beautiful countryside. Follow old railway tracks, the canal towpath and other level paths through wildlife corridors which are safe for all the family.

Easy Access - Greenways are generally level and surfaced. Gradients are kept to a minimum and you'll find rest places and benches. Entrance structures are designed to discourage motor bikes and other unauthorised access but let you get through with most wheelchairs and mobility scooters. You can borrow our Tramper mobility scooter from Tapton Lock Visitor Centre. Contact us for more information.

Enjoy Safe Greenways

Shared Paths - Be aware of and considerate to other path users you meet. Cyclists, please give way to walkers, horse riders and mobility scooter users, slow down and warn of your approach. Maintenance and agricultural vehicles sometimes use these routes.

Be Seen! - You should wear appropriate clothing for your activity and the weather.

Highways crossings and road safety - Where Greenways cross main roads, use the crossing points provided. Where there isn't an official crossing point, cross with care.

On the Water - the Chesterfield Canal

You can enjoy exploring this part of the Greenway on the water. Our Countryside Service manages this restored section of canal and we welcome canoes, day boats and small cruisers on the area between Chesterfield and the new Staveley Town Basin.

Boating is by permit only. You can get an application pack from Tapton Lock Visitor Centre or from our website.

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- Enjoy cruising or paddling a peaceful and scenic 5 miles with 5 locks.
- Launch from the slipways at Tapton Lock Visitor Centre or Staveley Town Basin.
- You will find pubs and refreshments en-route and public toilets at Tapton Lock Visitor Centre and Hollingwood Hub.



Chesterfield Canal Trust's trip boat, the **John Varley** makes regular summer Sunday cruises along the canal from Tapton Lock Visitor Centre or you can charter the boat for a private party. www.chesterfield-canal-trust.org.uk



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Places to Visit

While you are exploring the area's Greenways you will find that Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire have so much more to offer visitors. Whether you are here for a day, a weekend or longer, take a little time to discover some of our treasures.

Tapton Lock Visitor Centre on the Chesterfield Canal is the home of Derbyshire County Council Countryside staff, who look after the **Chesterfield Canal** and **Trans Pennine Trail**. We have a shop which sells gifts, books and refreshments and has a small canal display. Pop in to pick up free walks leaflets and information on places to visit in the area. We have a **Tramper Mobility Scooter** for hire which can be used on the canal towpath (call us for more information) www.derbyshire.gov.uk/countryside Tel: 01629 533020.

Chesterfield's Crooked Spire is the Church of St. Mary and All Saints dating back to the 14th Century. It's the largest church in Derbyshire and you will find it in the centre of town, it's impossible to miss! It is open daily; why not climb the Spire for a different view of the town? www.chesterfieldparishchurch.org.uk Tel: 01246 232937.

Chesterfield Market is one of the largest open air markets in the country, held on Mondays, Fridays and Saturdays. There is a Flea Market on Thursdays and a Farmers Market on the second Thursday of every month. www.visitchesterfield.info Tel: 01246 345777/8.

Revolution House was a hostelry over 300 years ago when local noblemen met to plot the 'Glorious Revolution' of 1688. Today it is a museum with a display of 17th Century living. www.visitchesterfield.info Tel: 01246 345727.

Renishaw Hall and Gardens is the Derbyshire home of the artistic and literary Sitwell family. The magnificent gardens and courtyard café are open from Easter to the end of October and tours of the house can be arranged. www.renishaw-hall.co.uk Tel: 01246 432310.

Barrow Hill Roundhouse is Britain's last surviving working Roundhouse Engine Shed. It is open at weekends for visitors to enjoy steam, diesel and electric engines. Look out for special events. www.barrowhill.org Tel: 01246 472450.

12th Century **Staveley Hall** is home to Staveley Town Council and the Staveley Historical Society. The Garden Centre, based in the walled garden, holds regular Craft Fayres and Farmers Markets. www.staveleygardencentre.co.uk Tel: 01246 477022.

Call at the **Chesterfield Museum and Art Gallery** to explore the town's history. Then pop into the Gallery to view the latest exhibitions on display. www.visitchesterfield.info

From the top: Tapton Lock Visitor Centre, the Crooked Spire, Chesterfield Market, Revolution House, Renishaw Hall and Gardens and Barrow Hill Roundhouse.



Local Tourist Information Centres will help you plan to make the most of your visit and find places to stay

The award winning **Chesterfield Visitor Information Centre** in Rykneld Square is close to the Parish Church (Crooked Spire). Here you can pick up leaflets about local attractions and events, book accommodation and buy theatre, coach and day trip tickets. www.visitchesterfield.info Tel: 01246 345777/8.



Chesterfield

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Peak District and Derbyshire

www.visitpeakdistrict.com

Chesterfield's Greenways

Will take you from town to countryside and to local visitor attractions.



Photographs on this page. Above from left: Holmebrook Valley Park, Bluebank Lock on the Chesterfield Canal. Bottom from left: Linacre Reservoirs, cycling on one of the many routes in the area, horse riding is a popular activity, the latest addition to the Chesterfield Canal is Staveley Town Basin.

Greenways are traffic-free routes that connect our towns and villages to the countryside. Walkers, cyclists, horse riders and disabled users can all explore the footpaths, cycle routes and bridleways that link the historic market town of Chesterfield to this area's beautiful countryside. Derbyshire County Council is always looking for opportunities to link, extend and improve the Greenways network to make it easier for you to get from home to work or out to enjoy the countryside. Using our Greenways you can leave the car at home, hop on a bus and forget about parking.

There's a lot to explore! You can follow the Cuckoo Way and Trans Pennine Trail (TPT) north towards Sheffield or head west along the Holmebrook Valley Greenway to Linacre Reservoirs and the Peak District beyond. The Hipper Valley and Rother Washlands Greenways take you south out of Chesterfield towards the Five Pits Trail and the Amber Valley. Derbyshire County Council's Countryside Service looks after these Greenways, Nature Reserves and the Chesterfield Canal. Our friendly and informative staff at Tapton Lock Visitor Centre can help you plan and make the most of your visit. You can pick up self guided walk leaflets from here too.

At **Rother Valley Country Park** you can enjoy walking, cycling, fishing and watersports! There is a horse corral with a mounting ramp for disabled riders. When you're ready for a break, you can visit the craft centre and café in the courtyard. But the park isn't just for people, with its five lakes and nature reserve the park is brilliant for wildlife too.

The new **Staveley Town Basin** opened in 2012 and is another step closer to full restoration of the Chesterfield Canal. The area around the basin will be developed for visitors and the local community. So what comes next? Watch this space...

The **Chesterfield Canal** was built over 200 years ago and was the motorway of its time. Narrowboats used to carry lead and coal from Derbyshire out to the River Trent. Now, following restoration by Derbyshire County Council, you are more likely to see people enjoying the water in canoes and kayaks. The **Cuckoo Way** is the Chesterfield Canal towpath and is a 46 mile route for walkers from Chesterfield to West Stockwith on the River Trent. Call in at **Hollingwood Hub**, home of the Chesterfield Canal Trust, and enjoy the delicious homemade cakes at Nona's Café.

Bluebank Pools Local Nature Reserve is one of the prettiest parts of the restored canal in Derbyshire. The oxbow pools were left behind when the railway was built and the River Rother diverted. These and the canal are home to a great variety of wildlife. Take a peaceful stroll along the towpath, rest at one of the seats or picnic tables and just watch and listen.

Holmebrook Valley Park from here you'll get spectacular views over Chesterfield to Hardwick Hall and Bolsover Castle. The park has its own café serving refreshments, including home-made cakes. There are play areas for children, footpaths, cycle paths, football pitches and fishing and it is on the Chesterfield Sculpture Trail.

Pools Brook Country Park's lakes, meadows and woodlands are home to swans, skylarks, water voles and much more. Who would believe that this wildlife haven used to be Ireland Colliery, one of the biggest pits in the area? Pop into the community café while you are here for a cup of tea and one of their renowned bacon butties!

Linacre Reservoirs used to supply water to the people of Chesterfield. Now you can enjoy the footpaths and bridleways that take you through the woodlands and around the reservoirs. Take advantage of the scattered picnic areas and enjoy listening to the birdsong or explore and see if you can find signs of quarrying and charcoal burning reminding us of the site's industrial past.

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