

THE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Serving the Business Community of Upper Wensleydale

Our helplines are open all year round for business or tourism information or to order your FREE accommodation guide

Tel: 01969 666 210

Open daily 10.00am-5.00pm (excluding Christmas Day)

Tourist Information Centres

Dales Countryside Museum & TIC
Station Yard, Hawes

Tel: 01969 666 210

National Park Centre & TIC
Aysgarth Falls

Tel: 01969 662910

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Upper Wensleydale in focus

This brief photographic tour of Upper Wensleydale gives the merest hint of the variety of interest and enjoyment to be experienced when you visit the spectacular upland countryside of this area in the Ure Valley in the Yorkshire Dales National Park.

Here is landscape on the grand scale: awesome views of majestic hilltops; broad sweeping valleys with verdant meadowgrass, divided by wide rivers or glinting streams. Here, too, is landscape on the small scale: secret wooded slopes guarding stunning waterfalls; tranquil corners filled with flora and fauna; peaceful rolling fields with ancient stone walls and barns; tiny becks merrily tumbling down limestone gills. And through it all, mile upon mile of well signed footpaths to guide you through the rich diversity of village and countryside; farmland and industrial heritage; market town and hidden hamlet; lake and hilltop.

There are so many ways to see Upper Wensleydale: by car, bus, bicycle, on horseback, on foot, even by hot air balloon and each method gives the visitor a unique perspective. Whatever your choice for touring you have an equally extensive choice of places to stay:

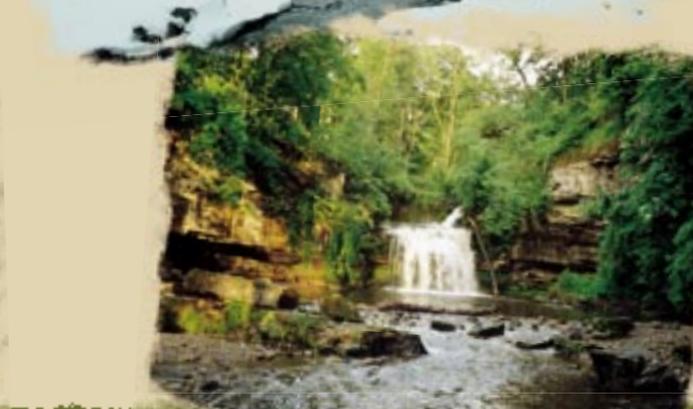
fine hotels; comfortable guest houses; homely bed and breakfasts on farms and in private houses, cosy and well-equipped holiday cottages – something for every taste and pocket. Whatever your choice, you are guaranteed a warm Yorkshire welcome. You will find

your hosts can tell you far more about the attractions of the area than we could hope to squeeze into this brief leaflet and their extensive local knowledge will add pleasure and appreciation of your holiday here. There are many activities and places of interest: craft workshops, open farms, sheepdog demonstrations, village fêtes, open gardens, agricultural shows, castles, museums and markets for you to enjoy throughout the year. You can discover more from the National Park and Tourist Information Centres as well as the UWBTA helpline and well as The Business Association website and helpline, all listed overleaf.

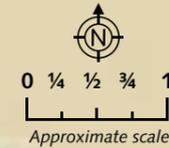
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A year round welcome to the Yorkshire Dales

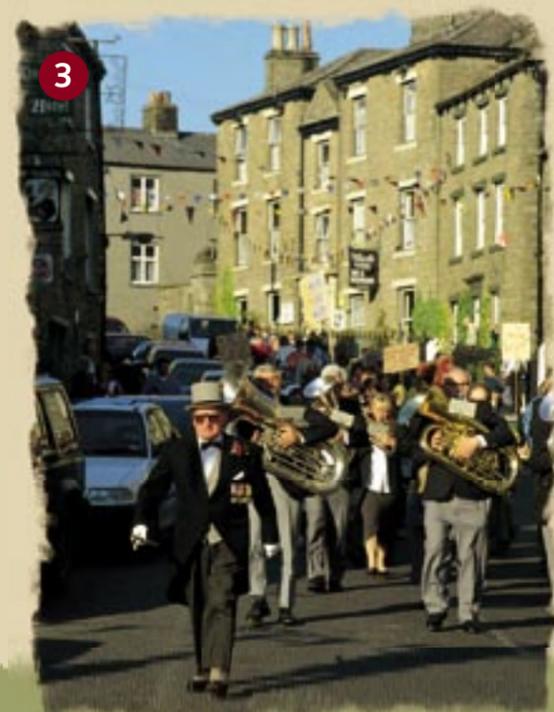
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Welcome to the villages of Upper Wensleydale



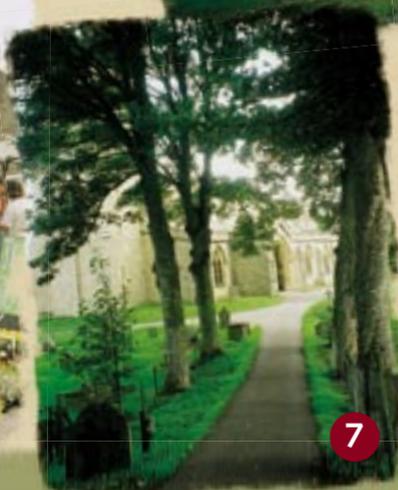
- 1 Close to the Pennine Way and possibly the smallest of the Upper Wensleydale villages, Hardraw boasts a waterfall, or force, which has the highest single drop in all England.
- 2 The Village of Gayle is living testimony to the Dales' industrial heritage: a community gathered around the textile mill, featured in the BBC TV programme 'Restoration', now a protected building, still housing the world's oldest operational turbine and currently undergoing restoration.
- 3 Viewers of 'All Creatures Great and Small' will recognise Askrigg as home of Skeldale House. The village's tall houses, narrow cobbled streets and intriguing alleyways reflect its textiles-based heritage.



- 4 The thriving market town of Hawes is home to Wensleydale Cheese, the Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes Ropemakers, craft workshops, antique and other speciality shops, pubs and cafés.



- 5 With its wide open village green, ancient stocks and shady trees, overlooked from the east by the remains of an unexcavated Roman settlement, Bainbridge is a treasure for layman, historian and archeologist alike.
- 6 High on the south side of the Ure valley, Thornton Rust is approached from either side by a winding country lane unexpectedly opening out to a pretty village of wide grass verges, stone cottages and panoramic views over the dale.
- 7 Aysgarth is perhaps best known for its breathtaking flight of waterfalls carved out by the River Ure on its descent to mid-Wensleydale. High above the teeming falls, the imposing church of St. Andrews has the largest churchyard in all England.



- 8 A peaceful farming village hugging the sheltered south facing slope at the entrance to Bishopdale, Thoralby's quiet byways are home to many species of wild flowers and birds.
- 9 A fine example of the typical Dales linear village, Carperby was honeymoon host to Mr and Mrs Alf Wight, better known as James Herriot, the author who brought international recognition to the Yorkshire Dales.
- 10 Nestling in a hollow of the Walden valley, West Burton is a jewel not to be overlooked. With a broad village green and small but spectacular waterfall, Burton cum Walden has delighted the visitor since the days when the great artist J. M. W. Turner captured its watery magic.

