

## Area Guide Buxton

### A brief history of Buxton

Buxton is an old market and spa town, nestling amongst the surrounding Derbyshire hills in The Peak District at a height of over 1000ft, making it the highest town in England. It grew in fame as a spa town because of the pale blue water which bubbles up from thermal springs beneath The Crescent. These are the outlets from a subterranean reservoir, where the water lies for many years before coming to the surface at a constant temperature of 82 degrees Fahrenheit. Over the years Buxton became popular with pilgrims wanting to take the water and one famous visitor was Mary Queen of Scots who suffered badly from rheumatism.



The 18th century saw much development of the town with the building of The Crescent by the 5th Duke of Devonshire with money made from his copper mines. The building included a ballroom and an assembly room and was completed in 1788. Originally it contained a townhouse for the Duke but by 1804 he had relinquished his accommodation and it became the Centre Hotel with a hotel on each side, St Ann's to the west, and the Great Hotel to the east. Hotel guests were able to use private entrances to the baths.

### Living in Buxton

Buxton is described as "the gateway to the Peak District National Park". A municipal borough until 1974, Buxton was then merged with other localities lying primarily to the north, including Glossop, to form the local government district and borough of High Peak within the county of Derbyshire. Despite being in the East Midlands, economically Buxton is within the sphere of influence of Greater Manchester.

### Property in Buxton

As one of Buxton's longest standing estate agents, Wright Marshall is well known and offer a wealth of knowledge to our clients. We cover the area of Buxton together with all of its villages that fall under the postcode area of SK17, SK22 & SK23. Buxton offers a vast range of property styles, from period properties to new developments and a range of terraced, semi-detached and detached houses of all shapes and sizes, to flats, apartments and retirement living.

### Shopping in Buxton

The Springs Shopping Centre together with The Cavendish Arcade are full of unique and specialist independent businesses mixed with major national retailers and the town also hosts a weekly market which is packed with amazing hand-crafted products.

### Days out and things to do in and around Buxton

Buxton landmarks include Poole's Cavern, an extensive limestone cavern open to the public, and St Ann's Well, fed by the geothermal spring bottled and sold internationally by Buxton Mineral Water Company. Also in the town is the Buxton Opera House, which hosts several music and theatre festivals each year together with a cinema showing the latest film releases.

### Food and Drink

There is a huge choice available for food lovers in Buxton with a multitude of pubs, bars and restaurants and wine bars or perhaps grab a picnic blanket and head down to Pavilion Gardens to enjoy al fresco dining in the fresh air!

### Sport and Leisure

Almost every leisure activity is catered for in Buxton. From local gyms, tennis courts, bowling greens, cricket pitches, football grounds to a leisure centre including swimming pool are all within easy reach.

### Schools in Buxton

Buxton benefits from a wide array of quality local schools with a very good reputation for quality learning and excellent results. These range from nursery to university level.

### Commuting and Transport

Buxton is well connected and offers a mainline train service from Stockport and Manchester, a National Express coach service from London and even a direct bus twice an hour to Manchester Airport. There is also a very comprehensive local bus service allowing access to nearby villages and local hamlets.

