

# The Destination of Distinction – Corbridge



Corbridge was originally a busy Roman Town and 2000 years later is a destination of distinction. Acclaimed for its award-winning independent shops, cafes, pubs and restaurants which often feature on national TV and in newspapers and magazines both in the UK and across the world.

A short stroll from both Corbridge railway station and the village centre is the oldest surviving bridge across the Tyne, overlooking beautiful river walks. While St Andrew's Church in Market Place is one of the oldest churches in Britain and open every day to all. Not forgetting that Roman Town, now run by English Heritage, where you can explore a time capsule of Roman life and the fascinating remains of the streets they once walked.



Today the Market Place in Corbridge has a baker, art shop, traditional grocer and much else besides including For The Love Of The North which champions North East artists. With award-winning Forum Books close by at The Chapel - a stunning transformation of the old Methodist Chapel complete with preserved pulpit - along with Vintage At The Tower.

Across the village there are acclaimed independent clothes and shoe shops for fans of fashion, featuring top brands, as well as beauticians and hairdressers. For foodies there are many cafes, several historic pubs, a deli, a butcher and a wine bar, plus a range of Italian, Indian and English restaurants.

There is much else to discover including jewellers, a baby at a bank, a cookshop, garden room, florists, gift and furniture stores, fabric and interior design shops, antique and vintage emporiums.

There is something Dickensian about the secret streets and courtyards of Corbridge, where you never know what is around the next corner. Backstreets like St Helen's must be explored - and Bishop's and Old Bakery Yards. Visit The Pele Tower by St Andrew's Church in Market Place - now a historic Game of Thrones-style pub which has to be experienced to be believed.

Within a 15-20 walk of Corbridge Station, Dilston Physic Garden offers you the opportunity to discover the power of plants. With plants for health and medicine and workshops, there is lots to do and see. More information including opening times at [dilstonphysicgarden.com](http://dilstonphysicgarden.com). Contact [info@dilstonphysicgarden.com](mailto:info@dilstonphysicgarden.com) 07879 533875.



Check out the two (soon to be three from Easter 2020) Historic Corbridge Trails. Including one - A Corbridge Walk Through Time - which also features on the national TrailTale app for smartphones with a 'live' GPS map as you walk. You can download the TrailTale app free from the Apple App Store (iPhones) or Google Play (android).

There is always something happening including the big Christmas In Corbridge night every December and the twinkling St Andrew's Christmas Tree Festival which attracts visitors from all over the globe - over 100 trees in 2019. While Forum Books host many author events and talks attracting the likes of David Walliams and Michael Palin to the village along with more local bestselling authors such as Vera and Shetland writer Ann Cleeves and Corbridge's very own Mari Hannah. And for sports fans, Corbridge is the home of Tynedale Rugby Club.

Check out [www.visitcorbridge.co.uk](http://www.visitcorbridge.co.uk) for more plus @VisitCorbridge on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Can You Find?

- A small Roman Eagle on the St Andrew's Church Tower
- A vintage and lifestyle emporium in a courtyard off Main Street
- A royal cooking place
- A place in Hill Street linked to a nursery rhyme
- Part of a bicycle on Watling Street.

Some suggested itineraries:

**Day Itinerary 1:**

Enjoy the short stroll from Corbridge railway station, across the oldest surviving bridge over the Tyne and into the village centre. Stop off at Forum Books for some literary inspiration while taking in the amazing transformation of their historic home inside the former Market Place Methodist Chapel. Then check out some of the other amazing businesses, including For the Love of The North, The Corbridge Larder, Norma James, Katie Kerr, Finale Shoes and Accessories and the Corbridge Cookshop. Before a lunch break at one of the village's many cafes or pubs like the cosy Black Bull and The Angel Inn, where Kylie Minogue once stopped by. In Corbridge it is all Especially for You.

**Day Itinerary 2:**

After strolling from Corbridge railway station and across the bridge take a walk along the Tyne on the north side of the riverbank. Then divert from the river path up through the village and follow directions to the English Heritage Corbridge Roman Town. (Only open at weekends in winter) Find the magnificent Corbridge Lion in the newly refurbished museum before heading out to explore the remains of the town itself. Heading back to the village centre, stop off at one of the many cafes for tea and cake. Then discover the wonderful world of internationally renowned RE, whose store in an old converted workshop is hidden behind the filling station on Main Street and is next to the equally fascinating Corbridge Antiques Centre.

**Day Itinerary 3:**

Download the free TrailTale app for smartphones - available from both the Apple App Store and Google Play. Find the 'Corbridge Village Trail' and follow the instructions on screen. After strolling to the village centre from the railway station this app will take you on a unique historic circular walk through Corbridge time in strict chronological order. From the Romans to the present day - 2000 years in under two hours. Fully illustrated and guided within the app. Alternatively you can pick up a hard copy leaflet with full details of this walk-through time at the Tourist Information Centre in Hill Street or Forum Books at The Chapel in Market Place.