By Mo Lambat

A Food Heaven

Also known as the food heaven capital of the North, Ribble Valley offers an array of gastronomic experiences, from Michelin-star dining to family-friendly eateries. This is what makes the area so unique. Be it international cuisine or high-quality homegrown produce, there is something to suit every taste. Not to be overlooked are, moreover, the countless wine bars and pubs which distinguish themselves by their unequivocal elegance and charm.

Fantastic Places to Stay

In addition to wining and dining, Ribble Valley is home to an impressive selection of short- and long-stay accommodation. Glamping, cozy cottages and luxurious lodges, magnificent Tudor manors and beautiful B&Bs; it’s this variety of options that attracts such a diverse demographic to Ribble Valley. Everyone is welcome here, from soon-to-be newlyweds and families seeking peace and quiet, to long-lost friends reuniting in the place where their heart is.

A Rich Heritage

Another feature of Ribble Valley that makes it so unforgettable is its heritage. Sites such as the 14th century Whalley Abbey, the Ribchester Roman Museum and the medieval Clitheroe Castle form part of the locality’s backdrop. What’s more, the breathtaking Stonyhurst College served as a source of inspiration for the prolific author JRR Tolkien. In addition to its history, Ribble Valley also plays host to annual cultural, music, art and food events including the ever-growing Clitheroe Food Festival.

Considering all that Ribble Valley has to offer, it’s no wonder that it is recognised nationally as one of the best places to live in the UK. Even the Queen told her biographer that she and Prince Philip yearn to retire to the area one day. Like Her Majesty, you are bound to fall in love with the many wonders of Ribble Valley.

Just recently, Ribble Valley was declared the happiest place in UK to live and its clear from feedback we regularly get from visitors, that happiness is natural here. Enjoyment the local communities gain from the surrounding countryside and characterful towns and villages is passed on time and time again to people who visit. The pace of life is slow and easy, yet still on the pulse culture and enlightened cuisine is never far away. Ribble Valley has a great warmth of welcome, and here are some of the reasons why...
An Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty with a Fascinating Heritage

A significant part of Ribble Valley’s countryside is designated as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. From the River Ribble to the Bowland Fells, the area is the perfect destination for immersing oneself in stunning scenery and engaging in adventurous outdoor activities. Both locals and visitors alike reveal in the area’s natural beauty, never failing to fall together visitors to enjoy some second-to-none warmth and hospitality. Here are some of the major features of the landscape.

**Longridge Fell**

Longridge Fell is the most southerly fall in England. Located close to the town of Longridge, it lies at the southern end of the Forest of Bowland Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. From the 968ft (295m) summit views are afforded of Preston, the Fylde Coast to Blackpool, the Vale of Chipping and the fells of the Forest of Bowland. To the north, the large Stocks Reservoir, which provides much of Lancashire’s water. The area is a beauty spot with stunning views that inspired Middle-Earth in J.R.R. Tolkien’s ‘Lord of the Rings’ and ‘The Hobbit’. Is it believed, the winnings of the racehorse Kettlethrum in the Derby of 1861.

**River Hodder**

The River Hodder is one of the most peaceful and unspoilt rivers in the north of England. It begins life high in the fells, 400m above sea level, where it drains much of the Forest of Bowland Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and feeds the large Stocks Reservoir, which provides much of Lancashire’s water.

**Trough of Bowland**

The Trough of Bowland is a high valley pass 968ft (295m) above sea level. Though steep and narrow, the road is the most direct connection between Lancaster and Dunsop Bridge, and on to Clitheroe. It was this route taken by the Pendle Witches to their trial at Lancaster Castle in 1612.

**Pendle Hill**

The majestic Pendle Hill towers over East Lancashire and Ribble Valley and its relative isolation on the edge of the Pennines and the Bowland Fells makes it an iconic feature in the landscape. For generations it has been an inspiration to both visitors and local people, one of the most famous being George Fox, the founding father of the Quaker movement, whose vision of God here, in the early 1600s, inspired him to start what is now a worldwide religious movement. Fox wrote: “As we travelled, we came near a very great hill, called Pendle Hill, and I was moved of the Lord to go up to the top of it, which I did with difficulty, it was so very steep and high. When I came to the top, I saw the sea bordering upon Lancashire. From the top of this hill the Lord let me see in what places he had a great people to be gathered.” Beneath this hill lies pretty villages, which reveal a history of intrigue and witchcraft spanning 400 years. Twelve alleged witches, who lived in the area, were charged with the murders of ten people by the ‘use of witchcraft’. All but two were tried and hanged at Lancaster Castle and go down in history as the Pendle Witches.

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**Gisburn Forest and Stocks Reservoir**

Stocks Reservoir was opened by HRH Prince George KG on July 5th, 1932. Annual rainfall here is about 1,500m (5k) and when full the reservoir covers an area of about 192 hectares, the equivalent of about 500 football pitches. Full, the reservoir holds up to 12 billion litres (2.5 billion gallons) of water, collected continuously from the 3,750 hectares of surrounding land. After treatment, the water from Stocks goes mainly to the Fylde area of Lancashire. Gisburn Forest, lying to the north and east of the reservoir, is a major part of the Stocks catchment area and some 1,245 hectares. The forest and reservoir are havens for wildlife and host a range of recreational opportunities, including walking, cycling and fishing.

The River Ribble weaves and turns through the breathtaking Ribble Valley countryside, hosting a number of quaint and rustic villages along the way. From historic Roman forts, to the awe-inspiring views that inspired Middle-Earth in J.R.R. Tolkien’s ‘Lord of the Rings’ and ‘The Hobbit’ novels, discover and explore Ribble Valley for yourself.

**The Kingdom**

There are numerous places that claim to be located at the very centre of the United Kingdom, but according to the Ordnance Survey, the official centre of the Kingdom is in the parish of Dunsop Bridge, just a short walk from the village centre.

Dunsop Bridge is the perfect place for those who love to explore local landmarks and admire the breathtaking views this stunning place has to offer. Open every day for visitors, St Hubert’s Church is a small but magnificent church which was built to the design of Edward Pugin from, it is believed, the winnings of the racehorse Kettlethrum in the Derby of 1861.
Fascinating Heritage

A designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, Ribble Valley is infused with a wonderfully rich heritage. From early Roman settlements, to more recent sites of Victorian industry, the borough’s landscape reveals glimpses of almost every period of British history. While statues and abbeys remain standing from centuries gone by, more recently constructed museums and trails bring the past to life via informative signage and interactive displays. Here are just some of the major heritage features:

Clitheroe Castle

Set on a limestone crag, Clitheroe Castle is a must-visit landmark whose keep offers scenic views over the whole of the Ribble Valley. Yet the castle owes its esteem to much more than this; its interactive museum, for example, takes you on a journey through 350 million years of history and geology, all based on Clitheroe and the surrounding area.

Holmes Mill

A stone’s throw from Clitheroe Castle, you will find the former textile mill, Holmes Mill, first established in 1823. In recent years Holmes Mill has been developed into a second-to-none leisure venue. Surrounded by gorgeous décor and original Victorian-style features, including a large mill engine, visitors can explore everything the mill has to offer, from a food court and hotel, to a beer hall housing what is said to be the longest bar in Britain.

Sawley Abbey

Slightly smaller, but equally as exciting as its Whalley-based counterpart, Sawley Abbey lies eight miles away along the banks of the River Ribble. Here you can explore the remains of a Cistercian Abbey that was founded in 1148 and preserved over the centuries following Henry VIII’s dissolution of the monasteries.

Ribchester Roman Museum

Fancy learning about Roman life? Situated on the north bank of the River Ribble, Ribchester Roman Museum is the place to visit. First opened to the public in 1914, the museum was built on the remains of a Roman fort in the picturesque village of Ribchester. Since then, it has held an annual re-enactment of the Celtic way of life prior to Roman occupation. Think clothing, cuisine, weaponry and more! The museum is open each day of the week, with very affordable admission.

Browsholme Hall

Did you know that Browsholme Hall is the oldest family home in Lancashire? Dating back 14 generations, the privately-owned Elizabethan home offers guided tours of its magnificent interior and external architecture. From May to September, the public can visit every Wednesday from 11:30am to 4:00pm, with guided tours taking place at hourly intervals in the afternoon. Over the Christmas period, guests can discover how beautifully the house has been decorated for the festive season.

Stonyhurst College

Founded in 1593, Stonyhurst College attracts visitors from far and wide. Its breathtaking grounds and magical interior make it the perfect location for taking a deep breath at time. Interestingly, the independent school even served as a place of literary inspiration for the author J.R.R. Tolkien. A further reason to visit Stonyhurst is its Old Chapel Museum, which exhibits treasured artefacts pertaining to the likes of Shakespeare and more. Open to the public, the museum is accessible on selected dates throughout the academic year.

Whalley Abbey

Open daily, free to visit and with ample parking, Whalley Abbey is the ideal location for walking and diving into the past of Whalley village. Set in lush woodlands beside the River Calder, the abbey takes you back in time to its founding era of the 14th century.
Ribble Valley really is a top place for pubs

We are very lucky in Ribble Valley to have so many wonderful pubs to choose from. In the latest Good Pub Guide 2020, both the Ashteton Arms in Downham and the Inn at Whitewell beat off stiff competition and have been shortlisted to win awards for the prestigious guide. The Inn at Whitewell won Pub of the Year 2020, the Ashteton Arms has won Best Dinning Pub 2020 and both have been praised for their use of local produce and good choice of local real ales. The picturesque settings and inspired views from each pub are also reasons why visitors and locals alike return to these pubs time and time again.

www.ashtetonarms.com | www.innatwhitewell.com

Gardening with a flourish

Hidden Cough Nursery has an exciting time in 2019, with a huge redevelopment taking place to expand the business. There is now a huge glasshouse, retail and show areas and an innovative indoor and outdoor classroom. Check out their website for exciting gardening and cooking workshops throughout the year with their top gardeners and chefs. This growth plans to continue in 2020, allowing customers to enjoy the ultimate gardening experience, from learning how to grow the best plants to which hardy northern shrubs to buy – and ultimately eat – from their range.

www.holdencloughnursery.com

Browsholme set for an event-filled year

Privately owned Elizabethan House Browsholme Hall continues to buzz with life all year round. Claimed to be the oldest surviving family home in Lancashire, the grounds and Hall itself are open to the public on selected dates throughout the year and also host various events, including Gardening Workshops, organised dog walks on Bank Holidays and even a classic car event. Set in delightful gardens and grounds and with a backdrop of the Forest of Bowland at its doorsteps, a day at Browsholme makes for a charming and inspiring trip.

www.browsholme.com

Good times to be had at Gibbon Bridge

The Chipping based hotel and restaurant, Gibbon Bridge, host some imaginative and unique events throughout the year. Why not try one of their musical Afternoon Teas, complete with a live pianist and homemade cakes, or their Gastronomic Dark Skies Night, an evening of guided stargazing and culinary delight? There are also specialist Wine Tasting Evenings and award-winning Gardening Days to experience, all with the convenience of staying over at the Gibbon Bridge and really making the most of your trip.

www.gibbon-bridge.co.uk

New App U-Treat helps you make the most of our local businesses

2020 sees the year Ribble Valley launches a much-anticipated mobile app, available to download for free from the Google Play and App Store. U-Treat has been designed to showcase all that Ribble Valley and the surrounding area has to offer promoting and centralising the many deals and events from our local businesses all in one place. The local entrepreneurs behind this saw an opportunity to bring the community together, supporting the local business and tourism trade. Ribble Valley is bursting with natural beauty, local heritage and thriving businesses which deserve all the exposure they can get. With a diverse range of categories from food & drink, theatre shows and family days out, we guarantee there will be something for everyone. There is even built-in GPS location services so you can check out the latest lunch or shopping deals when out and about! Over the next few years the app will also grow new features as part of the developers’ longer term vision. But it doesn’t stop there. Focused in the area and with their local ethos they have committed to put 1% of their profits back into our local communities every year. Available from Google Play and App Store.

www.utreatapp.co.uk

Clitheroe’s exciting new cinema

The Everyman cinema in Clitheroe is redefining the cinema experience. Excited film goers have been reveling in the newest addition to Holmes Mill, a luxury cinema that does things a little differently. Everyman offers guests top quality sound and picture alongside comfortable seating and a menu of sundaes, cocktails and hotdogs.

www.everymancinema.com/clitheroe

Remarkable RIBBLE

A new lease of life at Bowland

Wild Boar Park

A perfect day out for all the family in the Forest of Bowland’s rural wild life park offers animal feeding, tractor rides, play areas, riverside walks and a café. And now with new owners and redevelopment, it is now more popular than ever. The park now even offers glamping pods which hardy northern shrubs to buy – and ultimately eat – from their range.

www.wildboarpark.co.uk

Farm growing from strength to strength

A popular day out and home to Mrs Dowsons famous ice cream, the farm park has had a year of roaring success. Visitors to the family friendly park have enjoyed seeing a huge variety of farm animals in a safe and spacious surrounding, discovering what life is like on a working farm, experiencing educational talks and viewing live feedings of alpacas, lambs and goats. There’s something for all ages and a family day out would see you all laughing and exploring across the farm. In addition to this, the leading UK immersive horror show descends upon the farm each Halloween. Scare Kingdom continues to thrill guests at the farm each year, with live scare actors, haunted buildings and stunning special effects.

www.mrsdowsons.co.uk

Literature & Film Festival announce celebrity patron

Following the success of the inaugural event last year, Stonyhurst Literature & Film Festival have announced Simon Callow CBE as patron. Simon was a speaker at the 2019 festival where he discussed his life as an actor, musician, writer and theatre director. The audience greatly enjoyed his talk and whilst at Stonyhurst, Simon took time out to explore the Jesuit Gardens and observe the collections in the Old Chapel Museum. One of the festival organisers, Olivia Dawson said ‘we feel so privileged that Simon Callow has agreed to be patron of the festival, and hope to see him return over the next few years as the festival continues to develop.’ For more information on the 2020 festival, check out their website at www.enterprises.stonyhurst.ac.uk/literature-film-festival
Red Pump Inn enjoying the Outdoors

Highly esteemed gastro-pub and inn, The Red Pump Inn, have recently had an exciting new development to their outdoor landscaping. A new patio and an outdoor pizza oven have been added to their delightful beer garden, so guests can enjoy great views and great food at the attractive Bishall Eaves based pub. Guests can also now stay over at the onsite glamping hut, with the whole of the Ribble Valley on your doorstep to explore, and the Red Pump Inn close at hand to take care of some well earned pub food after a day of adventures.

www.theredpumpinn.co.uk

Aspinall Arms - perfect for all seasons, all weathers!

The Mitton based pub is noted for its picturesque riverside beer garden and outdoor seating. It offers a well-stocked bar and a top-class menu. The Aspinall Arms make a short break or day trip to this beautiful area, simple to plan and enjoy. Market town or picturesque village the app helps you explore and takes you to the very places you choose. Focusing on the array of independent businesses from where to shop, eat and stay, to historic sites, places for picnics and feeding the ducks. The Ribble Valley App shows you the choice nearest to your current location and provides door-to-door directions if you need them. It tells you parking locations, ATM’s, emergency assistance and even where to find a restroom. With a no-fuss what’s on calendar, promotions and offers, scenic walks and insightful content, the Ribble Valley App offers something for all age groups. Available for Apple and Android devices via the App Stores, The Ribble Valley App is free to download and use, and the very best smartphone tool to plan your trip around the Ribble Valley. Available from Google Play and App Store.

www.theaspinallarms.co.uk

Our beautiful area in one book

“Pendle & Bowland - a photographic journey through the seasons” is a collaboration between Clitheroe-based photographers Irene Amiot and Duncan Phillips and Chipping-born poet William Michael Neary. The photos are an artistic mix of traditional landscapes, quirky livestock, aerial and infrared-images all accompanied by Irene’s narrations inspired by the beauty and seasonal changes of the area and Michael’s poems that speak of Bowland, its history and people. The result is an evocative hardback coffee table book featuring over 100 fine art photographs. Knowle Top Studios gallery at 14 Castlegate in Clitheroe BB7 1AZ | www.knowletop.com/product-category/books

A new breath of life for The Coach and Horses

Bolton-by-Bowland has seen a revival in its village pub, The Coach and Horses. The charming building has recently had a make over by couple Ko and Susan Label, and the result is a delightfully decorated Inn with an artisanal approach at its heart. Indeed, they have already won a Ribble Valley Tourism Award, and are growing in reputation and esteem. Head Chef Ian Moss puts a strong emphasis on sourcing fresh, local produce and executing dishes to perfection with his excellent staff. You will find that the Coach and Horses even has its own vineyard, and the very best of local life has been a particular exciting year for the Whalley based business. They have won the “Retail Experience” Award for the second time at the Lancashire Tourism Awards, where they now have a running total of no fewer than 16 awards. They have also been chosen as a finalist for the Best Small Shop (Saturday) category by both Cambridge University and American Express. And to top it off, they have also attended the House of Parliament as a finalist to the Best Small Shop national competition. They have had a very busy year indeed. In addition to this, exciting times are ahead for this upcoming year. Whilst remaining in Whalley, they are moving to a new purpose-designed space in the village in the Summer of 2020. Watch this space!

www.coachandhorsesribblevalley.co.uk

Whalley Warm & Dry is flying high with its feet firmly on the ground

Whalley Warm & Dry are firm favourites for tailored outdoor footwear due to their knowledgeable customer service and top-quality choice. It’s the perfect place to set you up for exploring the Ribble Valley and wherever your adventures may take you. The past year has been a particularly exciting year for the Whalley based business. They have won the “Retail Experience” Award for the second time at the Lancashire Tourism Awards, along with a number of other accolades. They have also been chosen as a finalist for the Best Small Shop (Saturday) category by both Cambridge University and American Express. And to top it off, they have also attended the House of Parliament as a finalist to the Best Small Shop national competition. They have had a very busy year indeed. In addition to this, exciting times are ahead for this upcoming year. Whilst remaining in Whalley, they are moving to a new purpose-designed space in the village in the Summer of 2020. Watch this space!

www.whalleyoutdoor.co.uk

A journey for you and your pen!

How about a local holiday with a literary twist? The newly founded Pendle & Paper Writing Holidays allow you to enjoy Ribble Valley and surrounding areas whilst nurturing your creative inclinations. This isn’t a writing retreat in the traditional sense. Pendle & Paper creative workshops are sociable affairs, where ideas are fuelled by conversation and coffee. Pendle & Paper writing holidays provide you with the opportunity to visit inspirational inducing places and to take part in related workshops alongside other writing enthusiasts. The exciting fully planned and all-inclusive itinerary will see you retracing the steps of the Lancashire watchful poetess and her brother and exploring settings of Sunday Times Bestsellers. Along the way you’ll take part in writing exercises, whatever your level, completing tasks that aim to stimulate your creative juices, whether you’re a crafter of poetry, fictional prose, scripts or nonfiction. Don’t worry, there’ll be plenty of individual writing time, too, but our main goal is to find creative power in the culture, history and scenic landscapes of Ribble Valley and Pendle countryside that have inspired so many writers in the past.

www.pendleandpaper.co.uk

Major wedding award for Eaves Hall

Majestic wedding venue Eaves Hall has been crowned Wedding Venue of the Year in the North West division of the English Wedding Awards 2019. The classic country house in West Bradford is a sight to behold and has seen many happy couples wed over the years. The English Wedding Awards is in its 4th year of recognising businesses that, through excellence and hard work, create days for couples that have that extra special spark. The Ribble Valley is blessed with beautiful venues, making it the ideal wedding destination.

www.eaveshall.co.uk

Major investment at Rimington Caravan Park

A new development is underway at Rimington Caravan Park. Ideally tucked away just outside the village of Gisburn, guests can enjoy the feeling of being completely immersed in the great outdoors, while still being just a couple of minutes’ drive from the local cafes, pubs and shops. Many new state-of-the-art holiday homes have been added to the site, along with a play area, gym and laundry room. It is a perfect base for walking and cycling holidays but also close enough to the cultural hub of Clitheroe, so there is something for everyone and for all weathers.

www.rimingtonleisure.co.uk
The Ribble Valley is proud to host a multitude of events throughout the year. Be it large or small, a long tradition or a fresh venture, there is something to entice everyone. Here are the highlights for 2020!

Find full listings and event updates www.visitribblevalley.co.uk

For events in neighbouring areas log onto www.visitlancashire.com

Clitheroe Food Festival now in its 10th year hosts a huge selection of delicious local produce and culinary talent. Known for its dedication to all things Lancashire, and the organisers take great care to keep it that way. And if the food and drink isn’t enough, you’ll find a host of local music talent and family friendly activities to entertain all.

For more information, including details of the park and ride system go to www.clitheroefoodfestival.com

Saturday 8th August 2020 | 9am - 5pm
What's On 2020

February

Snow Moon Festival
Saturday 8th February
Snow Moon Festival is the celebration of the end of winter and the upcoming spring. A programme of engaging arts and cultural activity, where public participation is prioritised, at various venues throughout Clitheroe town centre for one day.
www.facebook.com/snowmoonthefestival

Ribble Valley Music Festival
March
www.visitribblevalley.co.uk/events

April

Easter Family Fun Day
Monday 13th April
Waddow Hall hosts this Easter egg hunt, crafts, adventurous activities, house tours and more, with food and drink available. Open 10am until 5pm.
www.girlguidingactivitycentres.org.uk

Ribble Valley Jazz Festival
Thursday 10th April - Sunday 3rd May
Based in Clitheroe, the Ribble Valley Jazz Festival has been delighting audiences every May for the last 10 years.
www.nvajazzandblues.co.uk

May

Clitheroe Beer Festival
Friday 13th - Saturday 14th May
Clitheroe Beer Festival 2020 in a CAMRA event and will run at St. Michael & St. John’s Assembly Room in Clitheroe. Try over 60 cask ales, a great selection of key-keg beers, plenty of carefully sourced real ales and perries – and new for 2020 a gin & rum bar.
www.clitheroebeerfestival.co.uk

Chipping Steam Fair
Saturday 23rd - Monday 25th May
A three-day event of family fun, showcasing classic vehicles in the beautiful setting of the Forest of Bowland.
www.chippingsteamfair.com

June

Slaidburn May Queen Festival
Sunday 21st May
Held in Slaidburn, the May Queen Festival is a celebration of Spring. Enjoy the traditional crowning of the May Queen, the procession through the streets and the Slaidburn Silver Band.
www.visitribblevalley.co.uk/events

Longridge Field Day
Saturday 29th June
A community-run event of celebration, complete with imaginative floats, fancy dress and abundant decorations across the town.
www.facebook.com/longridgefieldday

The Ribble Valley Ride
Sunday 14th June
Calling all cycling enthusiasts to ride through the stunning Ribble Valley countryside with a choice of 25, 50 and 100 mile routes. Make sure to register online beforehand.
www.chippingsteamfair.com

July

Slaidburn Steam and Vintage Vehicle Display
Saturday 13th - Sunday 14th June
An opportunity to view steam engines, the original Bounty Bus and an array of vintage vehicles including cars and tractors. Now celebrating its 40th Anniversary, this wonderful showcase is set throughout the picturesque village of Slaidburn.
www.slaidburnsteam.co.uk

Goosnargh and Longridge Agricultural Show
Saturday 21st July
A traditional country show with fun for all the family. A jam-packed schedule with cattle competitions, live music, children’s activities and more...
www.glashow.org.uk

Ribble Valley Live
Friday 24th - Saturday 25th July
Award-winning family festival, celebrating homegrown local bands and top-class acts.
www.visitribblevalleylive.com

Ribchester Roman Festival
Saturday 11th - Sunday 12th July
This annual festival treats children and adults alike to re-enactment displays, cookery and weaving demonstrations...as well as a chance to dress up in Roman armour!
www.ribchesterromanmuseum.org

Beatherder Festival
Friday 16th - Sunday 19th July
A spellbindingly brilliant music festival now returning for its 10th year. Known as the festival of beats and bonmimes, Beatherder is an unforgettable experience offering over 17 music areas to explore.
www.beatherder.co.uk

Opening Event
Saturday 7th March
Championship Section Wriggles Band opens the festival with music spectacular at St Peters Church in Sibsey.
www.rvarts.co.uk/ribblevalleymusicfestival

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Saturday 22nd August  
Something for all the family! 10th main ring events, food and drink stalls and children’s entertainment, it’s a day to celebrate rural life to its fullest.  
www.chippingshow.co.uk

Downham Hall Open Gardens  
Saturday 28th – Sunday 29th July  
Downham Hall opens its gardens to the public. Enjoy strolling around the quintessentially English grounds, a variety of stalls and local crafts, as well as live entertainment and children’s activities.  
www.visitribblevalley.co.uk/events/downham-hall-open-garden

Clitheroe Food Festival  
Saturday 8th August  
A day where the streets of Clitheroe are alive with street food, tastings and talks, live music and children’s entertainment. A free-to-visit annual bonanza showcasing the finest local food and drink. Not to be missed!  
www.clitheroefoodfestival.com

Clitheroe Jazz & Blues  
An extensive line-up of jazz & blues gigs, events and concerts.  
www.rivjazzandblues.co.uk

Heritage Open Days  
Friday 28th – Sunday 30th August  
From Clitheroe’s landmark Castle Museum to the breath-taking Whalley Abbey, come together and commemorate the history of the Ribble Valley, with various events and activities for all ages.  
www.heritageopendays.org.uk

Stonyhurst Literature and Film Festival  
Thursday 23rd – Saturday 25th August  
A festival that brings together bestselling authors and bright young talent, providing a mix of speakers that offer the weight and authority of established authors, with the passion of debut authors. The event is located in the magnificent grounds of Stonyhurst College, which is steeped in literary history.  
www.enterprises.stonyhurst.ac.uk/literature-film-festival

August

Stonyhurst College is steeped in literary history and is delighted to announce that the Stonyhurst Literature & Film Festival will be returning in 2020. The 2020 Festival will be expanded into a three-day event, venturing into the world of children’s fiction, including a variety of authors and workshops. The Festival programme aims to bring together bestselling authors and bright young talent, providing a mix of speakers that offers the weight and authority of established writers, with the passion of debut authors.

www.enterprises.stonyhurst.ac.uk/literature-film-festival

September

Ribble Valley Scooter Rally  
Friday 25th – Sunday 27th September  
An annual event that brings together live music, like-minded people and a procession of over 500 scooters through the streets of Clitheroe.  
www.facebook.com/RibbleValleyScooterRally

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www.rivjazzandblues.co.uk

Waddow Hall  
A full calendar of events tailored to a variety of audiences.  
www.waddowhall.co.uk

Hodder Valley Show  
Saturday 12th September  
A vast showcase of cattle breeds and sheep, shawling, to gardening exhibits and vintage tractor displays. A treasure trove of local gifts, crafts and cuisine can be found in the marquees. Dating back to 1864, this show offers something new, year upon year.  
www.hoddervalleyshow.co.uk

Ribble Valley Music Festival  
Showcasing the music of the highest calibre and quality.  
www.rvarts.co.uk

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Waddow Hall  
A full calendar of events tailored to a variety of audiences.  
www.waddowhall.co.uk

Hodder Valley Show  
Saturday 12th September  
A vast showcase of cattle breeds and sheep, shawling, to gardening exhibits and vintage tractor displays. A treasure trove of local gifts, crafts and cuisine can be found in the marquees. Dating back to 1864, this show offers something new, year upon year.  
www.hoddervalleyshow.co.uk

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The Emporium is genuinely unlike anywhere you have seen or been before and its Parisian Grand Cafe style appeals to everyone. Housed in an old Methodist Chapel, lavishly and lovingly converted to create three huge floors of eating, drinking and shopping. The atmosphere is relaxed and informal and that’s the way we like it. All three floors offer hidden gems you’ll just have to have, both on and off the menu!

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by julie edwards

Clitheroe is certainly a place to add to your bucket list, with its attractions of history or sampling fantastic food and drink. Browsing the shops, arts and culture, delving into the catacombs of wine cellars containing thousands of bottles from all over the world. Expert, unpretentious, and a treasure trove of red, white and fizz oozing with tradition and spirit. For wine lovers is D Byrne’s Wine Merchants. Beyond the impressive first room is a series of smallDescription...
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Snow Moon Festival
Saturday 8th February
Snow Moon Festival is the celebration of the end of winter and the impending spring. A programme of engaging, arts and cultural activity, where public participation is prioritised, at various venues throughout Clitheroe town centre for one day.
www.facebook.com/snowmoonfestival

Clitheroe Food Festival
Saturday 8th August
A day where the streets of Clitheroe are alive with street food, tastings and talks, live music and children’s entertainment. A free to visit annual bonanza showcasing the finest local of locally produced food and drink. Not to be missed.
www.clitheroefoodfestival.com

Heritage Open Days
Fri 11th – Sun 20th September
From Clitheroe’s landmark Castle Museum to the breath-taking Whaley Abbey, come together and commemorate the history of the Ribble Valley, with various events and activities for all ages.
www.heritageopendays.org.uk

Last Night Of The Proms
Saturday 1st August
Set in the beautiful grounds of Clitheroe Castle, enjoy live entry to an evening dedicated to celebrating the magic of classical music.
www.clitheroetowncouncil.gov.uk/events

Ribble Valley Jazz Festival
Thurs 30th April – Sun 3rd May
Based in Clitheroe, the Ribble Valley Jazz Festival has been delighting audiences every May for the last 10 years.
www.rvjazzandblues.co.uk

Clitheroe Beer Festival
Friday 15th – Saturday 16th May
Clitheroe Beer Festival 2023 is a CAMRA event and will run at St Michael & St John’s Assembly Room in Clitheroe. Try over 60 cask ales, a great selection of key-keg beers, plenty of carefully sourced real ales and perry – and now for 2020 a Gin & Rum Bar.
www.clitheroebeerfestival.co.uk
Overlooking the quaint town of Clitheroe is the ancient landmark, Clitheroe Castle*. Sitting proudly on top of its limestone mound the Castle’s Keep is open daily and free to visit. Stunning panoramic views of Ribble Valley’s beautiful, historic landscape can be seen from here which certainly makes the climb up to the top worthwhile! Within the bailey walls visitors will also find Clitheroe Castle Museum and Gift Shop, the Atrium Café and the Steward’s Gallery, making it a must-see destination for all the family.

Visitors to the award winning Museum will be transported through 350 million years’ of local history. The journey starts with the formation of the landscape we see today and why the Ribble Valley is a haven for unique wildlife. Moving through the galleries the captivating story of the Castle and surrounding area continues to unfold. From local industry and heroes to local myth and legend the fascinating exhibits, touchscreen animations and sound points make it a shared experience for everyone to enjoy. All accompanied children 3-12 years and unaccompanied young people 13-18 years go free and there are lots of interactive, family-friendly activities to get the youngest mind. Group tours of the Castle complex can also be booked in advance.

The Atrium Café is located beside the Museum and is the perfect place to enjoy some delicious food, after travelling back in time whilst in the Museum! The café’s freshly ground coffee beans and loose-leaf tea is purchased from Clitheroe’s own, Exchange Coffee and all of the meat is supplied from locally sourced butchers. Just below the café, you will also discover a popular gift shop, where you can pick up some iconic merchandise and wonderful souvenirs to keep as a memory of your great experience at Clitheroe Castle.

*Clitheroe Castle is managed by Lancashire County Council’s Museum Service, on behalf of Ribble Valley Borough Council.

Groups welcome

The castle is the perfect place for an organised group to visit, with the combination of a fantastic heritage attraction and some amazing food offers, whether that be a delicious afternoon tea with home baked cakes, or a full tasty lunch experience. Please contact us for some great group offers.

Limited disabled parking is available at the museum; however there is ample car parking across the town’s many central car parks.

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“ENJOY GREAT LOCAL FOOD, A UNIQUE SHOPPING EXPERIENCE AND A WARM WELCOME”

AN AWARD-WINNING DESTINATION AT THE HEART OF THE RIBBLE VALLEY

Good times and great food are woven into the very fabric of Holmes Mill – a lovingly restored Victorian textile mill at the heart of the bustling market town of Clitheroe.

Holmes Mill is the must-visit venue foodies all over the North West are talking about: a multiple award-winning destination which anyone with an appetite for epicurean adventure will simply love!

By making features of the historic mill machinery and preserving the rich textures of the original building, this imposing Victorian edifice makes a breath-taking backdrop for a unique shopping, dining and leisure experience.

Discover the best of Lancashire produce in the Bowland Food Hall and sample a vast selection of cask ales and craft beers amid the spectacular surroundings of Bowland Beer Hall – the only winner of a CAMRA Pub Design Award outside London.

Take a tour of the adjoining Bowland Brewery before enjoying samples of their award-winning ales and tucking into snacks or more substantial dishes from the hearty beer hall menu.

Alternatively treat yourself to tasty tapas at the counter in the Food Hall or adjourn to the elegant ambience of the contemporary bar and bistro next door, where gin is a speciality and an ever-changing seasonal menu features modern English and continental classics.

And should you want to make a weekend of it, upstairs you’ll find a selection of industrial inspired boutique bedrooms with ensuite facilities in the Spinning Block Hotel.

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Whalley

Nestled at the foot of Whalley Nab, alongside the River Calder, lies the village of Whalley. It’s a place steeped in history, rural charm and natural beauty.

Fascinating history

One of the village’s most popular places to visit is Whalley Abbey, a former Cistercian monastery dating from the 14th century. Today, its stone walls surround a stunning conference centre and retreat including a coffee shop and exhibition centre. While the expansive grounds are open for exploration by day, the Abbey also offers four-star overnight accommodation.

Another visitor’s delight is St Mary & All Saints Church, where a stroll through the pretty churchyard reveals three Saxon crosses dating from 628 AD. Many centuries later, in 1850, construction of the Ribble Valley’s viaduct was completed with the aim of carrying the railway over the River Calder. Visible from the streets down below, the viaduct is the longest in Lancashire and has become a landmark of the Ribble Valley.

Natural beauty

In addition to charming grade II listed cottages and quaint alleyways, Whalley has an unrivalled natural beauty. Within walking distance lies, for example, Spring Wood—a once monastery-owned woodland that now hosts many a family picnic, forest walk and ice cream purchase! What makes Spring Wood so special is its rarity; as a semi-natural ancient woodland dating from before 1600, it is one of the very few areas of greenery from this time that were not cleared to make way for agricultural land. Another unique aspect of the wood is its location; from no other place in the Ribble Valley are the village of Whalley and the iconic Pendle Hill so easily visible and explorable.

Truly Independent

Along the main street and cobbled side alleys there are numerous small and independent restaurants, bistros, wine merchants and delicatessens just waiting to be discovered. In fact, the village offers some of the finest dining experiences in the Ribble Valley, ranging from afternoon teas to authentic Italian restaurants.

Whalley Wine Shop has won the Best Local Wine Shop in the Decanter World Wine Awards. Now in its 16th year, the Decanter World Wine Awards (DWWA) is the world’s largest and most influential wine competition. Judged by the top wine experts from around the globe, the DWWA is trusted internationally for its rigorous judging process, and celebrates creativity, drive and success in the wine industry. Visitors to The Whalley Wine Shop will experience an affable and welcoming atmosphere from passionate and enthusiastic staff and much choice in wines, champagnes, spirits, craft beers and much more.
The Aspinall Arms

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01254 826 555 | www.aspinallarmspub.co.uk

The Aspinall Arms is a 19th Century coaching Inn, that sits on the banks of the River Ribble, overlooking the All Hallows’ Medieval Church and Great Mitton Hall on a raised bluff opposite.

Open fires, wooden floors, old style furniture and traditional rugs, the Aspinall Arms pub is brimming with character, warmth and most importantly, a great atmosphere. In such a welcoming environment with many friendly faces, you will certainly be made to feel entirely at home here and will get the urge to want to head back again and again.

The Aspinall is the perfect place to relax and unwind, whether that is by the roaring fire on a large cosy chair, or in the substantial light-filled garden room, enjoying the wonderful views that overlook the terraced and landscaped riverside gardens. With plenty of space outdoors, this is another perfect spot to relax and enjoy the wonderful fresh country air, whilst enjoying a spot of lunch and a refreshing drink!

Sitting at the heart of the building is the central bar, which has six cask ales on tap, a back shelf crammed with malts, a great selection of gins and wines galore, an open fire and a stone flagged floor, so that walkers, cyclists and dogs will be made to feel at home!

Our food...

Our team of fantastic chefs have produced a seasonal menu, with a spine of freshly prepared, classic English dishes, complemented by more exotic influences from various parts of the world.

If you’d like to reserve a table at the Aspinall Arms, you can do so by calling 01254 826 555 or booking online at www.aspinallarmspub.co.uk.

On our website you will also find more photographs of the pub, together with the day’s menu, wine lists and a brief potted history.
Longridge

Longridge is aptly named as it sits on the hilltop, a long ridge, with stunning views across the surrounding countryside. The ideal place to begin your visit is the Heritage and Visitor Centre located in the Old Station, right in the centre of the town. Open from 10am to 4pm Monday to Friday, here you can find out about Longridge’s fascinating history, browse the old photographs on the town archive, or view one of their regularly changing exhibitions. You will be able to pick up local walking guides, history trails and a variety of information to help you discover more about this attractive town.

Much of this former cotton mill town was built from the distinctive sandstone quarried locally, and so much of the town has remained largely unchanged in appearance since the 1800s. One of the most significant places in the Town is Club Row, a row of twenty solid workers’ cottages built when Longridge was just a village, and textiles were the big employer. A blue plaque explains their significance and this terrace, erected between 1774 and 1804, is believed to be the oldest surviving example of properties built by a building society in the world.

The main street, Berry Lane is very much the hub of the town with a thriving selection of shops where you will discover a wide variety of charmingly unique art, crafts, homeware, jewellery, gifts, designer clothing, shoes and accessories. There is a pleasant blend of longstanding family businesses and more recent arrivals. One welcoming Inn, located just on the outskirts of Longridge, is the Derby Arms. Its atmospheric tap room, feature fireplaces and larger central bar create a series of ambient spaces perfect for drinks with friends or a special dining experience. Close by is Little Farm shop and café, a great place to buy locally sourced produce and stop a while for some home-made cake and coffee.

If you are seeking self-catering accommodation in the heart of the nearby open countryside then the Shippon is a good example of a beautifully appointed, quality property available to let for a short break or longer holiday. Longridge is lucky enough to have one of Lancashire’s quirkiest cinemas, the Palace, which started life as a weaving shed and during its time has been a music hall, roller skating rink, a bingo hall and, finally, a cinema in the 1970s. The cinema has been recently refurbished in a clever restoration which retains the character of the building whilst hosting a modern and diverse range of entertainment. Owner Lara Hewitt has been keen to retain some of the old world charm of the cinema where hot teas are still served in real mugs and the national anthem is played before each film. Ribble Valley is very proud to host one of the last remaining independent cinemas.

Two major events form an important part of the town’s heritage, Longridge Field Days is an annual celebration, community run, and complete with imaginative floats, fancy dress and decorations throughout the town. It provides an opportunity to witness a great traditional event and will be held Saturday 13th June 2020. Goosnargh and Longridge Show which will be held on Saturday 11th July 2020 is another important event and a celebration of food and farming in the locality. The show is a great day out for people of all ages, and a great emphasis is placed on providing entertainment for young visitors.

By Ian Hall

“Longridge has one of Lancashire’s quirkiest cinemas.”
We are a friendly family business that has been established for over 50 years, situated on the edge of the Forest of Bowland, Lancashire. We pride ourselves in our highest quality produce - home reared Aberdeen Angus Beef, hand reared on our farm by the family, who go to great lengths to give them a healthy, good nutritional diet and stress free, quality lifestyle, which all helps the end product in terms of quality. Bowland Lamb, Local Pork and for Christmas, our own free range bronze turkeys. Little Town Dairy yogurts are also made on the premises which are on sale in the farm shop.

We bake our own homemade convenience meals and pies using all our own meats, all of which are available in various sizes for those quiet nights in or those family get-togethers, just another way to enjoy our quality produce at ease. Our homemade freshly baked sausage rolls & pork pies are frequently talked of by the locals.

Beautifully presented hampers are made to order with all our own and local produce and whilst you wait you can enjoy our tearoom with a full menu of home cooked light meals, family made cakes & traybakes and Walling's Ice cream alongside luxury hot drinks. We have also recently installed a wood burner into our warm, cosy & rustic pergola; perfect for cyclists, walkers or even just a good old catch up with your friends! Our family working farm is also open to look around for all our customers.

As well as animal feed & bedding, we stock a wide range of wood, coal & Calor gas.

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Famed for our delicious food, local beers and fantastic wine list - together with our friendly service, pick your spot to indulge in from our flag floored bar with open fire, cosy bar lounge or stylish dining rooms.

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We look forward to seeing you...

Eat Well... Live Well

Bowland Food Hall is a wonderful showcase of the finest, the tastiest, and the healthiest food and drink from producers, farmers and growers from Bowland, from Lancashire and beyond. The Food Hall is part farm shop, part deli, part juice bar and part health food shop. It’s also a tasting parlour, a tearoom, a coffee shop, wine bar & restaurant. The Food Hall has taken try before you buy to a whole new level... there are seats at the deli counter, the café counter and seats in the demo kitchen too. However you choose to describe it, the Food Hall is all about quality and provenance... if we are what we eat, and more and more people are telling us everyday, then we must eat well. The best, the cleanest, the freshest, the least mucked about with... that is what the Food Hall is all about. It’s the perfect place for veggie and vegan and meat lovers - not to mention cheese lovers, yoghurt lovers and pie lovers too.

It’s salad season at Holden Clough Kitchen

The Garden Kitchen at Holden Clough are making lunch options a little greener... You can now enjoy colourful bowls of goodness that are fuelling, nourishing and blooming tasty. Salads! But not salads as they used to be - imagine chargrilled broccoli, sweet and spicy celeriac salad, orzo with butternut squash and tandoori cauliflower salad. All these are available and made fresh in house by the friendly Garden Kitchen team and will keep you healthy and invigorated; a perfect way to set you up for a good afternoon walk.

As well as this, taking the time to simply sit and enjoy good food, in a blissful surrounding with a backdrop of plants, is a wonderful thing indeed.

Remarkable FOOD

Best Italian Food

La Locanda has won the prestigious Pizza, Pasta & Italian Food Association’s Platinum Award recognising the family-owned and run Italian with its’ Independent Italian Restaurant Award. The restaurant won the award on a variety of aspects including service, eating experience, menu, hygiene and cleanliness. This is just one of many national award-winning eating establishments in Ribble Valley.

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For fantastic eating out experiences, here is just a sample of what is on offer…

The Red Pump Inn at Bashall Eaves offers sensational steak dishes. Their beef comes from native Longhorn, Shorthorn and Galloway cattle, and is slowly matured for a wonderful flavour. Their suppliers, Ginger Pig, produce for some of the best restaurants in London, Paris… and Bashall Eaves!

At the Derby Arms in Longridge, you will find a superb selection of freshly prepared food which is created using quality, seasonal ingredients. Their lunch menu offers a range of light bites and classic favourites, and is perfect fuel for an afternoon of local shopping in Longridge.

Over in Downham, at the Assheton Arms, the specials menu is changed daily, and this traditional country inn has won a string of awards, and is popular with both drinkers and diners.

Gastronomic experiences, offering a food celebration using fantastic mouth-watering produce from local, independent award-winning artisan producers. Occupying the original Spinning Block, the new Bar & Grill at Holmes Mill is the latest, and most spectacular, addition to the James’ Places collection of Ribble Valley hotels, bars and restaurants. Most restaurants have a bar of one sort or another. Not many restaurants have a bar like this; it’s big, it’s beautiful, it’s simple, stylish and also superbly well stocked. For morning coffee to aperitifs, cocktails and nightcaps, the bar at the Spinning Block Bar & Grill is worthy of a visit on its own!

Another defining feature of local food and drink is the incredible variety. Ribble Valley has places for all budgets, and times of day—from Sunday brunches as a group to romantic evening meals for two. …And the variety doesn’t end here! Chinese, Indian, Italian, and the very best of British are just a few of the endless culinary experiences you can enjoy in Ribble Valley. Come and savour them for yourself!

To learn more about locally sourced food and drink, visit www.ribblevalleyfoodheaven.com

Northcote is an award-winning luxury country house hotel and restaurant nestled in the heart of the picturesque Lancashire countryside. Renowned for its genuine hospitality and refined Michelin-starred cuisine, this elegant hotel is recognised as one of the UK’s leading gastronomic destinations.

The Manor House and Garden Lodge comprises of 26 individually styled bedrooms and suites including an opulent master suite
/Elegant & stylish Michelin-starred restaurant
/ Menus created by Executive Chef Lisa Goodwin-Allen
/ Seasonal 3-course lunch menu inc. coffee - from £36.00
/ Overnight Gourmet Breaks from £310.00 per room, based on two people sharing

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A great English pub experience is The Aspinall Arms which sits on the banks of the River Ribble overlooking the medieval All Hallows church and 14th century Great Mitton Hall. Serving classic British cuisine, the menu is wonderfully varied, and dishes are freshly cooked using local ingredients. The Aspinall is a particularly popular spot with walkers, cyclists and families.

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Fitzy’s bar and restaurant at the Higher Trapp Hotel has been stylishly refurbished to create a cozy and relaxing environment, oozing with charm. The floor to ceiling windows catch the sun and offer a breathtaking view of the Pendle countryside.

The Garden Kitchen at Holden Clough Nursery offers a different experience again, whether you choose their big breakfast or their renowned picnic bench teas which change in theme through the seasons. The Call’s Head is a great place for a tasty and hearty meal. Located in the beautiful village of Worston and enjoying dramatic views across to Pendle Hill, the Call’s Head must have one of the best Pub Gardens in the Valley.

Other great places to check out are the Lower Buck and the Waddington Arms, both in the village of Waddington, as well as the White Bull and the Ribchester Arms, both in Ribchester. Visit www.ribblevalleyfoodheaven.com for a selection of wonderful places to eat out, and for special offers, why not download the U Treat app?

Ribble Valley is renowned for its food quality, with much of the produce being made here in the heart of the Valley. The suppliers of these artisan products are passionate about creating the best of food and drink, made available on our doorstep. Here in the Valley, there are a great number of independent cheesemakers – each offering a remarkable number of quality cheeses and, just a few miles from Chipping, the village at the heart of Ribble Valley cheese making, you will find Little Town Dairy and Farm Shop. Here, locally sourced yoghurt, cream, crème fraîche and ice-cream are made, and the Little Town Dairy supplies to some of the world’s leading cruise liners – including P&O. Local meat and dairy produce is available in the adjacent Little Town farm shop, where sweet home-made treats and ice cream are made, and the Little Town Dairy supplies to some of the world’s leading cruise-liners – including P&O. Local meat and dairy products are available in the adjacent Little Town farm shop, where sweet home-made treats and ice-cream are made, and the Little Town Dairy supplies to some of the world’s leading cruise-liners – including P&O.

Local grown and hand sourced produce is available to buy at many local outlets across Ribble Valley, but the largest is the Bowland Food Hall, a most wonderful showcase for the very best of Lancashire’s food and drink producers. Open seven days a week, this modern temple to gastronomic indulgence provides a platform for local producers to sell their wares in an elegant setting.

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Ribble Valley is home to two major breweries, numerous microbreweries and a variety of popular distilleries. Coupled with a generous choice of traditional pubs and refined bars, you can drink in the atmosphere of wonderful hospitality as well as the local producers that are dedicated to creating the perfect pint. Here in Ribble Valley, our ever-flourishing local producers are committed to creating perfection. As with the food industry, the drinks on offer here go right through from source to table! Whether you’re in a traditional pub, sophisticated wine bar or a cutting-edge microbrewery, you’ll be greeted with an eclectic mix of beverages that suit all palettes and purses!

What makes Ribble Valley’s drinks even more special is the quality of our hospitality. Passionate bartenders, dedicated waiting staff, and jovial pub owners all contribute to the warm welcome you’ll receive in the place we proudly call home.

Quite aside of its outstanding reputation for culinary expertise, Ribble Valley is fast becoming a centre for thirst quenching experiences, whether that be locally brewed beers and gins, or colourful cocktails or even beautifully roasted coffee.
The Ribble Valley Gin Company

From Piggery to Distillery

The Ribble Valley Gin Co, founded by young couple Justine & Luke, produce small batch artisan gin in their distillery based in Longridge.

The distillery is a stone outhouse, built in 1888 and was originally used as a “piggery”, and with it having so much history and standing for over 130 years, they have kept most of the original features. They use an 83-litre column still for their gin and vapour infuse our botanicals for a smooth finish to their gin and botanicals to reflect the natural beauty of the Ribble Valley.

Launched in February 2019 and with two gins so far, their Signature “Little Lane” gin and the Summer Edition “Garden Party” gin, they are setting their sights on many more craft spirits in the future. Both gins reflect the Great British Countryside and the English Garden; using botanicals that can be easily recognised, from hawthorn berries to rose petals, drawing inspiration from the local surroundings.

Stockists include; D, Byrne & Co, Bowland Food Hall and Booths. Both gins are available in many local bars, pubs, restaurants and can be purchased online via the website or on Amazon.

www.ribblevalleygin.co.uk | 01772 597791

Bowland Brewery

Ales of Outstanding Natural Beauty! With names inspired by our rambling surroundings, such as Hen Harrier and Pheasant Plucker, the Bowland Brewery Ales reputation has robustly rooted itself in the hearts of the locals. Based at converted Victorian cotton mill Holmes Mill in Clitheroe, visitors may take guided tours of the brewery and sample the ales in the fantastic Bowland Beer Hall, home to one of the longest bars in the UK.

Holmes Mill Clitheroe

www.bowlandbrewery.com | 01200 443592

Four Mice Brewery

Located on site at the traditional Coach and Horses Inn, Bolton-by-Bowland, Four Mice Brewery Ale is through and through an English product. Made using English hops, yeast cultivated by the Brewery themselves and water from the nearby Henry VI well in Bolton-by-Bowland, this is a true local taste that is not to be missed – enjoy it on draught from brewery to glass at the Coach and Horses, Bolton-by-Bowland.

www.coachandhorsesribblevalley.co.uk | 01200 447331

Exchange Coffee Company

Exchange Coffee are traditional coffee roasters & tea merchants. Located on Wellgate in the centre of Clitheroe you can smell the wonderful aroma of roasting coffee even before reaching the shop. Once inside you can watch the coffee being roasted and there is a choice of over 30 freshly roasted coffees from around the world. And there is also a selection of over sixty-five different loose teas & tisanes. Wander through the shop to the William Morris inspired Victorian coffee house spread over three floors and enjoy a full Lancashire breakfast through to an afternoon tea with a brew of your choice.

www.exchangecoffee.co.uk | 01200 442270

Thwaites

With over 200 years of brewing heritage, Thwaites Brewery is now based in Mellor Brook after moving from the centre of Blackburn. The purpose-built establishment has the capacity to brew 1.5 m pints a year, and it is also home to the stables of the famous Thwaites horses. Thwaites beers are available locally.

www.thwaites.co.uk | 01254 686868

The Wine Shed

Nestled within the beautiful Stydd Gardens, a unique and enchanting place just outside the village of Ribchester, the Wine Shed is an innovative wine-shop, bar & eatery with a vast array of premium, organic and rare wines from around the world. Enjoy a morning coffee, a glass of wine or cocktail and a little to eat, or stock up your wine collection.

www.stydd.com | 01254 366333

Hoppy days

There are a number of popular micro pubs springing up in Ribble Valley, and one, Hoppy Days, aims to bring the fine folk of Longridge (and beyond) a true micro pub serving quality real ale, real cider, Belgian bottled beers and wine in a relaxed, convivial atmosphere. No swearing rule enforced. Hoppy Days was awarded the George Lee Memorial Trophy for 2017/18 as the pub considered by branch members to have done the most for real ale locally.

www.facebook.com/HoppyDaysMicropub
The Coach & Horses, a traditional Coaching Inn, is set in the idyllic village of Bolton by Bowland in the heart of the Ribble Valley. Newly renovated to restore its original glory, this Grade II listed inn comes with its own on site micro-brewery. Let the head chef take your tastebuds on a journey, with new and exciting dishes, offered alongside pub classics done right. The menu is varied, using seasonal ingredients, locally sourced where possible.

www.coachandhorsesribblevalley.co.uk
Since as early as the 13th century, local dairy farmers have been making cheese by curdling surplus milk. This could even be done in the smallest of farms, where relatively low daily quantities of surplus milk were accumulated over time until there was enough curd to make cheese.

Two- or three-days’ worth of curd of varying maturity are blended together. This results in a moist and soft cheese that’s unique to Lancashire, much different from other, harder British cheeses.

By the 1890s, this unique cheesemaking method had been standardised throughout the county—and even managed to survive an efficiency-driven ban during WWII! Since then, it no longer mattered that Lancashire Creamy takes more time and effort to make than Cheshire and Cheddar. It’s worth it and it shows; the traditional method dating back centuries is still in use in Ribble Valley to this day.

Leagram Organic Dairy
It is believed that Chipping village was the first place where Lancashire cheese was made commercially, and, thanks to the enthusiasm of the Kitching family, traditional Lancashire cheesemaking has returned to the village. Using milk from local farms, Leagram is proud to present Leagram as the only wholly organic producer of Lancashire cheese. From goats’ cheese to sheep’s cheese and more organic cow’s milk varieties, head to the Dairy on Moss Lane Chipping, to discover their extensive range. Why not pay a visit to Leagram’s cheese, where you will be surrounded by cheesemaking curiosities and learn about the processes of cheese making which have developed over the centuries.

www.cheese-experience.com | 01995 61532

An extensive range of Ribble Valley’s local cheeses are available to purchase across the area at local outlets. A good selection can be found in Bowland Food Hall, Clitheroe. Bashall Barn Farm Shop near Bashall Eaves, Chipping Farm Shop, and Little Town Farm Shop near Longridge are also proud stockists of Ribble Valley cheeses—in addition to other locally produced food and drink.
Procter’s Kick-Ass Cheeses

The Procter family first made cheese in the picturesque village of Chipping in the 1930s. The day-to-day running of the company is now in the capable hands of Tim Procter, who is the fourth generation “Tim” in the family. He is ably assisted by his family and dedicated staff, who have a real ‘hands-on’ attitude to business—an attitude which is reflected in their dedication.

www.kickasscheese.co.uk  |  01995 61626

The Sheep Milk Company

Set on Laund Farm in the rolling hills of the Forest of Bowland, there couldn’t be a more stunning backdrop for this budding enterprise. Their unique selling point is dairy produce made uniquely from sheep’s milk, which is easy to digest and packed with nutrients. Over the past twenty years and beyond, the Stott family has been busy perfecting a sheep-milking practice originally dating back one thousand years. The result is an award-winning variety of sheep milk products, from milk and cheese, to curd and yoghurt.

www.thesheepmilkcompany.co.uk  |  01995 61348

Butler’s Farmhouse Cheeses

Established in 1932, multi award winning Butler’s Farmhouse Cheeses are a true family business based in rural Lancashire, famed for pioneering the popular Blacksticks Blue cheese. Cheesemaker Tim Fisher says, “The cheese we produce combines the best of our heritage and fabulous local milk. Cheeses are individually handmade, cloth bound and carefully matured”

www.butlerscheeses.co.uk  |  01772 781 500

Singletons & Co Cheese

Singletons & Co’s Cheese has been handcrafting beautiful cheeses since 1934 and is still using traditional techniques and recipes to this day. As for the company’s history, they come from a long line of dairy farmers who have been nurturing and investing in the farming community since 1745. Nowadays, they export to over thirty countries around the globe and are proud two-time holders of the Queen’s Award for Export.

www.singletonscheese.com  |  01772 782112

Twice Baked Cheese Soufflé

Recipe

Milk (heated up)
85g Lancashire Cheese (Tasty or Creamy) grated
18.75g Butter
4g English Mustard
20g Plain Flour
1 tsp Cornflour
5 Egg Whites
3 Egg Yolks
Salt & Pepper
6 Buttered & floured ramekins (1/4 pint size)
½ pt Cream
Parmesan to sprinkle over when re-heating

METHOD

Place butter in a pan over the heat, melt and stir in the cornflour and flour; cook out for a couple of minutes, and then gradually stir in the hot milk to form a smooth thick sauce. Add the cheese and egg yolks, and beat. Next add the mustard and seasoning and then allow to cool.

Meanwhile whisk the egg whites until stiff then gently fold into the cheese sauce. Spoon into the prepared ramekins/ pudding basins and place these in a baking tray filled with hot water. Place in the oven and cook at 13°c for 40 minutes, or until cooked through. Remove from the oven and allow to cool slightly then turn out.

When ready to use dust with a little grated parmesan and put in a tray with the cream, and reheat at 200°c for 6-8 minutes. Serve with a tomato slice and basil pesto or pear and walnut salad.

Makes 6

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www.beatherder.co.uk
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www.ribblevalleyjazzandblues.co.uk
@RibbleValleyJazzandBlues-Events&Festivals

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www.clitheroeconcerts.org.uk

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This festival runs throughout the year, and nurtures young aspiring talent, with performances across a host of venues in the Ribble Valley. All proceeds are donated to support local heritage.

@RibbleValleyMusicFestival on Facebook

RIBBLE VALLEY LIVE

A family friendly festival, featuring top local bands and with something for everyone. 24-25th July 2020

www.ribblevalleylive.com

THE GRAND

Clitheroe’s 1870s era auditorium is now home to contemporary entertainment venue The Grand. Check the website for their wide variety of events throughout the year.

www.thegrandvenue.co.uk
@TheGrandVenue

RIBBLE VALLEY SCOOTER RALLY

Formerly known as Ribble Valley Mod Weekend, enjoy live music throughout venues in Clitheroe and a procession of 800 scooters through the streets.

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VIC
Whether you’re enjoying a short stay or longer holiday, our super friendly team are here to help you explore the Ribble Valley – ready for every enquiry, our enhanced knowledge and experience will help you find what you need to make your stay extra special. Our VIC shop sells fishing permits, maps, guides, event tickets and special souvenirs, which will ensure you remember your visit.

GALLERY
Dedicated to contemporary craft, our vibrant exhibition programme provides insight into craftpeople and their creative processes. From thought provoking touring shows to nationally renowned independent makers we feature the best of British making to inspire and intrigue. Our self-curated exhibitions showcase local and national designers and makers, providing a vital support for the prosperity and survival of small independent art and craft businesses.

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Opening Times
Mon - Fri: 10.00 - 17.00
Saturday: 10.00 - 16.30
Sundays: 11.00 - 16.00 in Summer and Dec
Closed Bank Holidays

Please visit our website or call for more info about how to get here, special opening hours or access.

TAILOR YOUR OWN CREATIVE ITINERARY

The Art Within
At the heart of every thriving community is a hub of creative people that fill the area with a fresh vibrant buzz. Here in the Ribble Valley we have an abundance of independent artists, designers, performers & makers which create its very individual & inspiring cultural scene.

A wide variety of venues offer regular arts programmes for you to escape and feel inspired during your visit; theatre, music, dance, film, artist studios, exhibitions, art trails and artisan shops. Nourish your soul by attending one of the many specialised arts events and festivals that are programmed throughout the year.

There is no doubt the landscape of the area inspires many artists, of whom many decide to live and work in the Ribble Valley.

What next?
Plan ahead by visiting the Ribble Valley Arts website www.rvarts.co.uk to see the full spectrum of artistic talent and activity based in the area. The directory gives you direct access to the creatives in the area allowing you to tailor a very individual experience;

• Soak up the village atmosphere and experience a professional theatre performance in a characterful village hall.
• Take in the stunning scenery of the Forest of Bowland Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty at a quirky outdoor music festival.
• Immerse yourself in the world of an artist by visiting them as they work in their studios.
• Get creative by organising a craft workshop with an artist based here.

Or plan when you arrive by starting your visit at the Platform Gallery and Visitor Information Centre in Clitheroe. Housed in the town’s old Victorian railway station building, the centre’s team can provide you with inspiration for your cultural itinerary.

www.rvarts.co.uk
There are some wonderful things made here in Ribble Valley, inspired by and using our surrounding resources. We asked Ribble Valley Arts Development Officer Katherine Rodgers (pictured below with Tony Bentley at Bentley Studios) to describe a small but varied selection of local craftpeople and their creations that can be discovered right here in Ribble Valley.

**MOSNEY**

Talent found in even the quietest corners of the kingdom. Immersed in and inspired by our gorgeous scenery, a range of whimsical animal drawings have emerged from artist Emma Mosney. Created by her, printed in C lifton, and to be enjoyed by anyone who finds her at Stydd Gardens in Ribchester surrounded by beautiful gardens and wildlife, and often immersed in her latest illustrations. All of her original artworks can be viewed and purchased in the shop. [www.mosneymill.co.uk](http://www.mosneymill.co.uk)

**BENTLEY STUDIOS**

Local art taken to the daring and surprising. Local artist and designer Tony Bentley explores a wide range of mediums, including sculpture, ceramics, photography and print. Diverse and engaging, his work is often humorous, taking his influences from science, nature and music. He started Bentley Studio in 2011 and can now be found proudly displaying his work as part of the Salvage House Collective in Whalley. [www.salvagehouse.co.uk](http://www.salvagehouse.co.uk)

**BOWLAND CHOCOLATE**

Some creative minds take our local culinary culture and turn it into an art of its own. Heavenly handmade chocolates from the heart of the Forest of Bowland can be uncovered tucked into the delightful village of Slaidburn. Bowland Chocolates was founded in 2010 and tucked into the delightful village of Slaidburn. Bowland Chocolate is the place to indulge your sweet tooth and sample local talent at its sweetest. [www.bowlandchocolate.co.uk](http://www.bowlandchocolate.co.uk)

**BOWLAND ATELIER**

Lancashire born artist Cassandra Batterby’s love and appreciation for the beauty and variety in the Ribble Valley landscape has drawn her from a career in Nuclear Design in Washington State to rural art studios at Bashall Barn, Bashall Eaves. She has gained quite a reputation for her pastel, water and oil landscapes of the Ribble Valley, from its rolling hills, to intimate streams and even its characterful buildings. Her works can be found at Bowland Atelier at Bashall Barn, open at the weekends, or by appointment. [www.bowlandatelier.co.uk](http://www.bowlandatelier.co.uk)

**KUSHBOO**

Turning routine into luxury, with ethical production at its heart. Kushboo Soaps are individually handcrafted in the beautiful Ribble Valley and inspired by India’s exotic culture and kitchen. They use only 100% natural ingredients, locally sourced where possible and use environmentally friendly, zero-plastic packaging. Discover their divine fragrances such as Charcoal & Star Anise, Verbena & Turmeric and Cedarwood, Lemongrass & Calendula. Kushboo’s ethos is to give back to the community and to help others and so batches of soap are made specifically for homeless charities and refuges. [www.kushboosaps.co.uk](http://www.kushboosaps.co.uk)

**MYDAS TOUCH**

Christopher Perkins is the creative artist behind Mydas Touch... it’s a wonderful world of beautifully illustrated comical creations and home to a wondrous range of unique gift ideas, appealing to all ages. These fantastic fun-loving artworks are lovingly illustrated from pencil sketch to the finished article by Christopher and are totally unique to Mydas Touch. Chris has lived in Ribble Valley for twenty-five years which as undoubtedly enhanced his lifelong love of the countryside and its wildlife which is a predominant theme throughout his whimsical work. [www.mydastouchcreative.co.uk](http://www.mydastouchcreative.co.uk)

**MINIATURE DRY STONE WALLS**

Some local craftpeople have an eye for creating a piece of the Ribble Valley to take home with you. Michael Martin from Grindleton makes miniature dry stone walls, quintessentially rural and small enough to complement any bookcase or windowsill. Take a little piece of our outstanding scenery home with you as a memento of nature’s ease and the enduring traditions of the countryside. Michael’s work is on display and for sale at Pendle Heritage Centre. [www.pendleheritage.co.uk](http://www.pendleheritage.co.uk)

**MELT**

A local product with international appeal. Melt have been hand making scented candles and Reed diffusers since December 2000. Over the years Melt have naturally expanded from luxury home fragrances and now also offer organic body, skincare and perfumery products. They quietly supply their products to independent businesses worldwide and over 80% of their ingredients and packaging comes from Lancashire companies – with the balance being from the UK. You can visit their HQ at Backbridge Farm just outside Waddington and discover their imaginative fragrances like Neroli & Rose Geranium and Verbena & Clary Sage. [www.themeltco.com](http://www.themeltco.com)

**KUSHBOO**

Turning routine into luxury, with ethical production at its heart. Kushboo Soaps are individually handcrafted in the beautiful Ribble Valley and inspired by India’s exotic culture and kitchen. They use only 100% natural ingredients, locally sourced where possible and use environmentally friendly, zero-plastic packaging. Discover their divine fragrances such as Charcoal & Star Anise, Verbena & Turmeric and Cedarwood, Lemongrass & Calendula. Kushboo’s ethos is to give back to the community and to help others and so batches of soap are made specifically for homeless charities and refuges. [www.kushboosaps.co.uk](http://www.kushboosaps.co.uk)
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countryside of the Ribble Valley. A visit there will delight you; outside the
back door are llamas, geese and chickens (plus plentiful free parking)...
and through the front door there is a welcome smile and (always!) a
complimentary glass of wine to hand!

With an emphasis on natural ingredients,
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skincare & makeup and a perfumery
housing niche fragrances. These sit
alongside home accessories, jewellery,
handbags & cashmere...all perfect
for any time of the year!

The Chandlery & Reading Room

The chandlery - 'originally the office in a medieval household responsible for
wax and candles' - will quite simply captivate you. It showcases melt’s unique
range of fragranced candles which are all hand made on the farm. Each of
the 30 available candle ranges feature a complex mix of essential oils and
ingredients that combine to create exquisite fragrances.

Alongside the candles is an imaginative 'library' of books that cover a
range of genres from comical to quirky, unusual to whimsical. Take as
long as you need to browse the shelves, have a read... and maybe even
learn something new!

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Village GEMS

Villages and hamlets form the heart of Ribble Valley and each has its own distinctive character, often evident in architecture, culture and traditions. Visitors are always made welcome in our villages and this feature provides an introduction to some of these beautiful places, with suggestions for experiences in each, including places to eat and stay.
Waddington
Quintessentially English

The quintessentially English village of Waddington is a regular winner of Lancashire’s Best Kept Village Award. Perched on the outskirts of Clitheroe, with its bubbling brook and coronation gardens, this is a must-stop on your excursion through the Ribble Valley. A conservation site, Waddington oozes charm with great places to explore and discover real British heritage, such as St Helen’s Church, an attractive Victorian rebuilding. Waddington offers a great variety of places to eat. Locals would recommend The Waddington Arms or Lower Buck, both of which are vibrant pubs with varied menus full of new and classic dishes to cater for all the family. Also close to Waddington stands 17th Century Waddow Hall, in 178 acres of lush land and classic gardens, this is a must-stop on your excursion through the Ribble Valley. A historic and picturesque site, Waddow oozes charm with Victorian rebuild.

Bolton-by-Bowland
Historic and Picturesque

The pretty village of Bolton-by-Bowland is home to the 13th Century St Peter and Paul English Gothic Church and the remains of the 13th Century market cross and stocks. The best way to experience the picturesque village is to follow the village trail, taking a 3 mile (4.6km) stroll through the finest parkland scenery in the Forest of Bowland and finally returning to the village. Be sure to stop by at the fabulous Coach and Horses, a real traditional country inn for great food and luxurious accommodation. For superb self-catering, Footden Farm cottage is on the outskirts of the village and nearby in the tiny and beautiful hamlet of Harrop you will find Stone Mouse Cottage and Harrop Fold Cottages, each of which are delightfully located. Just a short distance out of Bolton-by-Bowland you will find the beautiful Holden Clough Gardens, a real horticultural experience and a haven for budding gardeners.

Bashall
In the Heart of Ribble Countryside

Right in the heart of rural Ribble Valley you will find Bashall Town, which in fact is a rather widely spread village! Here you will find a number of visitor attractions, including Bashall Barn, a shop-cum-wedding venue; Browsholme Hall, a nationally important Grade I listed historic house open to the public for events, tours and weddings; and the Red Pump, a luxury country house open to the public for events, tours and weddings. Rent a 22-acre certified ancient woodland, their woodland café is the perfect establishment to enjoy light bites and a selection of Lancashire confectionary, all made in-house and lovingly crafted from fresh, local produce.

Mitton
Riverside Elegance

The tiny hamlet of Mitton offers some of the best food and drink in the Lancashire area. A favourite among travellers and locals alike is the Aspinall Arms, with a huge selection of food and beverages along with its cozy open fire and traditional pub aesthetics inside. The outside hosts a beautifully teraced and landscaped garden, perfectly situated on the riverbank, overlooking the medieval All Hallows church. Located just south of the Aspinall Arms is Mitton Hall, a 14th Century country house hotel that offers luxurious accommodation and is recognised as one of the leading wedding venues in the Ribble Valley. With stunning views, incredible architecture and elegant interiors, Mitton Hall offers both a delightful brasserie and bar, serving dishes using locally sourced ingredients, providing decadent afternoon teas and a fine selection of cocktails.

West Bradford
Commanding Views

West Bradford is a small charming village where Mahatma Gandhi visited in 1931 whilst visiting the Lancashire cotton mills. Staying at the Heyes Farm Guest House, he commented on the beauty of this part of the Ribble Valley. One way to enjoy your time in West Bradford is to stay at the Three Rivers Caravan Park. Sit amongst a 22-acre certified ancient woodland, their woodland café is the perfect establishment to enjoy light bites and a selection of Lancashire confectionary, all made in-house and lovingly crafted from fresh, local produce.

Sawley
Riverside Haven

Sawley, nestled deep within the Ribble Valley countryside, is where you’ll find the remains of Sawley Abbey, a Cistercian abbey founded in 1148 and set close to the River Ribble, overlooking a beautiful backdrop of dramatic hills. Eat, drink and stay at the award-winning Spread Eagle, one of the most well-known pubs in the Ribble Valley. Beautifully situated by the River Ribble, the Spread Eagle provides exuberant bedrooms and is a regular hotspot for weddings and many other events in its unique and versatile function room.

Backridge
A Peaceful Corner

Close by in Backridge is a wonderful sensory experience, Mit. A small independent candle manufacturer dating back to 2000, Mit develops hand-crafted scented candles, reed diffusers and luxury skincare products for every season. Mit’s humble beginnings and small staff size really promote the core traditional values of the quaint village.
around Pendle Hill

Downham
Untouched Beauty

Downham lies just at the foot of Pendle Hill in the southern section of the Forest of Bowland Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. It is often hailed as the most beautiful village in Lancashire, with unbroken views of a patchwork landscape and a peaceful setting. The village is dotted with charming cottages and the Downham Mill, a beautiful mill that has been restored and now serves as a charming tea room.

Chatburn
Foodie Focus

The village of Chatburn is another tad surprise, home to the award-winning Boy Porter’s Butchery, which is known for its outstanding meat pies. Just over the road is the historic Black Dog Inn, which offers a warm welcome to visitors and has a reputation for its delicious home-cooked food.

Worston
A Pendle Backdrop

The village of Worston is another ideal base for walks to Pendle and on to Downham. The Castlereagh Arms, a traditional country pub, is located at the centre of this peaceful village and offers a warm welcome to visitors.

Wiswell
A Peaceful Corner

From the namesake of Old Molly’s Well, and later Wise Woman’s Well, Wiswell is a small village at the foot of Wiswell Moor. The first record of Wiswell is in a charter of 1193 in the reign of Richard the First. The village is home to the Meeting House, a quaint Quaker meeting house that dates back to 1767.

Sabden
Beneath Iconic Pendle Hill

Sabden, on the slopes of Pendle Hill, nestles in its own unspoiled valley, a walker’s paradise crisscrossed by public footpaths. The village, surrounded by farmland, has a rich textile history. Its climate attracted Richard Cobden, a philanthropist and Anti-Corn Law League leader, who pioneered carding and printing in village mills and whose legacy to Sabden was social improvement and education. In the village you will find three churches, two pubs, shops, a cafe, small businesses, artists, a bowling green, children’s playground and playing fields.

Slaidburn
Rural Idyll

Slaidburn is a small but magnificent building which was built to the design of Edward Pugin, from, it is believed, the winnings of the racetrack. The views of Waddington Fell and surrounding hills are of breathtaking quality. John Bright, the MP who was later to become the Chancellor of the Exchequer, lived here for a time.

Dunsop Bridge
Centre of the Kingdom

The village at the official centre of the Kingdom is Dunsop Bridge, part of the Queen’s estate as bestowed by Richard III. It is the perfect place for those who love to explore local landmarks and admire the breathtaking views. Puddleducks is a much-loved local cafe located in this quaint village, offering a delicious menu of homemade English classics. Another local attraction open every day for visitors is St Hubert’s Church, a small but magnificent building which was built to the design of Edwin Fildes. From it, it is believed, the winnings of the racetrack, Kettleshulme, in the Derby of 1863.

Hurst Green
In the Footsteps of Tolkien

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Whitewell
Riverside Views

In this tiny hamlet you will find the Inn at Whitewell, still part of the Duchy Estate. It was once a small manor house and the earliest parts of the property date back to the 1500s when it was home to Walter Unsworth, keeper of the King’s Forest of Bowland. Set right above the River Hodder, this 18th Century former coaching inn overlooks open countryside to the hills in the distance. The bar and restaurant, with wood panelling, fireplaces and antique furniture, offers bar meals or more formal dining. Many of the bedrooms have fireplaces, exposed beams and Victorian cabin beds. Whitewell is a serene and peaceful place. Hidden away from the main road, it is a perfect place to relax and unwind.

Newton in Bowland
Amongst the Hills

Newton in Bowland is another pretty little Bowland village on the banks of the Hodder and it is home to the Parker’s Arms, an acclaimed inn with a national reputation for its cuisine. The views of Waddington Fell and surrounding hills are of breathtaking quality. John Bright, the Quaker, spent two years of his early life here in the heart of the Hodder Valley and the Friends Meeting House dates back to 1677. Newton in Bowland is a serene and peaceful place. Hidden away from the main road, it is a perfect place to relax and unwind.

Chipping
Floral Beauty

The picturesque Bowland village of Chipping has, for generations, been synonymous with a warm and hospitable welcome to visitors and travellers passing through. Nowhere has the welcome been more longstanding than the village shop Brabin’s, believed to be the longest continuing shop in the country. During its 350-year history it has been a bakers, undertakers, general store and butchers. In early times, Chipping hosted two annual fairs where cattle would be sold in the street and more latterly, sheep fairs were also held. People would come from far and wide to buy and sell, with the village being the focal point for rural trading. More recently, the visitors coming to the village are tourists, seeking the peace and tranquillity of this charming rural spot.

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Where better to experience the sights, smells and sounds of country life than by visiting one of the traditional country shows which take place in Ribble Valley each year. Right in the heart of the Bowland hills, the Hodder Valley show, which is held on the second Saturday of September each year, is a great showcase of country living. The show prides itself on being a traditional agricultural and horticultural event, and a perfect day out for all the family.

The Show traces its history back to 1864, and is unique in the fact that it is hosted by farmers and landowners of Dunsop Bridge, Newton-in-Bowland and Slaidburn in turn, such that no two years are the same. At each venue, visitors enjoy fabulous scenery with breathtaking views. This gallery provides just a taste of the atmosphere of last year’s Hodder Valley Show, but they are typical of the scenes of country life waiting to be experienced at other events in Ribble Valley. These include Chipping Agricultural Show on Saturday 25th August 2019 and the Goosnargh and Longridge Show on 11th July 2020.

Why not pop along to one of these events and experience real country life for yourself?

Photos by Sarah Valentine
From the sparkling waters of the River Ribble to the majestic landscapes of the Bowland Fells, the Ribble Valley is one of England’s last unspoiled natural playgrounds.

Whether you choose to explore this rural oasis on two feet or on two wheels, the miles of quiet lanes, bridleways and well-signed footpaths provide the perfect opportunity for exploring the Ribble Valley at your own pace.

And after a bracing day in the clean, fresh open air, what better place to return to than a welcoming country pub in a picturesque village?

2 fabulous walks from our doorstep…

**TOLKIEN TRAIL**
5.5 miles

This rewarding walk starts at the Shireburn Arms’ car park and heads down to the river. In late April and early May, look out for the glorious drifts of beautiful bluebells, which fill the woodland with the heady fragrance of spring.

And when it comes to refuelling, you’ll be spoilt for choice. Imaginative menus feature fabulous food at lunch and dinner seven days a week to satisfy the appetite all that fresh air will bring.
**WELCOME TO ENGLAND’S TASTIEST WALKING DESTINATION**

The Ribble Valley is a genuine walker’s paradise. This unspoiled corner of rural East Lancashire has it all – gentle rolling countryside, wooded river valleys and some challenging hill walks for those with an appetite for adventure. These stunning landscapes are criss-crossed with footpaths and bridleways and there’s a huge selection of circular walks – ranging from riverside rambles and gentle afternoons ambles through scenic villages, to challenging mini-mountains offering stunning views for the more energetically inclined.

And after working up a healthy appetite amid the stunning scenery of the Ribble Valley, what better way to reward your exertions than with a hearty meal at one of the region’s many gastropubs and characterful country inns?

The Valley’s bustling market towns and picturesque villages are home to some of the best gastropubs in Britain, with outstanding eateries, many of which win national awards for their food and hospitality. Events like the annual Clitheroe Food Festival have really put the area on the foodie map of Britain and the Ribble Valley is establishing a deserved reputation for offering walkers a warm Lancastrian welcome and serving up distinctive dishes reflecting the very best local produce.

**Walks with Taste**

Launched last year, Ribble Valley ‘Walks with Taste’ comprises a selection of some of the best pub walks in the area. Enthusiastically supported by some of the area’s most popular pubs, country inns and specialist retailers, each individual Walk with Taste is centred on a participating venue where visitors can park, lace up their boots and enjoy a glorious self-guided walk before returning to sample an authentic taste of Lancashire.

Routes vary in length from a leisurely three-mile ramble to a more challenging six-mile hike, and free route cards include a map and easy-to-follow directions – no map-reading should be required!

Walks leaflets can be downloaded from our website at visitribblevalley.co.uk/portfolio/walks-with-taste or collected from any of the host venues. They are also available from the walking footwear specialist, Whalley Warm and Dry.

And if you would like to linger longer and explore this enchanting corner of Lancashire in greater depth, most of the participating establishments also offer comfortable accommodation.

**Mark Sutcliffe**

Ribble Valley Walks

[www.ribblevalleywalks.com](http://www.ribblevalleywalks.com)

A former editor of Country Walking magazine, Mark returned to his native Ribble Valley to write about walking and healthy lifestyles. A regular contributor to Countryfile magazine, he is currently compiling a book of the best walks in Lancashire.
Some of the most popular walking experiences in Ribble Valley are the “Walks with Taste”, which combine attractive circular self-guided walks with amazing food experiences. There is currently a selection of ten walks, which will increase to fifteen by the end of 2020. Each walk is marked on the map on the next pages, and a self-guided walks leaflet can be collected from each of the host venues. They can also be obtained as a pack from the Platform Gallery Clitheroe or from Whalley Warm and Dry, the walking footwear specialists based in Whalley. You may park in the car park with each venue making the ideal conclusion to an enjoyable walk. The walks, which are all easy to follow, vary in distance and duration, so read the descriptions carefully to find one that suits you.

**DOG-FRIENDLY**
Many of our walks are dog friendly. Please follow the Countryside Code: Livestock will be grazing in most of the fields, so keep dogs under close control and ideally on a lead.

**WALKS with Taste in Ribble Valley**

- **Inn at Whitewell**: 4.8 km | 1½ hours | Moderate
- **Waddington Arms**: 7km | 2 to 2½ hours | Moderate
- **Holmes Mill**: 6.8km | 1½ to 2 hours | Easy
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I simply cannot rate Whalley Warm & Dry highly enough, or quite put into words just how excellent their service is. If you have any issues with your feet, however slight or significant, and struggle to get boots to fit comfortably then, however many miles away you live, a journey here will be thoroughly worthwhile. I assure you: personal service like no other, friendly and very knowledgeable staff, nothing too much trouble, absolutely no pressure selling whatsoever and everything measured, shaped and tailored exactly to your own needs. Fantastic

K. Whitlock

MULTI-AWARD-WINNING RETAILER

If you would like happy feet on your next walk, all you have to is call 01254 822 220 or BOOK YOUR SPECIALIST BOOT FITTING APPOINTMENT ONLINE www.whalleyoutdoor.co.uk

Whalley Warm & Dry remove the guesswork from buying walking footwear – specially trained fitters take ten detailed measurements to identify your foot length, volume and size, followed by analysis on the Podoscope to ascertain foot arch, height and pressure distribution, before recommending the right footwear and supportive insoles for your foot shape and chosen activity. With walking boots available in 5 width fittings from extra narrow to extra wide plus half sizes, this gives you over 170 fitting options.

Situated in the picturesque village of Whalley, award winning, family-run outdoor shop Whalley Warm & Dry attracts customers from across the country to visit. Their hand-picked high-quality brands and unrivalled customer service are reflected in their tally of sixteen national awards which include ‘Best Independent Outdoor Footwear Retailer’ at the Footwear Industry Awards and the award for ‘Retail Experience’ at the Lancashire Tourism Awards.

CUSTOMISATION

Once you have chosen your footwear, Whalley Warm & Dry personalise the fit of the footwear to match the unique features and contours of your feet in a way that no footwear could match straight out of the box. They use their expertise, in combination with your feedback, to assess where and how the fit can be improved. Using their specialist machinery and years of experience, the footwear is gently steamed and stretched - this process is done in small increments to fine tune the fit. Not only is this great for alleviating any pressure on little toes and bunions but the whole process is free for those buying footwear and is completed in store within ten minutes.

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BOOT FITTING

Discover the delight of walking in boots that feel like they were made just for you. Whalley Warm & Dry not only provide an award-winning, free Specialist Boot Fitting Service but they customise the footwear for free too. Wearing footwear that is the right size, width, volume, shape and customised to match the contours of your feet provides you with an unparalleled level of comfort. Happy feet mean a happy walker!

Whalley Warm & Dry
Springer Spaniel Buddy, is well placed to be able to sniff out the most dog friendly places in Ribble Valley as he lives with Ribble Valley Tourism Officer, Tom Pridmore, and so gets to visit and appreciate first paw, the places of most interest to visiting dogs.

Plenty of walks
Being an energetic Springer, Buddy loves a walk, and in Ribble Valley dogs really are spoiled for choice. Buddy recommends you log onto www.visitribblevalley.com where there is a selection of downloadable walks. There are some very special routes called ‘Walks with Taste’ which start from places with great food, most of which welcome dogs. Many also have great open log fires, where dogs can stretch out.

On wet and windy days, Buddy particularly enjoys following the miles of public paths in Gisburn Forest, where the trees provide shelter, whilst on a hot sunny day, then there are some lovely riverside walks to enjoy and the opportunity to swim.

On the social scene, there’s much going on, for example, once a month Buddy enjoys meeting up with his canine friends at The Aspinall Arms, where an organised circular walk is combined with welcome hospitality.

Staying Over
Buddy loves it when his canine friends come to visit the area for a holiday or short break, here are some of his recommendations, all of which are in the countryside with lots of walks to discover:

For Dog Friendly Self-Catering cottages in the country
• Angram Green Cottages
• Bramley Farm Holiday Cottage
• Chestnut Cottage
• Caledon View Holiday Cottages
• Harrop Fold Holiday Cottages
• Stone Mouse Holiday Cottage

There is more information on each of these later in this guide.

For his outdoor loving friends Wigwam Holidays Ribble Valley, and the Red Pump Bashall are great for glamping, and the yurts at Little Oakhurst are most luxurious, too. The camping pods at Bowland Wild Boar Park are another favourite, with plenty of woodland walks on the doorstep.

Walkies with Taste
When it comes to eating out, Buddy is totally spoiled for choice of where to take his owners, here are just a few of his favourites:

Aspinall Arms, Mitton
- Don’t miss the monthly walk
- Surrounded by miles of footpaths

Calf’s Head, Worston
- A cosy favourite

Coach & Horses, Bolton-by-Bowland
- Lovely walks around the village

Derby Arms, Longridge
- Great stop after a walk on Longridge Fell

Greendale Kitchen, Downham
- Owners love the breakfast here, and there’s homemade bread

Higher Trapp, Sabden
- Great after a walk on Pendle Hill

Holmes Mill Beer Hall, Clitheroe
- Always a great place to make new friends

Lower Back, Waddington
- Cosy log fires good for a warm up

Mitton Hall, Mitton
- A nice smart option for the owners

Red Pump Inn, Bashall Eaves
- Cosy fires in every room!

Shibburn Arms, Hurst Green
- A great stop after walking the Tolkien Trail

The Inn at Whitewell, Whiteswell
- Wonderful views and cozy fires

The Spread Eagle, Sawley
- Doggy menu available

Waddington Arms, Waddington
- More cosy open fires

White Bull, Ribchester
- Don’t miss the doggy treats on the bar!
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Classes
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PLM Health and Fitness and The Well Nest have teamed up to provide a complete care package for great physical, mental and emotional health.

Phil Moss, owner of PLM, is a fitness industry expert with 18 years’ experience. “At PLM we focus on providing more education into what’s needed for a healthy body - the right balance of cardio, weights and nutrition is vital” Phil added, “People say they haven’t got time to go to the gym but taking that time out to exercise improves your focus and motivation so spills over into other areas including being more productive at work.”

PLM Health and Fitness in Whalley is the ideal setting for The Well Nest – as both focus on preventative health and wellbeing, education, goal setting and positive lifestyle changes. The luxury gym also provides a less clinical, more approachable setting for The Well Nest.

Sara Dewhurst, owner of The Well Nest, is a wellness psychologist specialising in health behaviour change and education, helping clients to form healthy new habits in various ways including one-to-one wellbeing and talking sessions.

“If you can go from not exercising at all to coming twice a week every week for a year, think what a fantastic lifestyle and health change you have made, with so many benefits” she added. “When we increase our fitness, we sleep better, and our bodies absorb nutrients better.”

PLM Fitness and The Well Nest are celebrating winning the Health Business of the Year accolade at the Ribble Valley Business Awards and being the first independent, private gym in the Ribble Valley to win an RVBA.

Set apart by their holistic wellness approach, PLM Fitness owner Phil Moss explains: “Our ethos is to promote health and wellbeing as a lifestyle. We are a team of educated professionals in our respective fields - psychology, personal training and sports science - combining to offer unique services to the community. PLM is perfect for keeping on top of your fitness if you are visiting the Ribble Valley, as their luxury Whalley based gym is open 24/7 and offers visitors passes of 1 week for £25 or 2 weeks for £40.

The exciting times continue as PLM Fitness and The Well Nest are opening their second site soon at Holmes Mill, Clitheroe. Interested people can sign up to the mailing list on the PLM Fitness website www.plmfitness.com

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Access available to tourists and visitors to the area

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A fantastic new partnership has been forged in Whalley with the aim to encouraging healthy lifestyles, and the fabulous new facilities are open to both locals and visitors to the area.

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- Southport Flower Show - Gold - a Challenge Trophy for Finest Display of Hardy Plants
- Harrogate Autumn Flower Show – Gold

The Glasshouse at Holden Clough Nurseries has become a destination in itself, an emporium of eclectic, antique furniture in a range of vintage colours handpicked from Europe, along with stunning chandeliers, hurricane lanterns and gorgeous glassware - The Glasshouse takes you from unique antique through to industrial chic, brimming with a fine selection of unusual houseplants that complement our existing plants and shrubs. The Glasshouse is nestled between the plant nursery and The Garden Kitchen where the synergy between food and the garden meet.

The Garden Kitchen at Holden Clough Nurseries has become well known for its traditional food with a twist, using the best locally sourced ingredients. So why not start your day with a hearty breakfast, maybe a tasty lunch or try one of our nutritious proteins and salads and not forgetting our much celebrated Afternoon Picnic.
Ribchester Roman Museum is located on the north bank of the River Ribble, a few miles upstream of Preston. It is situated in the middle of what used to be the Roman fort at Ribchester, a Roman cavalry base and command centre for the whole of the surrounding region. The Romans arrived in Ribchester around AD 70 and remained for almost 300 years during which time a civilian settlement called a vicus grew up around the fort.

The squadron of cavalry stationed at Bremetennacum Veteranorum, the Roman name for Ribchester, was made up of auxiliaries from the provinces of the Roman Empire. The original garrison comprised Asturians from Spain but were eventually replaced in the late 2nd century by a unit from the region that is now modern Hungary. They were Sarmatians and famed for their horse riding skills. The Sarmatians are also interesting because of their name for Ribchester, was made up of auxiliaries that hold up the White Bull pub in the centre of the village are genuine Roman artefacts. The museum also delves into Ribchester and the Ribble Valley’s prehistoric past and contains wonderful objects like the amazingly fine Roman coins, the replica of the Ribchester Parade Helmet and impressive sculpture of a cavalryman riding his Celtic adversary. Visitors to the museum can see the granaries that were used for storing large volumes of wheat and other foodstuffs. Part of the defensive ditch that was dug around the fort can be seen in the field opposite the west gate of the fort and there are also remains of the Roman baths behind the primary school. The impressive columns that hold up the White Bull pub in the centre of the village are genuine Roman artefacts.

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Clitheroe Castle Museum & Steward’s Art Gallery
Clitheroe is home to an early medieval castle, complete with an informative and family-friendly museum. The castle itself is open every day of the year and is free to enjoy. The views across the whole Ribble Valley are stunning. A journey through the museum, for which there is a charge, takes you through the history of the town, the rise and fall of Lancashire’s cotton industry and even a room dedicated to the Pendle witches. There is also the pleasant Steward’s Art Gallery next to the castle’s Armit cafe, with changing exhibitions of local and international artists.

Potter’s Barn, Ribchester
An independent, award-winning café in the heart of Ribchester. Potter’s Barn is known for its locally-sourced, traditional Lancashire fare and the chance for you to unwind and create your very own pottery painting in the café (no age limit!). Dog friendly and muddy boots welcome, it is the perfect place to relax and enjoy some wholesome and tasty local produce, and create a personal memento of the area to take home. www.potters-barn.com

Gibson Forest
Back in the beauty of the Forest of Bowland and immerse yourself in the restorative power of nature. Gibson Forest has lots to offer for a day in the great outdoors. Bring your own bikes or hire one on site and explore the four award-winning mountain bike trails throughout the forest. For those on foot or on your two legs, there are six footpaths of differing lengths to explore, as well as wheelchair hire. Gibson Forest has recently been named Skyline Discovery Site so it is the perfect location to witness the night sky unfolding. www.forestryengland.gov.uk/gibson-forest-and-stocks

Browsholme
From May to September, every Wednesday, the public can visit this beautiful privately-owned Elizabethan home. With the Parker family still living there, Browsholme is Lancashire’s oldest family home, dating back 42 generations. Guests can view the magnificent interior and external architecture, as well as explore the Victorian gardens and further grounds, including a picturesque lake and woodland. Events are hosted here throughout the year, including gardening workshops, classic car events and Christmas fairs. Visit www.browsholme.com for more details.

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Bowland Wild Boar Park
A wonderful day out for the whole family to get close to wildlife, at Bowland Wild Boar Park you can enjoy tractor rides and riverside walks. Throughout the year visitors can experience lamb feeding, check holding and interactions with many different species of wildlife, including emus, red deer, wild boar and donkeys more. There is an outdoor play area and a peaceful riverside café to enjoy and even camping pods, in case you would like to turn your day out into a weekend away in the countryside.

www.wildboarpark.co.uk

Stonyhurst
Founded in 1593, Stonyhurst College attracts visitors from far and wide. Set in the beautiful village of Hurt Green with its surrounding woodland and river, it makes for an inspiring backdrop for this majestic building. The interior of the school is indeed also rather special and tours are open to the public on selected dates throughout the year. The Old Chapel Museum in the school proves to be an exciting find, holding artefacts from various literary figures such as Shakespeare and Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. Check the website for specific dates at www.stonyhurst.ac.uk or ring 01254 826345.

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Palace Cinema, Longridge
This golden ages cinema in the heart of Longridge retains its old world charm with a distinct quirkiness and originality. The Palace Cinema hosts regular viewings of blockbuster films, as well as classic revivals and special toddler friendly, autistic friendly and dog friendly screenings. Keep an eye out for special event nights, live music and a monthly book club on their website. The cinema has a unique charm, from its red velvet seats and blankets available, to its charming interior design and friendly staff. www.thepalace-longridge.co.uk

Holmes Mill & Everyman Cinema
A popular venue in Clitheroe with visitors and locals alike, award-winning Holmes Mill is a stylishly restored textiles mill, food hub, and home to Bowland Brewery. Whilst being able to purchase dozens of different ales from the beer hall’s famously long bar, you can also see the Bowland Brewery beer being made and even bring onto a visit to see it first hand. The Food Hall is brimming with local produce and there is also a fine patisserie and gelateria to indulge in. The next edition to the Holmes Mill collection is the Everyman Cinema, an innovative take on the cinema experience, where the big screen can be enjoyed as you would at home, on a comfy sofa. Should you wish to make Holmes Mill your home for your visit, there is the industrial-inspired Spinning Block Hotel. Enjoy boutique en-suite bedrooms and an adjoining barista, with speciality cocktails and an ever-changing seasonal menu in luxurious surroundings. www.holmesmill.co.uk

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www.holdencloughnursery.com

Love Ribble Valley
Set in a quiet corner of the village of Whalley and on the banks of the River Calder, this 14th Century Cistercian abbey is well worth a visit. Visitors have free parking at the abbey and can explore the pretty gardens and enjoy the on-site Cafe Aisian. For a small fee, guests can be led round the abbey ruins in a guided tour by the monks. There are also spiritual and residential retreats throughout the year in this most peaceful of environments. For more information go to www.whalleyabbey.org.uk. These are just a few ideas, for more go to www.visittorribblevalley.co.uk
explore the farm!

see...

Meet our farm animals
At Mrs Dowsons Farm Park we are passionate about giving our visitors the opportunity to see, touch and engage with our friendly farm animals, explore the countryside and experience a real working farm!

Don’t miss our BIG BARN!
NEW! The BIG BARN is home to donkeys, sheep and alpacas who are waiting for you to come and feed them!

Fun activities and talks
Ever wanted to know why a cow has four stomachs? How we feed the baby calves, or how we farm and conserve the fields and wildlife that call the farm home? We have lots of different talks and activities throughout the day including talks from our real farmers!

Explore our farmland
Take in the fresh country air with a walk on our nature trail and meet some of our animals, big and small, along the way. We also have exciting tractor rides!

taste...

Head to our café for refreshments and try our award-winning homemade ice-cream. Yum!

touch...

Munch! Munch! Moooooo!

take a tractor ride through the fields

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FARM PARK
Hawkshaw Farm, Longsight Rd
Blackburn BB2 7JA
Tel: 01254 812407
www.mrsdowsons.co.uk

We’re just off the A59!
Situated in the heart of the Forest of Bowland an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, Bowland Wild Animal Park is a short distance from the picturesque village of Chipping. Surrounded by fells and woodland and sat on the banks of the river Hodder, it is a delightful place to enjoy the countryside and local wildlife, have fun in the fresh air and take time out from the hustle and bustle whilst having lots of different activities for the kids to do.

With a daily schedule of barrel and tractor rides as well as seasonal lamb feeding and chick holding, there’s a whole day’s fun to be had, check the website for further details. There is also an extensive children’s play area.

A lovely on-site café, ideal for bird watching or just to sit and relax. There are a number of riverside walks so you can take in the beauty and serenity of the surrounding area, as well as come up close to the local wildlife. The walks are ideal for Children, Parents and Grandparents and vary from 550 metres to 1200 metres. You can even enjoy a tractor and trailer ride up into the woodland.

Turn your visit into an overnight stay at the on site camping pods. Big enough for a family, and with BBQ facilities and showers.

Fun for the whole family

- Outdoor Play Area
- Café serving homemade food
- Barrel, Tractor and Trailer Rides
- Camping Pods
- Lamb Feeding and chick holding
- Ice Cream Parlour
- Shop selling our Rare Breed meats
- Mobility Scooters available to book
- Tank Experience available
- See Lamas, Red Deer, Peacocks, Polecats, Ostriches and many more!

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Three Rivers
Woodland Park

Set in 22 acres of its own ancient woodland, with stunning views of Pendle Hill and the surrounding countryside, Three Rivers is a real country escape and still only a couple of miles from the picturesque market town of Clitheroe.

Located within the Forest of Bowland, Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, the park is on several footpaths and bridleways, making it ideal for walkers, cyclists and four legged friends. For those who just want to sit back and relax there is an abundance of wildlife, including deer, owls and of course the resident ducks for you to watch from your private deck. The park even has its own water supply from a spring on site.

Visitors and residents will see major improvements this year with the newly extended Clubhouse undergoing a full refurbishment, including its two bars, swimming pool and an improved family room, allowing kids room to enjoy their own space. An all new reception, shop and cafe are all well under way, with a gym and other facilities coming soon.

Three Rivers already boasts two children’s play areas and lots of green expanse, however there are plans for new woodland walks and a lovely secret garden, that will have a summer house and seating area and play host to a wide variety of wild birds. A disused carp pond is also to be reinstated to add fishing to the on site activities.

The sites 50 week holiday home or year round residential licences make it the perfect place to own your own little piece of the Ribble Valley.

Three Rivers Woodland Park is undergoing major redevelopment by new owners…

Tucked away in the heart of the beautiful Ribble Valley countryside, Three Rivers Woodland Park is undergoing major redevelopment by new owners…

Your dream holiday home deserves an extra special location and Three Rivers Woodland Park ticks all the boxes. With a wide selection of new and pre owned homes, we have the perfect retreat for you to escape to or a beautiful place to live in the Ribble Valley, Three Rivers is the place for you.

Why not pay a visit to the new show ground or call the friendly, helpful staff for more details?

Three Rivers Woodland Park, Eaves Hall Lane, West Bradford, Clitheroe, BB7 3JG
www.threeriverspark.co.uk | 01200 423523 | enquiries@threeriverspark.co.uk

Escape to the Country

Own your very own piece of Ribble Valley happiness…
Having your own place to retreat to in the heart of the beautiful Ribble Valley countryside, could be described as a dream for many people. But owning a holiday home at one of the area’s picturesque home parks provides that very opportunity. Some of the region’s most attractive, award-winning holiday home parks can be found here in the Ribble Valley. Each park has its own unique identity, each with a slightly different in the range of facilities and local opportunities but all have one thing in common, the opportunity to own a place in the peace and tranquillity of the countryside, and the comfort of a modern and luxurious holiday home.

Owning a Holiday Home in the Ribble Valley is already one thing in common, the opportunity to own a place in the peace and tranquillity of the countryside, and the comfort of a modern and luxurious holiday home.

To make a success of acquiring your dream holiday home you need to follow the following steps:

Choose a Park
Every park is different, for example some will have a drop, bar or club and others may have no facilities. Rules will vary between parks too such as the age up to owning a home and rules on pets or maybe the things you are permitted to do around the home, such as gardens or balconies. One thing is for sure, if you go and take a look around a local park, you will receive a warm welcome and good information to help you make the right choice.

Choose a pitch
Within each park, pitches will vary, and one will probably suit you more than another. For example you may want to have a home beside a river, or close to facilities, and you may wish to choose a sunnier or shadier plot. Access and parking may be also a consideration for you.

Choose a Holiday Home
Once you have found the park of your choice, then is the time to choose your dream holiday home. The park owner will provide expert, practical help to ensure you have all the information to make the right choice for you. The owner will also help you get the best value for your money, as well as your enter the safe installation of your holiday home. They will also help with any additional works such as access ramps, balconies etc.

Ribble Valley Country & Leisure Park

Ribble Valley, set in the heart of Lancashire, boasts beautiful gardens, water features and pristine landscaping. It’s designed with you in mind, a place for holiday home owners to escape from the pressures of everyday life and relax and unwind with breathtaking views of local Pendle Hill.

Located in a place of rich heritage with castles, caves and museums aplenty, there’s always something to do. If you can tear yourselves away from the local history, the holiday park is just minutes from the Forest of Bowland, an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

This is one of our family of luxury caravan parks that have been designed to change how you feel about park holidays. These are stunning, luxury holiday homes that will make you wish you’d visited sooner!

Five-star park, 12-month season, exclusive owners’ community, owners’ lounge with gym and WiFi, children’s adventure playground and games room, on-park shop and launderette, amazing views of Pendle Hill and close to the River Ribble, Park-friendly.

Paythorne, Gisburn, Lancashire BB7 4JD
E: enquiries@parkleisure.co.uk  |  W: www.parkleisure.co.uk

Hackings Caravan Park

Hackings Caravan Park offers the perfect retreat within the natural beauty of the Ribble Valley, situated on the banks of the River Calder and on the edge of the historic village of Whalley. With wildlife and stunning views in abundance, this is an inaccessible base to relax and unwind.

This award-winning park, which is licensed for 11 months, is immaculately maintained and managed by a highly dedicated family team. This maintains its popularity with retired and semi-retired holiday home owners. The park is personally supervised by resident owners, the family whose sole aim is to ensure that your holiday home is enjoyable and carefree. You will find yourself surrounded by friendly, like-minded people who create a real community feel in the park. The family considers the park to be a labour of love and work tirelessly to manage its landscape. Simply contact us to make an appointment to look around Hackings and view available plots and homes.

Elker Lane, Billington, Clitheroe BB7 3HZ  |  T: 07927 333078
E: hackingscaravanpark@outlook.com  |  W: www.hackingscaravanpark.co.uk

Rimington Leisure Park

Located near to Clitheroe in the Ribble Valley in the heart of rural Lancashire, Rimington Leisure Park offers a location that provides peace, tranquillity and relaxation. Surrounded by glorious country fields and overlooked by the famous Pendle Hill, Rimington Leisure Park is the ideal country escape. Rimington is now under new ownership by family holiday park operator Holgates.

With the Forest of Bowland and Yorkshire Dales National Park only a short drive away, staying at Rimington Leisure Park is the perfect holiday park if you are looking for adventure during your time away. If you are looking for a holiday that is slightly less outdoor-oriented, Rimington is only a short drive from larger nearby towns such as Clitheroe and Colne.

Owners of our holiday homes have access to Rimington Leisure Park for all 12 months of the year, meaning you have the freedom to enjoy the park whenever you like. Come rain or shine, you will have the stunning Ribble Valley on your very own doorstep.

Hardacre Lane, Rimington, Clitheroe, BB7 4EE
T: 01200 445355  |  E: reception@rimingtonleisure.co.uk  |  W: www.rimingtonleisure.co.uk

Shireburne Park

Located in the beautiful Forest of Bowland, Shireburne Park is set in the grounds of Shireburne House, a magnificent Victorian mansion house. The park is just one mile from the market town of Clitheroe and enjoys stunning views of Pendle Hill. Local walks offer scenic links to the town and also the picturesque village of Waddington.

Investing in your own holiday home means it is available whenever you want, whether it be for a weekend hideaway or a retreat for a longer holiday.

2018 sees newly developed pitches available with tarmac driveways and patio areas, each offering stunning views across the Ribble Valley. We also offer the option to “try before you buy” in one of our three holiday homes to rent.

Family owned and managed we take pride in looking after our customers. Open seven days a week, visitors are welcome to view the park and our range of luxury holiday homes, some of which benefit from a 12-month licence, which enables enjoyment all year round.

Contact us now to make an appointment to have a look around.

Edisford Bridge, Clitheroe BB7 3LJ
T: 01200 434242  |  E: enquiries@shireburnepark.co.uk  |  W: www.shireburnepark.co.uk

Three Rivers Woodland Park

Set in its 22 acres of picturesque, ancient woodland within the Forest of Bowland AONB and in the heart of the Ribble Valley, Three Rivers is the ideal place for a country retreat, whilst still only 2 miles from Clitheroe. The Park has spectacular views of Pendle Hill and the surrounding countryside along with several footpaths and bridleways that lead straight into it.

Having recently changed ownership, the new family firm are making major improvements. The Clubhouse is being fully refurbished, including its two bars, swimming pool, reception and family room. The is a new shop and cafe with a gym and studio on the way. Three Rivers also boats play areas and lots of green space, with woodland walks, a secret garden and a fishing pond all getting a new lease of life.

The park’s 10 week holiday and year round residential licence make it the perfect place to find your own piece of the Ribble Valley. Your dream home deserves an extra special location so why not give the friendly staff a call for more information.

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Start your escape to the country...www.visitribblevalley.co.uk

Love Ribble Valley | 101
Much of the Ribble Valley is set within the Forest of Bowland, an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, and one of the most cherished landscapes in Britain. Its name is rather confusing, as far from being a forest, it is predominantly open moorland. The reason is that the word ‘forest’, in times gone by, meant hunting ground, and the name remains to this day. Bowland is a unique and captivating area of countryside. Expanses of sky, above dramatic open moorland, gently criss-crossed with dry stone walls, valleys, and dotted with picturesque farms and villages, all waiting to be explored!

Ownership at Rimington
Our variety of new & pre-owned holiday homes provide the perfect base for exploring the Ribble Valley. Arrange a viewing or contact us to find out more.

Holiday Home Breaks
Our static holiday homes are fantastic for breaks away to the Ribble Valley. Available for weekends, mid-week and week-long breaks. Book online or contact us for more.

Touring Pitches & Seasonal Touring
Nightly touring is great for travelling in and around the Ribble Valley, whilst our seasonal pitches provide a base to explore the many surrounding market towns & villages.

New for 2020!
Lodge Development
Facing Pendle Hill and gazing upon the glorious country fields that surround Rimington Leisure Park, our brand-new lodge development will expand our park, ensuring more people can benefit from the peace and relaxation within the Ribble Valley.

Splendid Natural Location
Award winning conservation efforts and stunning natural location. Including Silver Accolade from the David Bellamy Award for 2020.

Discover the Ribble Valley, escape to Rimington Leisure Park

Rimington Leisure Park,
Hardacre Lane, Rimington,
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View our Holiday Homes for sale at rimingtonleisure.co.uk
Visitors head to the beautiful Forest of Bowland for many different reasons and, whether your passion is landscape, nature, heritage or culture, Festival Bowland can help you make the most of this fantastic area. Sandra Silk, Project Officer with the Forest of Bowland Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) Partnership explains…

“Festival Bowland is a year-round calendar of events which celebrates all that is special about the Forest of Bowland AONB. Thanks to the knowledge and enthusiasm of countryside staff, tourism businesses, landowners and local experts, the mosaic which makes up Bowland life – from its birds and buildings, to its moorland and wildflowers – can be explored and enjoyed.”

Sandra added “Our programme this year launches with the Bowland Dark Skies Festival in February. The AONB has four Dark Sky Discovery Sites, two of which are in Ribble Valley, so we’re looking forward to lots of half-term fun, with a pop-up planetarium, forest tales and a family-friendly film screening included.”

As you might expect, with such wonderful countryside to explore, Festival Bowland has walks-a-plenty - from moorland bird safaris above Slaidburn with the RSPB, to a series of stile-free Tramper Treks. Trampers are specially designed, four-wheel drive, electric buggies which can help people of differing abilities to enjoy the great outdoors. Look out for the Tramper taster days in Gisburn Forest and at Beacon Fell Country Park.

The spring-time events in April and May are packed with opportunities to find out about creatures which fly, buzz, hop and wriggle – a busy time for the natural world and festival event leaders!

During the summer months, there is a feast of colour found in Bowland’s hay meadows.

These species-rich upland meadows are a very rare habitat, so we’re lucky to have some wonderful examples here in the AONB. Bell Sykes Farm in Slaidburn will be hosting National Meadows Day celebrations in July and, later in the season, you can sign up for a workshop to learn how to establish and manage your very own mini-meadow. There are activities for all ages too, so if you’re searching for something exciting during the school holidays, take a look at the free, family nature events organised by the Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership team – or how about making a bat box or going on a mini safari with the Ribble Rivers Trust? If an event doesn’t have the family friendly symbol, it might be suitable for older children, so it’s always worth contacting the organiser to check.

If the idea of doing something new sounds appealing, then don’t miss out on the ‘Get Creative’ theme in October when you can try your hand at felt making, or perhaps a spot of lino cut printing. You never know – you might have the makings of an expert!

Sandra concludes “We really enjoy helping visitors to discover this very special part of rural Lancashire and North Yorkshire, so do have a look at the Forest of Bowland AONB website where you’ll find details of all the Festival Bowland events.”
**VISIT BROWSHOLME HALL & GARDENS**

Browsholme Hall is the oldest surviving family home in Lancashire really is the ‘hidden gem’ of the Ribble Valley.

Steeped in the history of the Parker family since 1507, it continues to evolve and thrive under the stewardship of Robert & Amanda Parker.

Come and see for yourself what this tranquil haven has to offer, right on your doorstep.

Being just 5 miles from Clitheroe in the heart of the Forest of Bowland, we are easily accessible, either for a tour of the Hall & Gardens or just to pop into the wonderful tea room for coffee and cake!

**HALL & GARDENS**

Visit the Hall for a friendly and informative guided tour any Wednesday between mid-April and September. Wander around the landscaped gardens with its 3 acre lake, and see the exciting re-planting of the ‘Union Jack’ garden, from plans dating back to 1750.

For those wishing to bring a group along, pre-booked tours are available throughout the year.

**TEA ROOM**

Our Tithe Barn Tearoom is open every Wednesday throughout the season for delicious lunches and snacks. It is fast becoming a destination stop off for locals and visitors to the Ribble valley alike.

The 5 mile menu offering locally sourced and freshly made lunches and snacks, combined with the warm welcome from our amazing team make it very special.

**ACCOMMODATION**

Our luxury lodges are the latest edition to life on the estate. Throughout the year we offer the chance of a ‘digital detox’ for you or your friends and family.

Being surrounded by wonderful countryside and amazing places to eat, makes the Woodland Glade the ideal retreat.

**WHAT’S ON AT THE HALL?**

We regularly have different events on at the Hall and in the gardens. Monthly Pizza nights, Bank Holiday Dog walks, Forest Bathing, Gardening workshops to name but a few.

Our soon to open ‘Cart shed’ is a space dedicated to events and classes for local people to enjoy, with many new events planned for 2020.

Visit our website and sign up for our monthly newsletter to keep up to date with everything happening here at the Hall.

However, if you prefer to speak to someone we are always happy to chat.

Call Catherine on 01254 827610

www.browsholme.com
There’s so much to do at Waddow Hall - from climbing and abseiling to canoeing and archery. We offer an exciting range of adventurous activities and team-building games for groups. We have activities to suit all ages and abilities, whether you’d like to try something for the very first time or you’re looking to sharpen your skills.

Looking to stay overnight? Guests can opt to stay fully catered in the classic surroundings of the 17th Century manor house, choose from our range of catered or self-catered lodges and cottages, or get back to nature at one of our five fully-equipped campsites or the tented village.

When you’ve finished zipwiring, caving or kayaking on the river, we offer a warm and inviting space for rest and relaxation. Waddow Hall has a selection of Georgian and Victorian reception rooms with stunning views over the river and Clitheroe Castle. Our function room can accommodate up to 100 guests whilst the dining room can seat 60 people. For a more intimate dining experience you can opt for our comfy Staffordshire lounge which seats up to 30 and has a beautiful open fire.

Set in 180 acres of stunning countryside in the heart of rural Lancashire, Waddow Hall boasts picturesque views over the River Ribble. We offer leisure breaks, adventurous activities, wedding and conference facilities, family fun days and bespoke events in beautiful surroundings. Our friendly team works with you to plan a memorable event - whether that’s an unusual space for a meeting or a rural retreat with a difference.

“Good facilities, great food, fabulous staff. Gorgeous location and the option to build in practical outdoor activities. Love it.”

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We also run themed breaks and seasonal family events throughout the year for those who want to relax and have fun in the glorious Lancashire countryside.

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Impeccable hospitality

Clitheroe takes its status as the food capital of Lancashire very seriously – and here at Waddow Hall we do the same! Our delicious home-cooked food is renowned. Come and enjoy our formal dining menu, sample our sumptuous afternoon tea or dip into our hot and cold buffets. We can offer catering for all occasions, whether you’re planning a wedding, birthday celebration, children’s party or family meal. Specific dietary requirements? No problem. Just let us know at the time of booking and we can cater for your request.

Get in touch

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How to find us

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Cycling

Cycling is a great way to experience Ribble Valley. Enjoy the Ribble Valley countryside on an unforgettable, exhilarating cycling adventure. The scenic countryside and relatively quiet routes make this a great day out for all ages, and there are plenty of places where you can hire bikes, even electric bikes. What makes a Ribble Valley Cycling experience even more special is that there are so many tourism businesses that are keen to make cyclists welcome. Many offer bike storage facilities, and even cycling meal deals!

Many mountain bike enthusiasts will be happy to know that the Ribble Valley is host to a collection of off-road routes to enjoy. The most popular ‘break points’ for keen off-road fans is Gisburn Forest, populated by many purpose-built off-road trails, all designed to get your adrenaline levels pumping and to give an experience you’ll never forget. In Gisburn Forest, there are different types of trails to take, each with a grading system.

ACCESS FOR ALL

The Ribble Valley whilst breathtakingly beautiful, can sometimes be unforgiving for people with walking impairments. However, at Gisburn Forest, they want to extend accessibility to as many people as possible enabling them to enjoy the stunning views for themselves; that’s where the ‘Tramper’ comes in.

The Tramper is a specially designed all-terrain electric buggy, which can be used off road and even on rough ground, mud and grass. Available at Gisburn Forest Hub, the Tramper can be hired for a small donation and from here you will be able to begin your adventure into the awe-inspiring landscapes. With the help of the Tramper, everyone in the family, from the youngest to the oldest, can traverse through the scenic, enchanting Gisburn Forest and explore and enjoy the countryside together.

if you go down in the woods today...
Gisburn Forest

Gisburn is the wilder choice of place to relax and discover, with fantastic cycling and walking in one of Britain’s most beautiful Forest of Bowland Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Sarah Bruce, from Forestry England, explains more...

...YOU WILL FIND AN ENCHANTING PLACE, TO UNWIND, EXPLORE & TO GET BACK TO NATURE.

Gisburn Forest is situated in the upper Hodder Valley, near to Stocks Reservoir. Over 1200 hectares in size, and therefore the largest wooded area in Lancashire, it is home to conifers, spruce and a huge variety of wildlife. Over recent years, Gisburn has become an increasingly important recreation destination.

There is ample parking and picnicking sites for visitors, as well as a café and toilets at the Gisburn Forest Hub from where you can enjoy way-marked walks and cycle routes or explore the extensive network of public footpaths. Most walking and biking trails start from the Hub, the main car park. It’s also the base for a range of sporting and other events including mountain biking, trail running and orienteering. The Hub is also where the annual Cloudspotting festival takes place, a fantastic family music festival with a growing reputation in the UK’s festival scene which takes place in midsummer. This year’s festival takes place on Friday 19th - Sunday 21st June. Find out more and book tickets at www.cloudspotting-festival.co.uk

The forest also has a newly accredited Dark Sky Discovery Site, one of five within the Forest of Bowland. This means that the night skies over the Forest of Bowland AONB have been recognised as some of the darkest in England and so are ideal for star gazing. There are regular events for the keen star gazer or those who wish to become acquainted more with our night sky, run by local stargazing companies. For more details go to www.forestofbowland.com.

The forest has a huge array of habitat types that support varied wildlife. These include a wide range of bird species including important birds of prey such as Hen Harriers and the Short- Eared Owl. There is a continuing programme of planting more broadleaved trees across the forest, to help continue the diversification of habitats as well as provide visual improvements to the landscape. Find out more about what Gisburn Forest has to offer at www.forestryengland.co.uk
PLACES TO STAY

Discover the Freedom

If you are looking for a rural retreat, and you know how you like it: peaceful and traditional, free of time constraints, then take a look at our selection of holiday cottages and self-catering retreats. Quaint, cosy and authentic, they’re the perfect place for you to stay in Ribble Valley, and being self-catering you can choose to cook for yourself at your own pace or you can enjoy any of the amazing dining experiences around Ribble Valley. Here is just a taster of what is on offer, take a look at our classified listings and there are even more to discover on our website www.visitribblevalley.co.uk

ALDEN COTTAGE
Superb Award Winning accommodation for two persons. (one double bedroom) in a charming and romantic country cottage. The well-equipped accommodation includes luxury en-suite bathroom with deep whirlpool bath and power shower. Electric heating throughout plus wood burning stove and free WiFi.

Alden Cottage is surrounded by beautiful gardens set in an idyllic location overlooking the Ribble and Hodder Valleys, yet less than four miles southwest of Clitheroe. Perfect for a peaceful and relaxing stay in a stunning location. Ample off road parking.

Short breaks available from £25 per night.

Units: 1 | One double bedroom
Price: From £365 per week (low season)
£435 (high season)
Kemple End, Birdy Brow, Stonyhurst, Clitheroe BB7 9QY
01254 826468
info@aldencottage.co.uk
www.aldencottage.co.uk

Timeless stone built cottage on owner’s working sheep farm. One mile from the village of Worston, built with character and equipped with freeview TV, DVD player. Kitchen with electric cooker, microwave, washing machine. Set at the foot of Pendle Hill with stunning views of Pendle and surrounding countryside.

All cottages have private patio/garden area and parking. No smoking. One small well-behaved dog allowed in Pendleside. Wi-fi available. Cottages sleep up to 6 – see website for details.

Units: 3 | Sleeps: 4-10 people
Price per unit: £300 - £600 per week
Open: All year

ANGRAM GREEN COTTAGES

Three cosy stone built cottages on owners working sheep farm. One mile from the village of Worston, built with character and equipped with freeview TV, DVD player. Kitchen with electric cooker, microwave, washing machine. Set at the foot of Pendle Hill with stunning views of Pendle and surrounding countryside.

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Units: 3 | Sleeps: 2, 6 & 8 people.
Price per unit: £280 - £600 per unit per week
Open: All year

BONNYGRASS COTTAGE

Bonnygrass is a spacious stone built terrace cottage in the heart of Clitheroe. Surrounded by the village of Worston, built with character and equipped with freeview TV, DVD player. Kitchen with electric cooker, microwave, washing machine. Set at the foot of Pendle Hill with stunning views of Pendle and surrounding countryside.

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Units: 3 | Sleeps: 4, 6 or 8 people
3 doubles, 1 twin
Price per unit: £280 - £600 per unit per week
Open: All year

BRAMLEY FARM COTTAGES

Bramley Farm Cottages, sleeps two, six and eight people. Featuring heated saunas, log burner in one cottage, spacious double bedrooms, large dining tables and fantastic views.

Units: 3 | Sleeps: 2, 6 & 8 people.
4 doubles, 3 twins
Price: £280 unit per week
Open: All year

Boutique self-catering – The perfect hideaway for couples. Two Ribble Valley nature photographers who run a gallery in Clitheroe decided to offer accommodation that inspires. An old barn high on the side of Pendle, renovated and decorated to the heights of industrial chic with all the comforts boutique self-catering could offer, and all with spectacular views across Pendle’s Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

The Chicken Shed is the perfect place for guests looking for a spacious, modern rural retreat only minutes from Clitheroe, surrounded by fell-side hiking paths and with a variety of gastro pubs close by.

And for the keen photographer, workshops, photo-safaris and one-to-one tuition can be booked to enhance the experience.

Units: 2 | Sleeps: 2, 4
Price per unit: £200 - £250 per unit per week
Open: All year

Mearley, Clitheroe BB7 1PU
07445555002
chickenshed@knowletop.com
www.knowletop.com/chickenshed

The Chicken Shed at Knowle Top
FOODEN FARM COTTAGE

Delightful cottage in the grounds of the owners home, extended in 2011. Its own off road parking with spectacular views of Pendle Hill from the comfort of the new sunroom.
Well equipped to a high standard with three TVs, washing machine, electric heating and free wifi. Two bedrooms, one twin with ensuite and one double on ground floor, new dining room and private garden with gazebos and table and chairs.
One small dog welcome. Pub 150 yds, shops one mile. Non smoking. Perfect for keen walkers. See website for details.

HARROP FOLD COTTAGES

The charming hamlet of Harrop Fold lies in the heart of beautiful countryside. An ideal retreat for a relaxing holiday. 2-4 persons £320-£450 per week, depending on season and number of persons. Three bedrooms and first £20 of electricity included. Off season and last minute breaks from £150 per cottage per night (min. three nights).

COBDEN VIEW COTTAGE

Every glorious Sabden Valley and Pendle Hill countryside from Cobden View with its panoramic views from a prime spot on our idyllic family farm.
This relaxing, well equipped, 4* cottage, sleeps 6. Ground floor double & twin bedroom, a bathroom with shower, the Granary also has a small second bedroom which is dog friendly & Yorkshire Dales.

HIGHER GILLS FARM

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We pride ourselves on exceptional customer service. Many of our customers visit us year on year!

FOODEN FARM COTTAGE

Fooden Farm Cottages offer luxury accommodation in a beautifully converted farm. Set in an idyllic location overlooking open fields on a working farm in the pretty hamlet of Pendle. Ideal for walks with footpaths leading to the picturesque villages of Bolton-By-Bowland, Sawley and Gisburn. Sleeping up to 6 it is perfect for relaxing with family & friends and visiting the many excellent places to eat around the Forest of Bowland, an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

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STONE MOUSE COTTAGE

Stone Mouse is a luxury, superbly equipped cottage situated within the Forest of Bowland AONB. Contemporary open plan living with fabulous views from the lounge and doors and a lovely garden. A great location for visiting the pretty villages of Pendle, and the Yorkshire Dales. Excellent places to eat not too far away - foodie heaven!

EXCEPTIONAL CHOICE

Visit www.visitribblevalley.co.uk and see the full range of options available for you in Ribble Valley.
Camping and caravanning is seeing something of a revival, and there are a variety of places across Ribble Valley where you will find options to suit your needs requirements. They not only include attractive traditional sites but now also encompass yurts, pod and glamping units. These provide an alternative to hotel stays, and giving you the flexibility to explore at your own pace and in your timetable, each perfect for visitors wishing to get closer to nature and immerse themselves in Ribble Valley’s stunning scenery. They provide freedom to explore the area’s beautiful countryside, stop off at a country Inn or enjoy some of our famous ‘Walks with Taste’. Whether you’re after a more upmarket glamping adventure, or you want the true British camping and caravanning experience with all the traditional trimmings, we have plenty to choose from amongst some of the county’s most spectacular settings.

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Much more information can be found at www.visitribblevalley.co.uk

Glamping at its best
Enjoy a relaxing break in the beauty of the Ribble Valley with a stay in your own heated Wigwam® cabin.

Wigwam® Holidays Ribble Valley: What will your story be?

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**LITTLE OAKHURST LUXURY GLAMPING**

- **Address:** Overhacking Farm, Overhacking, Clitheroe, Lancashire BB7 5PY
- **Contact:** 07908614736, mottahedehfarm@proemail.co.uk, www.Overhacking.com

Do you desire a night of peace and quiet? Then indulge under the stars in your very own luxury yurt with a wood-fired hot tub! Yes, it’s true; Little Oakhurst is the place for you. From the moment you arrive on the farm, you are made to feel part of the family. The yurts are nestled within a secluded part of the farm. Each yurt is fully decorated. You can kick off your shoes, light the fire and just enjoy the moment. Each yurt has its own luxury bathroom facilities, with a roll top bath. So, throw open the doors and admire the view!

- **Price:** per night without parking per pitch: guests £15, tents £10–£20. Open: 14 hour.

**BOWLAND WILD BOAR PARK**

Enjoy camping right in the heart of the Forest of Bowland and in close proximity to the beautiful wild long of Bowland Wild Boar Park. The camping pods available are each big enough for a family and suit all seasons, with their insulation keeping them cool in the summer, and warm in the winter.

- **Address:** Rowland Wild Boar Park, Chipping, Preston PR3 5QY
- **Contact:** 01254 834175

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**CROSS LANE CARAVAN & CAMPING PARK**

Cross Lane Caravan and Camping Park is situated on the southern fringe of the Forest of Bowland (an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty), nestled at the foot of Waddington Fell with outstanding views over Pendle Hill and the Ribble Valley. Well behaved dogs and owners allowed. Booking in advance is advisable to avoid disappointment.

- **Address:** Cross Lane Caravans, Cross Lane, Waddington, Clitheroe, Lancashire BB7 3JA
- **Contact:** 01254 421164
- **Website:** www.crosslanecaravans.co.uk
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The Woodland Glade is a new exclusive glamping site of 10 luxury micro lodges situated in the midst of natural oak and beech woodland. It’s perfect for you to relax and unwind. The award-winning lodge offers one of the many award winning pubs and inns nearby.

- **Address:** Browsholme Hall Estate, Browsholme, Clitheroe Road, Cow Ark, Clitheroe, Lancashire BB7 10E
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Located in the heart of the Forest of Bowland on the historic Browsholme Hall Estate, these beautifully designed lodges make a perfect base to explore this Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The Woodland Glade provides quality self-catering accommodation for walkers, cyclists, for short break holidays and guests attending weddings at the Title Barn, or at other venues nearby.

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**THE RED PUMP INN**

Finn and Jonathan offer a warm welcome to their luxury B&B combining the charm and character of a traditional inn yet with a casual elegance with heritage colours, flag floors, oak beams and crackling open fires. The Red Pump Inn offers a night under the stars. Complete with wood burning stoves, king size beds, en-suite shower and toilet. Sleeps 4.

- **Address:** The Red Pump Inn, Clitheroe Road, Bashall Eves, Clitheroe BB7 3DA
- **Contact:** 01254 827160, info@theredpumpinn.co.uk

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The River Hodder, one of the Ribble’s main tributaries, starts on the Bowland Fells and flows through the picturesque Forest of Bowland before joining the Ribble at Great Mitton. It is a diverse landscape of semi-intensive agriculture that contains areas of herb-rich hay meadows – several of which are nationally and internationally designated – lush pastures, broadleaved woodland, and parkland. The numerous river and stream valleys are a major component of the area, and the influence of human habitation and activity, together with area’s long farming history, contribute significantly to its character.

The Valley is also home to the River Calder, which flows from the South Pennines through East Lancashire, flowing past historic Whalley before joining the Ribble.

As well as these three major rivers, there is a myriad of small streams, brooks and other watercourses that wind their way through our beautiful landscape, making it the lush green countryside that marks out the Ribble Valley. The variety of the tributaries that make up the Ribble also represent the variety of different types of heritage within the catchment, each with direct and indirect links to the Ribble, but all associated to water or processes that affect the water environment.

Much of our catchment is agricultural land, but thanks to our proud industrial history, we also have many bustling towns and a city in our catchment. Like all rivers, the Ribble catchment faces threats, mainly different forms of pollution, but the Ribble Rivers Trust is working hard to improve them for people and wildlife. As well as practical improvements, such as building fish ladders, removing unnecessary weirs, tree planting, stabilising riverbanks, and removing litter, the Trust also works hard to educate people about the importance of healthy rivers.

Working with schools and attending shows and events, staff and volunteers help people understand how rivers work, how people can affect them, and how healthy rivers are essential for water quality, reducing flood risk, and supporting a productive farming landscape and an abundance of wildlife.

There are plenty of ways to enjoy our rivers, we have some circular river walks, which we’ve developed as part of our Ribble Life Together programme. And they can be found here: www.ribblelifetogether.org/enjoy/circular-walks/. The Chipping, Slaidburn and Sabden routes are all in Ribble Valley, with many others close by.

Visitors to the area are always welcome to join in with our conservation work, by volunteering at one of our many practical activities which take place throughout the year. We also have opportunities for fishing, including an Angling passport scheme.

This year, the Ribble Rivers Trust celebrate their 20th anniversary, and we’re happy to say that over the last 20 years, we have seen huge changes to our catchment, and to the attitudes of its inhabitants. Working with farmers and landowners, the Trust has planted over 150,000 trees in the last 20 years, with further woodlands planted each year. If you would like to find out more about the Ribble Rivers Trust, visit www.ribbletrust.org.uk.

Otters have been spotted in the Ribble which also boasts sea trout and salmon among its aquatic life. White clawed crayfish can be found in parts of the Ribble, an endangered species, due to the invasive American signal crayfish. If you spot mayflies, that is another welcome sign that the water is clean.

Jack Spees started at the Ribble Rivers Trust in 2003 as the Fisheries Scientist before being made Chief Executive in 2010. Jack leads the work of the Trust and the team, which has grown considerably in size and scope over the last 10 years, as well as providing a wealth of information on all aspects of the river environment.
The White Bull is an iconic 1707 built listed property located in the old centre of Ribchester.

The White Bull has recently reopened following a major refurbishment focused on recovering all the original features to present a traditional British village pub serving its community and visitors with quality fresh food menus using local suppliers and ingredients and an extensive range of drinks featuring a unique wine list, local cask ales, barista coffee and feature gins.

Situated opposite original weavers cottages and walking distance from the numerous Roman attractions, The historic Church, the banks of the River Ribble and Ribble Way walk. The Roman Bath House is directly over the wall in our lovely garden area. There is lots of parking either opposite or within easy walking distance.

There are also 3 beautifully appointed double bedrooms en suite with a private entrance for guests.

We keep things wholesome, tasty and simple!

Our cafe serving wholesome, healthy homemade food, catering for gluten free and dairy intolerant diets. We are also dog friendly and welcome muddy boots and 2 wheels.

Welcome to Ribchester

One of Ribble Valley’s prettiest villages, set alongside one of the most beautiful stretches of the River Ribble. A place steeped in history, where visitors are warmly welcomed. In this feature we take a closer look at this pretty village and meet some of the people who make it so special. We begin by stepping back in time, as Ribchester has a unique Roman heritage, as it was the location of the cavalry fort known as Brematennacum.
The best place to start your visit is to step back to 241BC and view the Roman settlement such as the old Roman baths, and the old Granaries, both of which are free to explore. Some summers there are archaeological excavations in which visitors are invited to view and sometimes even participate.

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Annual Events

Ribchester Field Day

Saturday 20th June
This year marks the 60th anniversary of Ribchester Field Day. With a parade through the village and fun-filled range of attractions in the local park, it’s an event that never fails to entertain.

www.facebook.com/ribchesterfieldday

Ribchester Roman Festival

Saturday 11th - Sunday 12th July
This annual festival treats children and adults alike to re-enactment displays, cookery and weaving demonstrations... as well as a chance to dress up in Roman arms!

www.ribchesterromanmuseum.org

Ribchester Iron Age festival

Sunday 20th September
Demonstrations of Iron Age Life, including food and cooking, clothing and textile production, and weapons and warfare. Children’s activities will include gridding grain with authentic quern-stones, face painting and pot-making. Come for all the family!

www.ribchesterromanmuseum.org
Gibbon Bridge grew from Janet's dream of a tea shop to what it is today - 36 years later - a four star country hotel with an established reputation for good food and luxury. It is the ideal place for lunch, or dinner and offers excellent value for money in superb surroundings. The restaurant overlooks the award winning gardens and Longridge Fell, and has a fabulous terrace for relaxing and soaking up the atmosphere.

The restaurant is open daily for lunch between 12.00 - 1.30pm and in the evening 6.30 - 8.00pm and a one, two or three course menu is available. Booking is advised. Musical Afternoon Teas are held regularly throughout the summer, and there are some fabulous Alfresco Huts available for private dining.

The hotel is ideally situated for exploring the Ribble Valley and Forest of Bowland on foot, by bicycle or by car, and throughout the year offers exceptional value with its short breaks. Visit the website for current offers.

Janet & her team’s established reputation for customer service is just one of the reasons guests return time after time and choose Gibbon Bridge for all their family occasions and celebrations from weddings and christenings, to big birthdays and milestone anniversaries.

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Lunch
Mon-Sat 12.00-1.30 pm
1 course from £15.00
2 courses from £19.00
3 courses from £23.00

Sunday 12.00 - 1.30pm - accompanied by our Pianist
2 course £23.50
3 course £27.50

Dinner
Mon-Sat  6.30-8.00pm    Sun 6.00-7.30pm
Special Set Dinner Menu
2 courses £20 | 3 courses £25
Set in 36 acres of beautifully maintained gardens the Best Western Higher Trapp Hotel is full of charm, comfort and luxury.

Located in the picturesque village of Simonstone and with Pendle Hill, the historic town of Clitheroe and the Yorkshire Dales only a 20 min drive away our country hotel is the ideal base to explore the Ribble Valley.

Surrounded by some of the UK’s most stunning scenery our country hotel is also the ideal choice for walking and cycling breaks.

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Ribble Valley is one of Lancashire’s leading destinations for getting married. With a winning combination of exquisite venues, artisanal wedding-focused local businesses and the backdrop of the beautiful Ribble Valley, it’s easy to see why.

The variety of wedding destinations here is awe-inspiring: there’s somewhere to suit all tastes, budgets, sizes and seasons. Once you begin planning, you’ll be greeted by a myriad of passionate local suppliers who’ll help make your big day both beautiful and unique. Fancy bespoke bouquets for the dinner tables? Or your first song to be performed by a musician? Here in Ribble Valley, you’ll find the creative talent you’re looking for.

On the day of your wedding, you need to worry! Thanks to the dedication and professionalism of all the wedding venue staff, you can be assured of a warm welcome and a seamless experience for you and your guests. It’ll most certainly be a day worth remembering.

Something that makes Ribble Valley weddings even more unforgettable is the breathtaking surroundings. Whether you’re in a manor garden having photos taken or looking out from your bedroom over the rolling hills, you’ll create memories that’ll last a lifetime. What’s more, you’re celebrating your love right at the heart of the Kingdom—a most romantic of namesakes.

www.ribblevalleyweddingheaven.com

To find out more about wedding open days and events follow ‘Ribble Valley Wedding Heaven’ on Facebook.
SUPERB WEDDING VENUES

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**Tithe Barn, Browsholme Hall**
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Website: www.browsholme.com

**Calf’s Head**
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**The Inn at Whitewell**
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Email: emma@innatwhitewell.com
Website: www.innatwhitewell.com

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**Clitheroe Castle**
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**Eaves Hall**
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**Shireburn Arms**
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Honeymoon Suite • Restaurant • Pre-wedding meals • Award-winning staff


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If you’re wanting to be spoilt with rustic grandeur, high-quality food and the fulfilment of weekending, then Ribble Valley’s country hotels and B&Bs are the place for you. Escape the hustle and bustle of everyday life and take advantage of the beautiful, quality accommodation that Ribble Valley has to offer, no matter what time of year.

With an exciting range of places to stay, you will be spoilt for choice including guest houses, B&Bs and luxurious manor hotels, there is much to choose from so that there is sure to be something to match your every requirement. Indeed, many are particularly welcoming to cyclists and walkers as well as to guests bringing their dogs on holiday, information for which is featured elsewhere in this guide.

Whether you choose to stay close to one of our charming towns or hide away in pure peace and tranquillity, you will be surrounded by beautiful views that are guaranteed to take your breath away.

Please note that Ribble Valley has a variety of major events which pull in large crowds, so do make sure you book early to ensure your accommodation will be guaranteed and to avoid disappointment. Similarly, if you are visiting the area for a wedding, to avoid disappointment we recommend that you confirm your plans for your accommodation. The Coach & Horses is set in the original glory of Bolton by Bowland in the heart of the Ribble Valley.

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**PLACES TO STAY**

**HOtELS & B&Bs**

**ASHETON ARMS**

The Ashton Arms is an historic Grade II listed pub in the conservation village of Downham, which dates back to the 18th century.

With 12 luxury bedrooms, suites and family cottages, the elegant country inn is famous for its seminal seafood specials, creative world food dishes and stunning views of Pendle Hill.

It has been awarded numerous accolades, including AA rosette and 1st rating, Good Pub Guide Country Drink Pub of the Year 2015 and 2016, Lancashire Life Dining Pub of the Year and Lancashire Tourism Awards Pub of the Year.

**BEST WESTERN HIGHER TRAPP HOTEL**

The Best Western Higher Trapp offers the ultimate in charm, comfort and luxury. Your stay is guaranteed to be memorable from mouth-watering home cooked food, complemented by a selection of cask ales and fine wines, to magnificent countryside views and personal service in the intimate setting of our country house.

**FOXXFIELDS COUNTRY HOTEL**

Ideally situated in the heart of the beautiful Ribble Valley, only five minutes from both Whalley and Clitheroe. The hotel is privately owned and impresses with its very spacious accommodation. The superior suites all have a lounge and dining area and a separate bedroom. These rooms have either a patio or balcony.

The Club rooms are also spacious and have a separate dressing area. The hotel has a gym, swimming pool, sauna and steam room for guests to enjoy during their stay.

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**THE CAFE’S HEAD**

Nestled at the foot of Pendle Hill in the conservation village of Worston, we endeavour to take away from the hustle and bustle in this busy county only a quarter of a mile from the A59 is our picturesque country inn at the heart of the village. The hotel boasts stunning views of Pendle Hill. One and drink in the large gardens or on the decked overlooking the bustling main road. Inside there is a cozy snug with a roaring log fire or dine in the large rooms to match the glass house.

You will find an extensive range of dishes to suit all tastes from our famous ‘Worston Whale’ to locally sourced foods and the amenities of tasteful bedrooms from double ensuites through to a deluxe split level suite with separate lounge and spa pool.

**THE COACH & HORSES**

The Coach & Horses, a traditional Coaching Inn, is set in the original glory of Bolton by Bowland in the heart of the Ribble Valley. Newly renovated to restore its original glory, the Grade II listed inn comes with its own on-site micro-brewery. Let the head chef take your tastebuds on a journey, with new and exciting dishes, offered alongside pub classics done right. The menu is varied, using seasonal ingredients, locally sourced where possible.

**THE SPREAD EAGLE**

An attractive coaching inn nestled within the Forest of Bowland, an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, in the heart of the Ribble Valley.

On one side of the building runs the River Ribble, on the other are the remains of the 12th century Colne Valley Abbey, and from a distance the magestic Pendle Hill casts its shadow.

Eleven luxury bedrooms with each room individually different makes The Spread Eagle the ideal place to stay, be it business or pleasure.

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Gibbon Bridge Hotel & Restaurant is a delightful 16th century inn, with easy access to Pendle Hill and the Good Pub Guide. The inn boasts a relaxed atmosphere, friendly & attentive service, and boasts a well-stocked bar. The hotel offers contemporary luxury B&B combining the charm and beauty of the village of Ribble Valley, providing luxury accommodation with a view of the Ribble Valley. The hotel is well-known for its relaxed atmosphere. The hotel is well-known for its relaxed atmosphere.

A small luxury hotel with a Michelin Star restaurant nestled on the edge of the Ribble Valley. Offering 26 individually designed hotel rooms and suites across the original Manor House and Garden Lodge, each with contemporary features and stylish furnishings providing the perfect getaway. The hotel is well-known for its relaxed atmosphere.

Cut and Laid walk standing for nearly 400 years as a roadside hotel welcoming guests since 1530. Stirk House offers contemporary luxury in a truly picturesque setting. We are passionate about supporting the local community, protecting our stunning surroundings and exceeding customer expectations. The hotel is well-known for its relaxed atmosphere.

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Gibson Bridge Hotel & Restaurant is a delightful 16th century inn, with easy access to Pendle Hill and the Good Pub Guide. The inn boasts a relaxed atmosphere, friendly & attentive service, and boasts a well-stocked bar. The hotel offers contemporary luxury B&B combining the charm and beauty of the village of Ribble Valley, providing luxury accommodation with a view of the Ribble Valley. The hotel is well-known for its relaxed atmosphere. The hotel is well-known for its relaxed atmosphere.

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The Ribble Valley is a place brimming with natural beauty and breathtaking landscapes, as well as being a place many enthusiastic photographers call home. It is possible to capture truly wonderful moments in photographs, whether it is a shot of the quaint villages, inspired landscapes, community events or your loved ones enjoying a day out.

We love to admire the beauty that lies within the Ribble Valley, so in 2017 we launched a photography competition via our Facebook page ‘Love Ribble Valley’. The competition allowed people to send in their own personal photographs of the Ribble Valley and show off their photography skills, and each subsequent year we have been so happy with the volume and the talent that has come through.

Following the success of previous years’ Love Ribble Valley Photo Competition, it has returned with so many beautiful entries showing all that is loved and treasured in our area.

This time we broadened our competition to three categories: ‘Spirit of Ribble Valley’ - Our surrounding landscape and nature, ‘Heart of Ribble Valley’ - Loved ones in a local place close to your heart and ‘Life of Ribble Valley’ - Special memories created on days out in the Ribble Valley. The winners were decided by a simple Facebook vote by our followers and the winners were:

**Spirit of Ribble Valley** - Ian Hall

**Heart of Ribble Valley** - Lee Harbord

**Life of Ribble Valley** - Stevie Simkin

The winners and shortlisted submissions either feature in the 2020 Guide or will be used on the popular Visit Ribble Valley website. Keep your eyes peeled for throughout the guide to see those stunning shots.

Our Facebook page ‘Love Ribble Valley’ is a celebration of all that is good in this area. Here, you will find out about local events, special offers and unique experiences in Ribble Valley.

Shortlisted photos by:

- Beth Anne
- Robbie Waugh
- Sarah Jane Derrick
- Lisa Hellis Robinson
- Nigel Cowking
- Sandra Ashton
- Tom Pope
- Lee Harbord
- Ruth Jones
- Ian Hall
- Nina Finn

Thank you and well done to everyone who participated. We are already looking forward to seeing next year’s entries.
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• Ian Hall
• Steve Peters
• Paul A Olivant
• Stevie Simkin
• Tom Pope
• Julie Edwards
• Tracey Moorcroft
• Paul Michael Burton
• Justine Claire Whitaker

• Andy Collinge
• Angela Briercliffe
• Rebecca Pridmore
• Beth Anne
• Lee Harbord
• Katie Louise
• Paul Haydn
• Lia Harrison
• Trudy Warbrick
• Ruth Jones
• Claire Carter
• Catharine Stockdale

• Jo Wootten
• Joseph Foster
• Julie Riding
• Mo Lambart
• Dave Spellman
• Lorna Jayne
• Jo Barnes
• Maria Coleman
• Christine Frost
• Rachel Lopiccolo
• Nigel Cowking
• Shirley Myerscough

Shortlisted photos by:

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Love Ribble Valley | 145
Information on line
Visit our main tourism website at
www.visitribblevalley.co.uk
If you are looking for somewhere to eat, or buy local food go to www.ribblevalleyfoodheaven.com

For further information about the Ribble Valley as the ideal wedding destination visit
www.ribblevalleyweddingheaven.co.uk

Visit Lancashire to find out more about events and attractions across Lancashire go to www.visith lancashire.com

Visitor Information
Call into the Platform Gallery and Tourist Information Centre near the interchange, Station Rd, Clitheroe BB7 2JT where you will find plenty of information about local events and places to visit in and around Ribble Valley.

For further information about the Ribble Valley as the ideal wedding destination visit
www.ribblevalleyweddingheaven.co.uk

Visitor Information Points
There are Visitor Information Points at various key locations across Ribble. The locations range from hotel receptions, cafes, guest accommodation and even churches (where they are popular tourist attractions). Look out for this sign or alternatively log onto www.visitribblevalley.co.uk to locate your nearest point.

Longridge Heritage Centre
Located in the centre of the town, Longridge Heritage Centre, is the converted old station on the old Preston and Longridge railway line. It contains the Town’s archive of old photographs, sound recordings and documents that provide a fascinating insight into the town’s history and heritage.

Longridge Heritage Centre, The Old Station, Berry Lane, Longridge PR3 3JP

Opening Times:
Monday - Saturday 10am-4pm

Weather and Traffic
Tune into Ribble FM 106.7 for regular announcements on weather

Social Media
For latest information follow Facebook ‘Love Ribble Valley’ and Visit Ribble Valley on Instagram.

APPS
Download the Ribble Valley APP - the most comprehensive lifestyle app curating the very best of local life in one user-friendly smartphone application for Ribble Valley visitors and locals alike.

Download the Ribble Valley U-Treat APP which has been designed to showcase all that the Ribble Valley and surrounding area has to offer promoting and centralising the many deals and events from our local businesses all in one place. There’s even built-in GPS location services so you can check out the latest lunch or shopping deals when out and about!