




Durham

CAMPAIGN FOR REAL ALE

Durham City Real Ale Pubs & Trail



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Waiting Room

Northbound Platform, Durham Railway Station, DH1 4RB

(0191) 386 7773

12-9 Sun; 12-8 Mon-Thu; 11-10 Fri & Sat

An interesting relaunch on Durham Northbound platform of the original 1872 Ladies Waiting Room, out of use for many years other than as a storage facility. In keeping with the Grade II listed status of the building, the design is traditional/period with Chesterfield-style seating, original floorboards and fireplaces, wood panelling, and a dark wood bar. Three handpumps showcase local beers.



Station House

North Road, DH1 4SE

info@stationhousedurham.co.uk

4-10.30 Sun; Closed Mon; 4-10.30 Tue-Thu; 12-11 Fri & Sat

Durham's first micropub offers an ever-changing selection of local and national real ales and ciders straight from the cask. Customers are served through a hatch directly from the cold room. There is a back to basics approach with an emphasis on conversation. Beer festivals are held in March and October. NE Region Pub of the Year 2022 and regular award winner for its real cider.



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Bridge Hotel

40 North Road, DH1 4SE

(0191) 386 8090

12-11 Sun; 11-11 Mon-Sat

Food times: 11.45-9 Sun-Sat

This pub was originally built in the 1850s as lodgings for the Irish navvies constructing the railway viaduct under which it sits, and the building became a public house a few years after completion of the railway. One regular and two guest ales are available and the comfortable dining area offers a high-quality menu of home-cooked food. Accommodation available.



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Kingslodge Inn

Waddington Street, DH1 4BG

(0191) 370 9977

11-11 Sun-Sat

Food times: 12-9 Sun-Sat

Following extensive refurbishment, this venue reopened in April 2016. It comprises of a comfortable hotel and restaurant in the centre of Durham City with pleasant public bar offering one real ale. Breakfast is served 7.30 to 10.30, full menu and sandwiches from 12.



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Colpitts Hotel

Colpitts Terrace, DH1 4EG

(0191) 386 9913

12-10.30 Sun; 11-11 Mon-Sat

This late-Victorian pub, which occupies a corner site, has changed little since it was first built. The building has an unusual A-shape with three rooms: a cosy snug, pool room and the comfortable main bar partially divided by a fireplace. As a Samuel Smiths pub, the real ale is Old Brewery Bitter and the noise comes from conversation not jukebox or games machines.

6  

Ye Old Elm Tree

12 Crossgate, DH1 4PS

(0191) 386 4621

11.30-11 Sun-Fri; 11.30-Midnight Sat

This is one of Durham's oldest inns, dating back to at least 1600. A friendly pub, it attracts a good mix including locals, students and visitors to the city. It offers a good range of ales with a spacious patio area to the rear. Voted Durham CAMRA Town Pub of the Year 2015 and 2016.



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Holy GrAle

57 Crossgate, DH1 4RP

(0191) 386 3851

12-11 Sun; 3-11 Mon-Fri; 12-11 Sat

A former board-games cafe, this craft beer bar was opened in 2019 by the previous Landlord of Ye Old Elm Tree, just up the hill. A friendly open-plan venue with several keg taps and two handpulls, all serving an ever changing range of good beer, alongside large fridges showcasing a range of bottles and cans. A vaulted basement is used for occasional live music.

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Water House

65 North Road, DH1 4SQ

(0191) 370 6540

8am-11.30 Sun-Thu; 8am-Midnight Fri & Sat

Food times: 8am-11 Sun-Sat

This Wetherspoon's pub is popular with young and old alike and extremely busy at weekends. A good selection of beers from regional and microbrewers is on offer, as well as a wide range of food. The modern décor is complemented by coal-effect open fires.



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Head of Steam

Reform Place, DH1 4RZ

(0191) 383 2173

12-11 Sun-Thu; 12-Midnight Fri & Sat

Food times: 12-4 Sun; 12-9 Mon-Fri; 12-4 Sat

This is a popular pub with a continental feel that attracts beer lovers of all ages. As well as the four changing real ales, it offers an extensive choice of bottled beers from around the world and a range of real ciders. Excellent, good-value food is available and families are welcome during the day.

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Three Bridges

80-83 North Road, DH1 4SQ

(0191) 384 1775

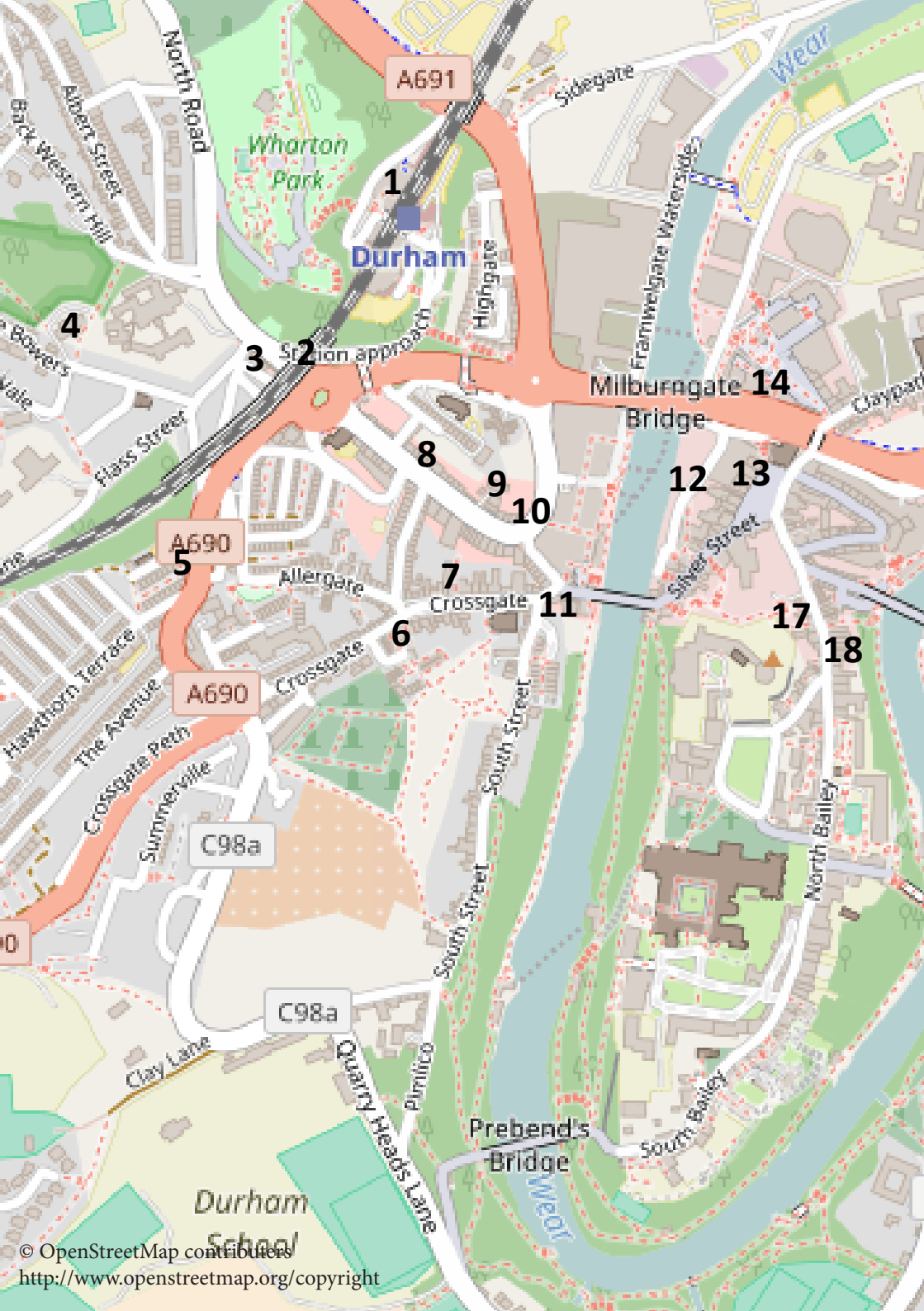
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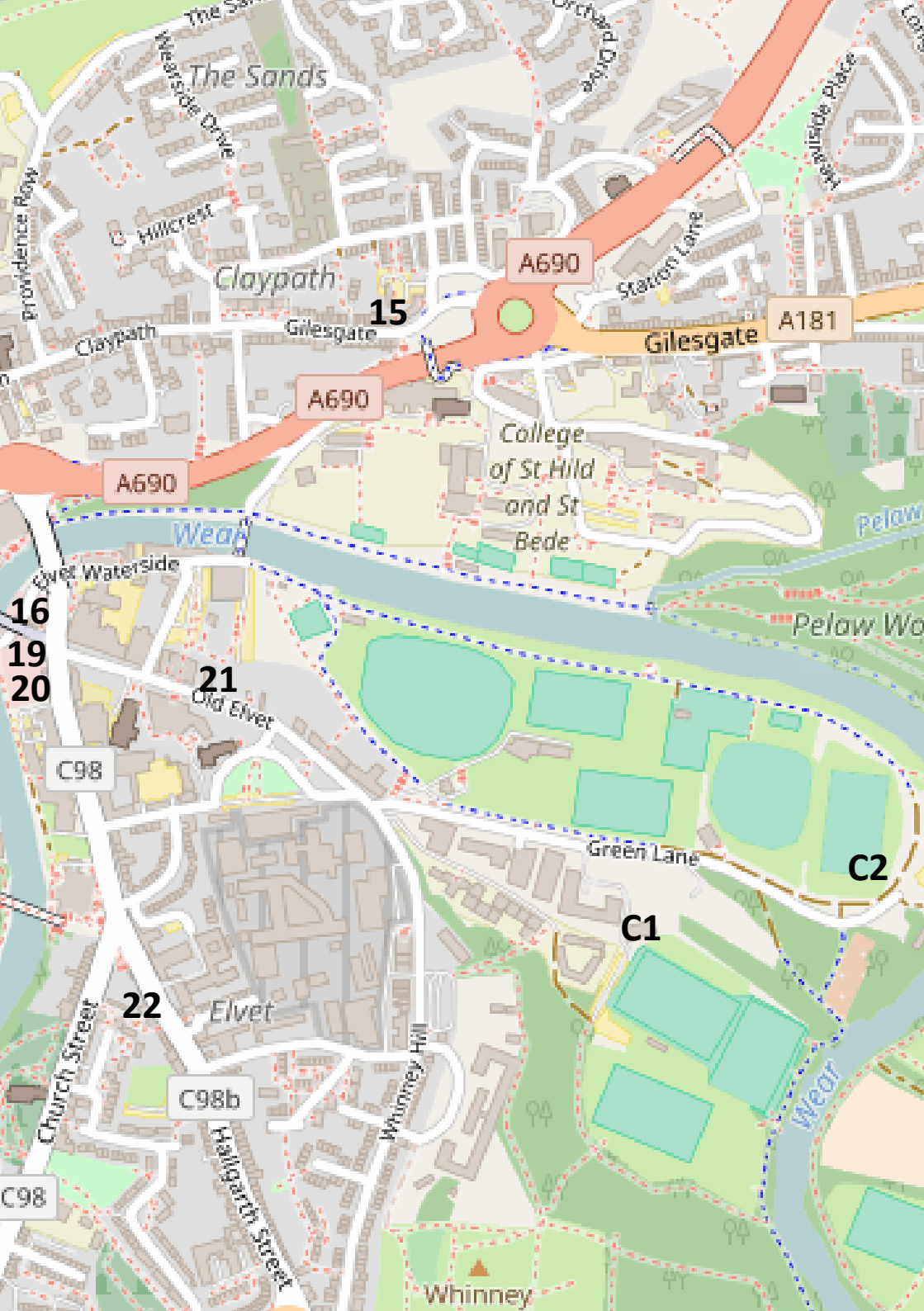
9am-12.30am Sat

Food times: 10-9 Sun-Sat

This large and lively city-centre pub (formerly Yates and William Hedley) reinstated its real ale in 2017 and now offers two changing cask ales. Good value pub meals are available.









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Fighting Cocks

4 South Street, DH1 4PP

(0191) 383 6970

12-11 Sun; 11-11 Mon-Thu; 11-2am Fri & Sat

Food times: 12-6 Sun; 11-6 Mon-Sat

This is a city-centre pub which offers good food and welcomes families up to 6pm. In the evenings it is a lively venue popular with thirtysomethings plus. Real ale pumps reinstalled late 2017 after removal in August 2016.

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Hill Island Brewery

Fowlers Yard, 7 Back Silver Street, DH1 3NJ (07740) 932 584

Contact for openings

Microbrewery selling own real ale on various Saturdays each month from pop up bar and promotional events. Call to check dates & times.



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Market Tavern

27 Market Place, DH1 3NJ

(0191) 386 2069

12-11 Sun-Sat

Food times: 12-8.30 Sun-Sat

Occupying a central location in Durham's historic market place, this pub offers a good selection of five local and national cask ales. Despite refurbishments, it has kept its traditional wooden ale house appearance and offers a warm welcome to locals and visitors to the city. Food based on pub classics is served daily.

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Bishops' Mill

Walkergate Leisure, DH1 1WA

(0191) 370 8510

8am-1am Sun; 8am-Midnight Mon & Tue; 8am-2am Wed;

8am-1am Thu; 8am-2am Fri & Sat

Food times: 8am-11 Sun-Sat

This Lloyds No 1-style Wetherspoon outlet situated in Millennium Square, Walkergate, takes its name from the historic mill which stood for centuries adjacent to this site. It is a large and very popular venue offering a very good range of local and national real ales.



15

Woodman Inn

23 Gilesgate, DH1 1QW

(0191) 697 5369

12-11 Sun-Sat

Reopened June 2022 after a major refurbishment. Family and dog friendly in the heart of the city, traditional with a twist. Boasts a large and well appointed beer garden to the rear.

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Swan & Three Cygnets

Elvet Bridge, DH1 3AG

(0191) 384 0242

12-10.30 Sun; 11-11 Mon-Sat

This is a Samuel Smiths pub on two floors which is very popular with locals and students alike with its real ale offering being Old Brewery Bitter. It enjoys a warm and friendly atmosphere and there is a very pleasant outside patio area by the side of the river.



17

Shakespeare

63 Saddler Street, DH1 3NU

(0191) 384 3261

Closed Sun, 11-6 Mon; 11-11 Tue-Sat

Food times: Not Sun; 11-3 Mon-Fri; Not Sat

This is a popular pub in the city centre close to the Cathedral offering four real ales. Refurbished in 2014, the interior comprises a small bar and a larger back lounge. The pub was originally a haunt for 19th-century theatre actors and patrons, hence the name.

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Library

46 Saddler Street, DH1 3NU

(0191) 384 6704

10am-11.30 Sun; 10am-Midnight Mon-Thu; 10am-1am Fri & Sat

Food times: 10-10 Sun-Sat

Situated on the road to the cathedral with an outside patio area overlooking the river, this is a popular pub for beer drinkers, locals and visitors to the city. It has a very relaxed daytime atmosphere with a good range of pub food and sports TV, as well as a good range of local and national real ales.



19

Half Moon Inn

86 New Elvet, DH1 3AQ

(0191) 374 1918

12-Midnight Sun; 11-Midnight Mon-Sat

This popular city-centre pub is reputedly named after the crescent-shaped bar that runs from the front room through to the lounge area, and has a large beer garden overlooking the river. It has traditional decor throughout, with photos of the pub at the beginning of the 20th Century, including many from the Miners' Gala. It's a friendly venue with a relaxed atmosphere, offering a good selection of ales to locals and visitors to the city.

20

City Hotel

84 New Elvet, DH1 3AQ

(0191) 384 5325

12-11.30 Sun-Sat

Food times: 12-8.30 Sun-Fri; 12-5 Sat

This attractive pub offers 2 guest real ales. The decor is excellent, including very comfortable soft armchairs and low lighting. Pub grub and gourmet burgers are available throughout the day and the pub enjoys a warm friendly atmosphere.





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Dun Cow

37 Old Elvet, DH1 3HN

(0191) 386 9219

12-Midnight Sun-Sat

This Grade II-listed pub, part of which dates back to the 15th century, includes a friendly front snug and a larger lounge to the rear. The story of the legendary journey to the city of Lindisfarne monks looking for a resting place for St Cuthbert's body in 995AD is told on the corridor wall. Three real ales are on offer.

22 ⓘ

Victoria Inn

86 Hallgarth Street, DH1 3AS

(0191) 386 5269

12-10.30 Sun; 11.45-11 Mon-Sat

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Family-run Grade II-listed Victorian pub has remained almost unchanged since it was built in 1899 with quaint decor, coal fires, cosy snug and genuine Victorian cash drawer. Ales are mainly from local breweries, with a wide selection of single malt whiskies on offer. Toasties are available. Voted local CAMRA City Pub of the Year on a regular basis.



C1

Durham City Rugby Club

Hollow Drift, Green Lane, DH1 3JU

(0191) 386 1172

12-5 Sun; 12-2 Mon; 12-2, 6-10 Tue-Thu; 12-2 Fri; 12-11 Sat

Food times: 12-2 Mon-Fri

Set in great position near the banks of the river Wear just outside the city centre, this Rugby Club provides a great pint and a friendly atmosphere. Visitors are made more than welcome. Lunch is always available on weekdays. Home to the CAMRA Durham Beer Festival.

C2

Durham Amateur Rowing Club

City Boathouse, Green Lane, DH1 3AS (0191) 386 6431

9.30am-4 Sun; 10-4 Mon-Thu; 10-9 Fri; 9.30-9 Sat

Food times: 9.30-6 Sun; 10-4 Mon-Thu; 10-9 Fri; 9.30-9 Sat

The club is housed in a modern building tucked away at the very end of Green Lane, about 200m past the Rugby club down a narrow single track road, at a curve in the River Wear. The walls of the bar area are decorated with rowing oars and photographs of teams and individual members who have represented the country at national and international level.

Opening Hours

Please note that many pubs are operating with fluctuating opening hours depending on trading conditions. Opening and food hours are especially likely to be volatile over the winter period; therefore we would advise contacting any pub prior to visiting if you are making a special trip. It would also help the Branch if you could let us know of any changes to hours via the WhatPub website <https://whatpub.com/>



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