

Welcome to Bamford



Information pack for new residents

A very warm welcome to our village! Hopefully the information in this pack will give you a few pointers to local amenities, services and places of interest, along with some useful contact numbers.

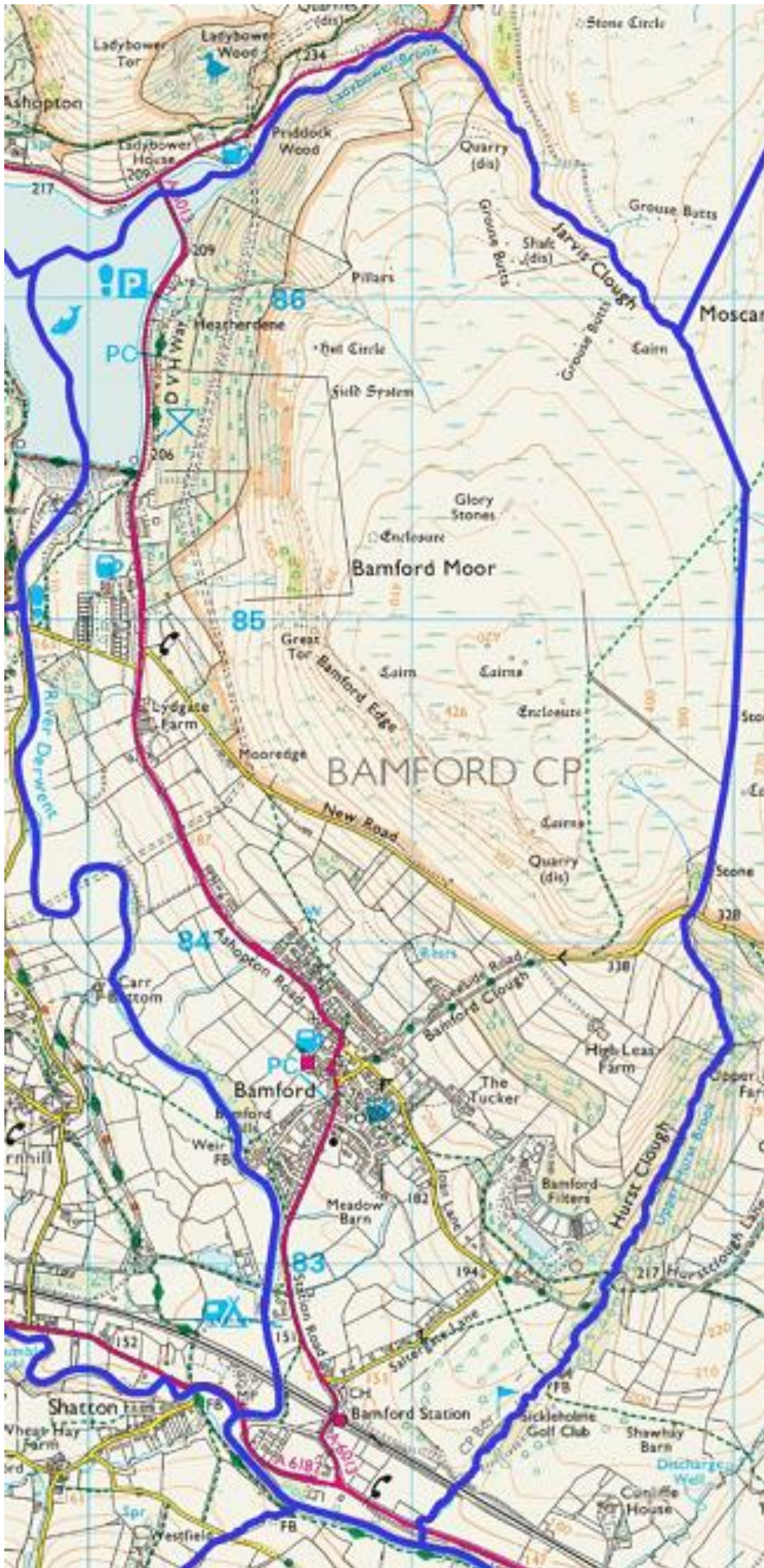
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1. An Introduction to Bamford

Bamford is a village surrounded by outstanding countryside in the Peak District National Park; Bamford is situated 12 miles west of Sheffield, alongside the upper reaches of the River Derwent.



The Derwent runs southwards to join the River Trent south of Derby; prior to Bamford, it has flowed through three 20th-century reservoirs constructed by the Derwent Valley Water Board; the southernmost of these - Ladybower reservoir – abuts Bamford.

The gritstone escarpment Bamford Edge separates Bamford Moor (around 400m above sea-level) from, and dominates the skyline of, Bamford village. Win Hill (463m) to the north and Shatton Edge (400m) to the south are also visible from Bamford, contributing to the village being surrounded by hilly country on most sides.

On the map at left, civil parish boundaries are in dark blue.

Bamford's existence was recorded, as 'Banford' - then a hamlet of just two households - in the Domesday Book in 1086. It grew when a corn- (later converted to cotton-) mill was built in the 1700s at Bamford weir on the Derwent. The mill closed in 1965, and its attractive buildings are now residential apartments. In the 1800s the Moore family, the mill's owners, built houses for mill workers; consequently, Bamford has more terraced housing than is usual in a Peak District village.

The Derwent is not navigable; significant transport infrastructure arrived in 1894 with the opening of the Midland Railway's Manchester-Sheffield route including a station at Bamford. This made it practical for Sheffield industrialists to live in the village, and villas from that era near the station reflect this introduction of new money.

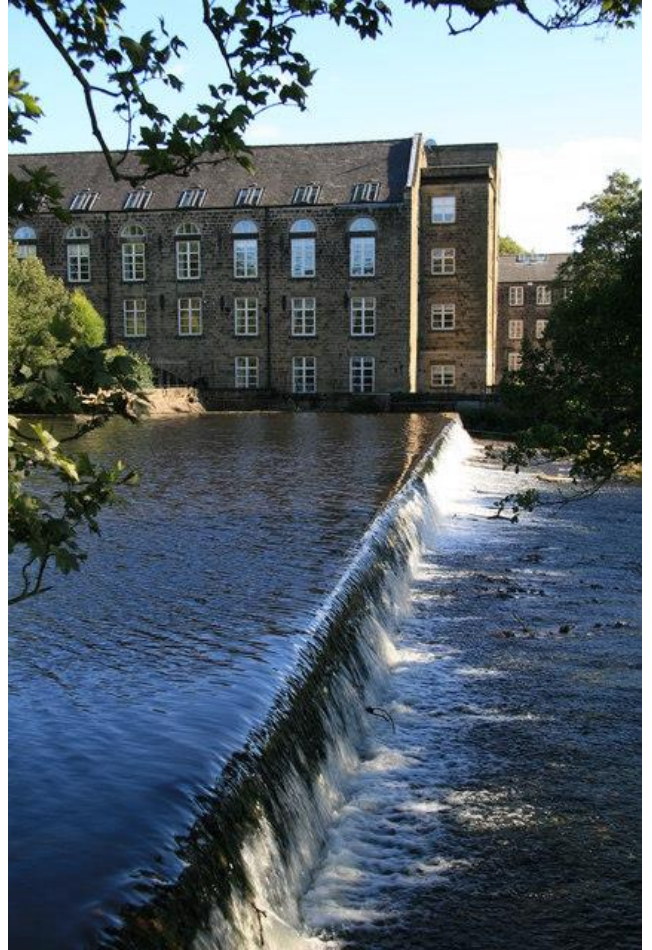
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Towards the south-east corner of Bamford, at the top of Saltergate Lane, is the water-treatment works, built in the early 1900s. It processes water from the three reservoirs north of Bamford before supplying it, via underground aqueducts, to the cities of Nottingham, Derby and Leicester and surrounding areas.

Among Bamford's many footpaths is the first part of the Derwent Valley Heritage Way, a 55-mile path to the Derwent's mouth.

Bamford has two pubs (*Anglers Rest* and *Yorkshire Bridge Inn*), three meeting halls and three churches - Methodist (built 1811), Anglican (1861) and Roman Catholic (1883). The Anglican church is mostly by the Gothic Revival architect William Butterfield; its graveyard contains re-interred bodies from the drowned villages of Derwent and Ashopton now under Ladybower reservoir. Immediately south of that reservoir is a community of several streets, built to re-house some of those displaced from Derwent and Ashopton villages; this community, called Yorkshire Bridge (after a nearby bridge over the River Derwent), is separated by open countryside from the rest of Bamford.

The Peak District National Park Authority, in 1997, designated part of Bamford to be a Conservation Area, deemed to be of special architectural and/or historic interest, with character or appearance which should be preserved - so demolition without permission is prohibited. Coursed gritstone is the area's traditional building material.



2. Some facts and figures

The UK's 10-yearly national census records Bamford civil parish's population as growing 17% over 30 years, contrasting with UK growth of 12% over the same period:

	1981	1991	2001	2011	
Bamford population	1,057	1,089	1,184	1,241	2011: 609 male, 632 female
Households	404	463	524	535	

43% of the 2011 households owned their home outright, 31% owned with a mortgage, 14% were in rented social housing and 11% in private rented accommodation. 11% of households had no car or van (compared with 26% nationally). 19 residents were recorded as 'Unemployed and seeking work'.

3. Local government

Derbyshire County Council, based in Matlock, is responsible for education, social care, highways (including some grit-bins), subsidised buses, mobile libraries and trading standards. The Council, currently Conservative Party controlled, has 64 elected councillors; one (Jim Perkins, currently) represents the Chapel & Hope Valley electoral division, which covers Bamford.

High Peak Borough Council, based in Buxton, is responsible for waste collection, street cleaning, housing, environmental health, licensing and public toilets. The Council, currently Conservative Party controlled, has 43 elected councillors; two (Sarah Helliwell and John Walton, currently) represent the Hope Valley ward,

which covers Bamford. The **parliamentary constituency** of High Peak exactly mirrors the Borough Council's area; the current Member of Parliament is Ruth George (Labour).

The **Peak District National Park Authority**, based in Bakewell, is responsible for the planning system and for conservation of the environment. There are 30 Members of the Authority, 16 appointed by the local County/District/Borough councils and 14 by national Government; six of those 14 are parish councillors.



Ladybower reservoir from Bamford Edge Photo: Rob Bendall

Bamford with Thornhill Parish Council (Thornhill is the adjacent village to Bamford) is responsible for most bus shelters, public seats, (some) grit-bins, the small village green and the war memorial; it also seeks to take a lead on issues of community quality of life. Of the 11 elected councillors, nine represent Bamford ward; the Council chair is currently Sue Beckett. Residents are always welcome to attend Parish Council meetings.

4. Local services

The only medical facilities in Bamford are the **dental practice** (on Main Rd), which has both NHS and private patients, and the local **defibrillators**, which are located:

- outside the *Anglers Rest*, Taggs Knoll
- inside Bamford Dental Practice (not available outside practice hours)
- at the junction of Thornhill Lane/Carr Lane, Thornhill

The nearest NHS **general practitioners** are the Evelyn Medical Centre – based in Hathersage and Hope, 3 and 4 miles away respectively. The nearest **general hospitals** are those in Sheffield (Northern General Hospital and Royal Hallamshire Hospital) and the Chesterfield Royal Hospital.

The County Council's **social care** area office covering Bamford is in Glossop; however in winter the A57 between Bamford and Glossop - the "Snake Pass" - can be closed by snow!

Derbyshire **Police**'s local officers covering Bamford are based at Buxton; thankfully the crime rate here is very low. Derbyshire **Fire & Rescue Service** have two fire stations close to Bamford, in Hathersage and Bradwell; both are unstaffed, instead using on-call firefighters.

Bamford Primary **School**, located in the village centre and run by the County Council, has nearly 100 pupils, up to age 11; the School would be pleased to give new parents a tour of the school. The government's Office for Standards in Education rates both this school and the nearby Pre-school as Good. Bamford **Pre-school** is a small, friendly playgroup for children aged 2-4; its fun and nurturing environment helps them to learn through play and prepare for school.



The nearest school for 11-16 year olds is Hope Valley College (in Hope village) where adult and community education is also available. Sixth form students generally go to Lady Manners School in Bakewell, or into Sheffield.

The County Council's **mobile library** visits Bamford four-weekly, stopping at 3 places - Main Road, Brentwood Road and Taggs Knoll.

The only **public carpark** in Bamford (but it's a long way north of the village centre) is at Heatherdene, alongside Ladybower reservoir; it is owned by Severn Trent.

The Borough Council's household **bin-emptying** is on an alternate-week cycle. The brown bin, green-lidded bin, box and red bag are emptied one week and the black bin the following week.

Digital Derbyshire, a partnership between the County Council and British Telecommunications, is aiming by

2018 to provide fibre-optic broadband throughout this area. Over half of Bamford parish (the most central part, mainly) has now been connected; a date for the remainder is however not imminent.



The local magazine *Bamford News* is published monthly, and there is village information at www.bamfordvillage.co.uk. Wider local news is in the daily *Sheffield Star*, the *Derbyshire Times* published weekly in Chesterfield, and the *Peak Advertiser* published in Bakewell fortnightly.

Bamford Edge above the village, with the dental practice at left and the village green beyond

Photo from http://www.derbyshirelife.co.uk/polopoly_fs/1.4055560!/image/image.jpg_gen/derivatives/landscape_630/image.jpg

5. Public transport

Bamford station (which has a car-park) is served by approximately 16 trains per day in each direction; trains to Sheffield and Manchester take 25 and 55 minutes respectively and, by changing at Sheffield, Bamford is under 3 hours from London St Pancras. The Hope Valley Railway Users Group campaigns for an improved timetable.

Bamford has the following bus routes; their frequencies vary from once-weekly to hourly.

- 174 Castleton-Bamford(stops only on A6187)-Hathersage-Baslow
- 271 Castleton-Bamford(station, also 1 journey serves village)-Hathersage-Hallamshire Hospital-Sheffield
- 272 Castleton-Bamford(station, not village)-Hathersage-Sheffield
- 273 Castleton-Bamford-Yorkshire Bridge-Fairholmes-Sheffield
- 274 Castleton-Bamford-Yorkshire Bridge-Sheffield
- 275 Bakewell-Hathersage-Bamford-Yorkshire Bridge-Sheffield
- 276 Castleton-Bamford-Yorkshire Bridge-Bamford-Hathersage-Chesterfield
- 2C Castleton-Bamford-Chesterfield College

In addition, both Ashbourne Community Transport and Bakewell & Eyam Community Transport provide Dial-a-Bus shopping minibuses for people unable to use conventional public transport because of age or mobility/disability difficulties.

6. Local businesses

The following local businesses would be very pleased of your custom.



The Anglers Rest

Photo: Bamford Community Society

- Anglers Rest, Taggs Knoll - pub, café and post office (This was bought by the villagers in 2013, by purchasing shares in a new body, Bamford Community Society Ltd.) www.anglers.rest 01433 659317
- Bamford Bakery, Main Rd - small sandwich & bakery shop. 07510 677201
- Bike Garage, Hope Rd – cycle hire, service & sales. www.bikegarage.co.uk 01433 659345
- Country Store, Main Rd - small grocery. 01433 651223
- The Derwent, Main Rd - self-catering accommodation. www.derwentpeakdistrict.co.uk
- Educational Planning Books Ltd, Hathersage Rd - small publishing house. www.edplanbooks.com
- Hope Valley Garden Centre, Hope Rd. www.hopevalleycentre.co.uk 01433 651484
- Ladybower Fisheries, Ashopton Rd - leisure fishing. www.ladybowerfisheries.co.uk 01433 659712
- Networks3d Ltd, Water La - design & manufacture of exhibition displays. www.networks3d.net
- Riverside Garage, Water La - car-servicing workshop. 01433 651950
- Sickleholme Golf Club, Saltergate La. www.sickleholme.co.uk 01433 651306
- Sickleholme Service Station, Hathersage Rd - petrol station & grocery. 01433 651173 www.sickleholmeservicestation.co.uk
- Station Road Garage, Station Rd - bodywork-repair workshop. 01433 651518
- Swallowholme Camping & Caravan Park, Station Rd. 01433 650981
- Yorkshire Bridge Inn, Ashopton Rd. www.yorkshire-bridge.co.uk 01433 651361



Yorkshire Bridge Inn

Also in Bamford are bed-and-breakfast accommodation and other residentially-based businesses (e.g. mobile carpet-cleaning, beauty treatment, gardening, building repairs, decorating, electrician). A mobile fishmonger visits Bamford once weekly, stopping on Taggs Knoll.

7. Religious organisations

- Anglican Church (St John's), Main Rd. Open most days and a self-guided tour leaflet inside. Service details and other information at www.achurchnearyou.com/bamford-derwent-st-john-the-baptist
 - Methodist Church, Taggs Knoll. www.bamfordmethodists.org.uk
 - Quaker Community, Water La. Meeting for Worship 10.45 am Sundays. Self-catering accommodation, and retreats and working weeks throughout the year. www.quakercommunity.org.uk 01433 650085
 - Roman Catholic Church, Ashopton Rd. martin.clayton@mypostoffice.co.uk 01433 650352
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8. Social organisations

Here are some local organisations which might be of interest:

- Bamford Arts Group, for practising painters in all mediums. 01246 582177
 - Baby & Toddler Group. bamfordtots@gmail.com
 - Bamford & District Gardening Society. Annual Show and events, visits and demonstrations throughout the year. Alison Butlin 01433 650542
 - Bamford & District History Group has a programme of talks and visits throughout the year. Kathleen Hearnshaw bamford.history@gmail.com 01433 651624
 - Bamford Institute, Main Rd, has – for parties/meetings/all occasions - a large (100-seat) room, a smaller meeting room and a billiard/snooker room. www.bamfordvillage.co.uk/village-institute 07891 985599
 - Bamford Sheepdog Trials. www.bamfordsheepdogtrials.com
 - Carnival Committee, creating a fun-filled week of activities to bring the community together; come along and join in! www.bamfordcarnival.org
 - Bamford Community Arts & Crafts arranges a programme of events and workshops. www.bcac.org.uk or Facebook @BamfordCommunityArts.
 - Conservative Association. 01433 650031
 - Derwent Probus Club. Retired & semi-retired PROfessional and BUSiness people. Monthly meetings/ talks/lunch, walks, annual dinner, short breaks, etc. Ian Orford 01433 650542
 - Friends of Bamford Station work to improve the station's appearance and facilities. Quarterly meetings in the Anglers Rest which everyone is welcome to attend. John Stubbs johnstubbs33@gmail.com
 - Hope Valley Riding Club organises training clinics, camps and competitions. Club field and arena just below Bamford station. www.hopevalleyridingclub.co.uk 01433 651331
 - Moore Memorial Hall, Brentwood Rd, including a well-equipped kitchen and French windows opening onto a secure grassed area, is available for private hire. Sue Firth sue@firth565.fsnet.co.uk 01433 659961
 - Recreation Ground, Water La. dave.watson.bam@gmail.co.uk
 - Royal British Legion. counties.britishlegion.org.uk/counties/derbyshire/branches/bamford-br0010
 - Tennis Club, Water La. www.bamfordtennis.org.uk
 - U3A fosters lifelong learning for the retired or semi-retired in a sociable environment, utilising the enthusiasm - and sharing the expertise - of its members. www.u3asites.org.uk/hope-valley
 - Wine Appreciation Circle meets monthly in the Moore Memorial Hall. 01433 650977
 - Women's Institute meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month (except August) in the Moore Memorial Hall. Visitors and new members welcome. 01433 651126.
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9. Other useful contact details

<u>Medical</u>	
Accident & Emergency	Northern General Hospital, S5 7AU www.sth.nhs.uk/our-hospitals/northern-general-hospital or Sheffield Children's Hospital, S10 2TH www.sheffieldchildrens.nhs.uk
Nearest NHS Walk-in Centre	Royal Hallamshire Hospital, S10 2JF. 0114 271 1900 www.sth.nhs.uk/our-hospitals/royal-hallamshire-hospital
Evelyn Medical Centre (GPs)	www.evelynmedicalcentre.co.uk 01433 621557
Bamford Dental Practice	www.bamforddental.com 01433 651270
Hathersage Pharmacy	www.alliedpharmacies.com/stores/hathersage-pharmacy 01433 650325
<u>Other public services</u>	
Northern Powergrid (electricity)	www.northernpowergrid.com Emergency no: 0800 375 675
National Grid Gas	www2.nationalgrid.com Emergency no: 0800 111 999
Severn Trent Water	https://www.stwater.co.uk Emergency no: 0800 783 4444
Derbyshire Constabulary	www.derbyshire.police.uk Tel. 101
Bus & train information	www.traveline.info
Ashbourne Community Transport	www.ashbournect.org.uk 01335 300670
Bakewell & Eyam Community Transport	www.bect.org.uk 01629 641920
Member of Parliament for High Peak	www.parliament.uk/biographies/commons/ruth--george/4662
Derbyshire County Council	www.derbyshire.gov.uk 01629 533190
High Peak Borough Council	www.highpeak.gov.uk 01298 28400
Peak District National Park Authority	www.peakdistrict.gov.uk 01629 816200
Bamford with Thornhill Parish Council	www.bamfordwiththornhillparishcouncil.org.uk
Citizens Advice Bureau	www.ddcab.org.uk 0300 456 8390

Other contacts

Bamford News. bamford_news@btinternet.com 01433 650977

Bamford Pre-school. www.bamfordpreschool.co.uk 07591 979051

Bamford Primary School. www.bamford.derbyshire.sch.uk 01433 651267

Digital Derbyshire. www.digitalderbyshire.org.uk 01629 538243

Hope Valley College. <https://hvcollege.com> 01433 620555

Hope Valley Veterinary Clinic. www.parkvethospital.com/location/hope-valley-veterinary-clinic
01433 651718

Middleton's Dairy (milk deliveries). www.middletonsdairy.co.uk 01433 651650

J E Nutch (funeral director). 01433 650592