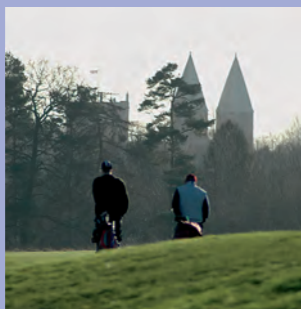


PARKS & GARDENS Take a stroll from the Minster into the relaxing and peaceful War Memorial Park. This was formerly one of the Archbishop's Deer Parks. You will find there in the shadow of the Minster a small nature reserve and childrens' play areas. At the other end of town is the Burgage – a sleepy area of ancient common land lined with attractive Georgian houses. On the perimeter of the town lies Norwood Park (another former Deer Park of the Archbishop's) offering a lovely walk through the grounds and also excellent golf.



WALKS/HERITAGE TRAILS An outstanding choice of walks is available. There is the Town Trail and recently a number of Heritage Trails have been added. Don't miss out on the chance of finding out about some of the hidden history and attractions of Southwell! The trails all have a clear theme and are either focused on a well known local personality, an area of fascinating natural history or on the town's unique religious heritage. Seize the opportunity!

ATTRACTIONS WITHIN A 30 MINUTE DRIVE

Dukes Wood Nature Reserve (A617 to Kirklington, minor road to Eakring signed after Kirklington) Nature Trail. Site of UK's first onshore oilfield in 1939. Open daily. Tel: 0115 958 8242 www.wildlifetrust.org.uk/nottinghamshire

Rufford Country Park and Craft Centre. (A614 near Ollerton) Lake, woodland, remains of Cistercian Abbey, ceramics centre with shop, café, restaurant. Open daily. Tel: 01623 822944. www.ruffordcraftcentre.org.uk



Sherwood Forest Art and Craft Centre (A614, B6034 to Edwinstowe) Art and Craft studios and demonstrations, café, adjacent to Sherwood Forest. Open daily, 10am. to 4pm. Tel 01623 824976. www.newark-sherwoodcc.gov.uk/sfacc

Sherwood Forest Country Park (A614 to Ollerton) Woodland, visitor centre, adventure playground for young children, shop, restaurant. Open daily. Tel. 01623 823202. www.sherwood-forest.org.uk

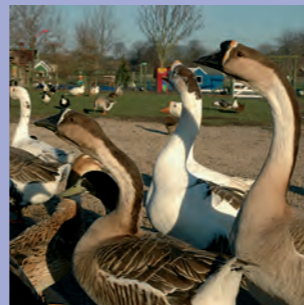
Sherwood Pines Forest Park (A614, B6034 towards Edwinstowe then B6030 towards Clipstone) Forest, visitor centre, café, cycle trail, adventure playgrounds. Open daily. Tel: 01623 822447 www.forestry.gov.uk

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Ferry Farm Park (A612 towards Nottingham, signed to Hoveringham) Farm animals, outdoor play activities, café. Open April – September Tel: 0115 966 5037 www.ferryfarm.co.uk

Jumicar (A614 roundabout at Farnsfield). Children 6+. Learn to drive in junior-sized cars. Open weekends and school holidays. Ring for information. Tel: 0115 966 9000

White Post Farm (A614 roundabout at Farnsfield) Farm animals, indoor and outdoor play areas, café, shop. Open daily. Tel: 01623 883499 www.whitepostfarmcentre.co.uk



Wonderland Pleasure Park and Garden Centre (A614 roundabout at Farnsfield) Large outdoor play area. Indoor soft play, butterfly house, miniature railway, miniature golf, bar and café. Open daily. Tel: 01623 882773 www.wonderlandpleasurepark.com

THEATRES

Palace Theatre, Newark Tel: 01636 655755 www.palacenewark.com

Robin Hood Theatre (A612, A617 to Newark, at Averham) Tel: 0777 9130863 www.robinhoodtheatre.co.uk

SPECIAL INTERESTS

Hockerton Housing Project (A617 at Hockerton) Guided tours of UK's first earth sheltered, self-sufficient housing development. Opening hours:telephone for information. Tel: 01636 816902 www.hockerton.demon.co.uk

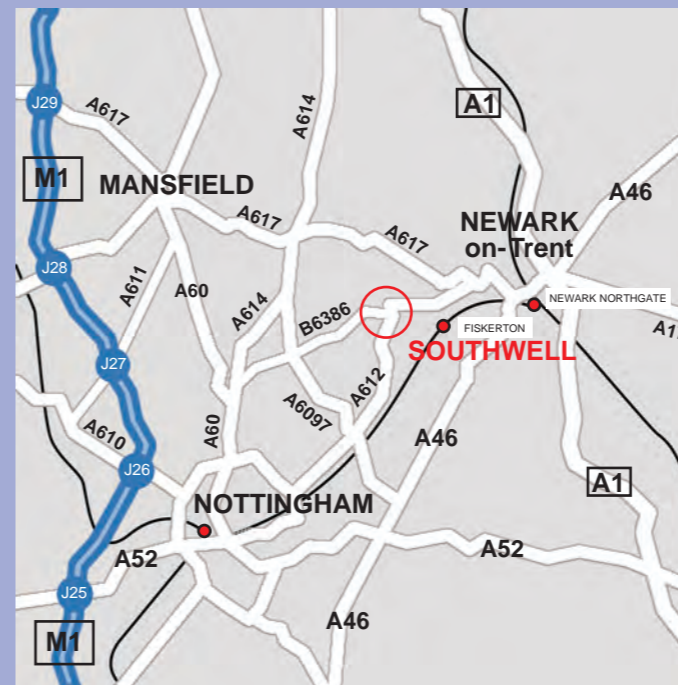
The Holocaust Centre, Museum and Gardens (A614 to Ollerton, A6075 towards Tuxford, minor road to Laxton) Exhibition and gardens, bookshop, library, coffee shop. Open: Wednesday – Sunday, 10am. – 5pm. Tel: 01623 836627 www.bethshalom.com

Laxton Visitor Centre (A614 to Ollerton, A6075 towards Tuxford, minor road to Laxton) Exhibition of medieval open field farming system. Open daily dawn to dusk. Tel: 01777 871586.

Lockwell Hill Activity Centre (Farnsfield – A614 towards Ollerton) Activity centre with quad biking, archery, clay pigeon shooting, 4X4 driving. Open daily. Tel: 01623 883067 www.tiptopevents.co.uk

Newark (A612, A617 to Newark) Castle, Millgate Museum, Air Museum, Boat trips, market. See Newark Visitor Guide.1

How to find Southwell



Useful Information

Car Parking: Church St, King St, Saracen's Head and Ropewalk (Free)

Coach Parking: Church St (for dropping off) Crew Lane (parking)

Toilets: Westgate, Church St and War Memorial Park.

Police: Burgage Green 01909 500999

Chemists: Lloyds 2, King St. 01636 812241

Bus: Pathfinder Bus, Newark 01636 611885

Train: National Rail 0845 7484950 (nearest station Fiskerton, 2 miles)

Facilities

Southwell Medical Centre, Ropewalk 01636 813561

Southwell Post Office, Queen St. 01636 813189

Southwell Town Council, Burgage Green 01636 816103

www.southwell-tc.gov.uk

Southwell Tourist Information Centre, Church St 01636 819038

Newark Tourist Information, Centre Castlegate 01636 655765

Southwell Library, King St. 01636 812148

Southwell Leisure Centre, Nottingham Rd. 01636 813000

Southwell Golf Club, The Racecourse 01636 816501

Norwood Park Golf Club, Norwood Park 01636 816626

Southwell Garden Centre, Fiskerton Rd. 01636 812886

Reg.Taylor Garden Centre & Waterfowl Sanctuary, Normanton 01636 813184

Markets: Southwell Market Square every Sat. and Farmers Market every 3rd Thursday of the month.

DISCOVER SOUTHWELL

"A little town of exquisite charm - a jewel among English Cathedrals" (H.Torold)



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Welcome to Southwell, the 'jewel in Nottinghamshire's crown'

This charming, small market town has many delights to offer the visitor. It is rich in historical and architectural interest and makes a great day out for the family. Explore the magnificent Southwell Minster, with its unique pepper-pot spires which dominate the town, then stroll from there via one of Southwell's leafy lanes to another gem, the National Trust Victorian Workhouse, recently voted 'Visitor Attraction of 2004' at East Midlands Tourism Excellence in England Awards.

In 1968 Southwell was designated a Conservation Area. In the town you will find an impressive number of houses of historical and architectural merit. By following one of the Heritage or Town Trails, you can view the superb Georgian houses in the Prebendage near the Minster as well as the fine mixture of buildings around the Burgage. One such, Burgage Manor, was where the young Lord Byron lived between 1804-1807, socialising with the local gentry, joining in theatricals and playing cricket.

Meander from the Burgage to the shopping centre, King and Queen Streets and Bull Yard. Here you will find attractive shops, fine cafés and restaurants and inns of character. A striking black and white building, 'The Saracen's Head', dates back to the 15th. century. Here was where King Charles 1 spent his last hours of freedom, before surrendering to the Scottish Army, which was based at nearby Kelham during the English Civil War.

Southwell is also the birthplace of the famous English cooking apple, 'the Bramley Seedling'. The apple was a chance seedling grown from some pips, planted in a garden down Church Street in the early 19th. century. Local nurseryman, Henry Merryweather, was allowed to take cuttings and the world renowned Bramley Apple was in the making.

Explore the many green spaces around the town. Two of the Archbishop of York's medieval deer parks still survive, one close to the Minster, now the War Memorial Park, and the other at Norwood Park on the outskirts of the town. In addition there are a number of excellent garden centres on the edge of town. For those keen on racing, the celebrated Southwell Racecourse is located just outside the town.

Further details about Southwell can be obtained from the Tourist Information Office at the Minster Centre on Church Street.

SHOPPING and EATING In summer the town centre becomes a riot of colour with flowers cascading from hanging baskets. There is a variety of interesting specialist shops including men's and women's fashion, art, craft, music, books and china and jewellery. You will also find excellent cafés, cosy tearooms and popular restaurants. Friendly inns supply good food as well as traditional ales. The Market Square hosts a lively market every Saturday and on the 3rd Thursday of the month there is a popular Farmers Market.

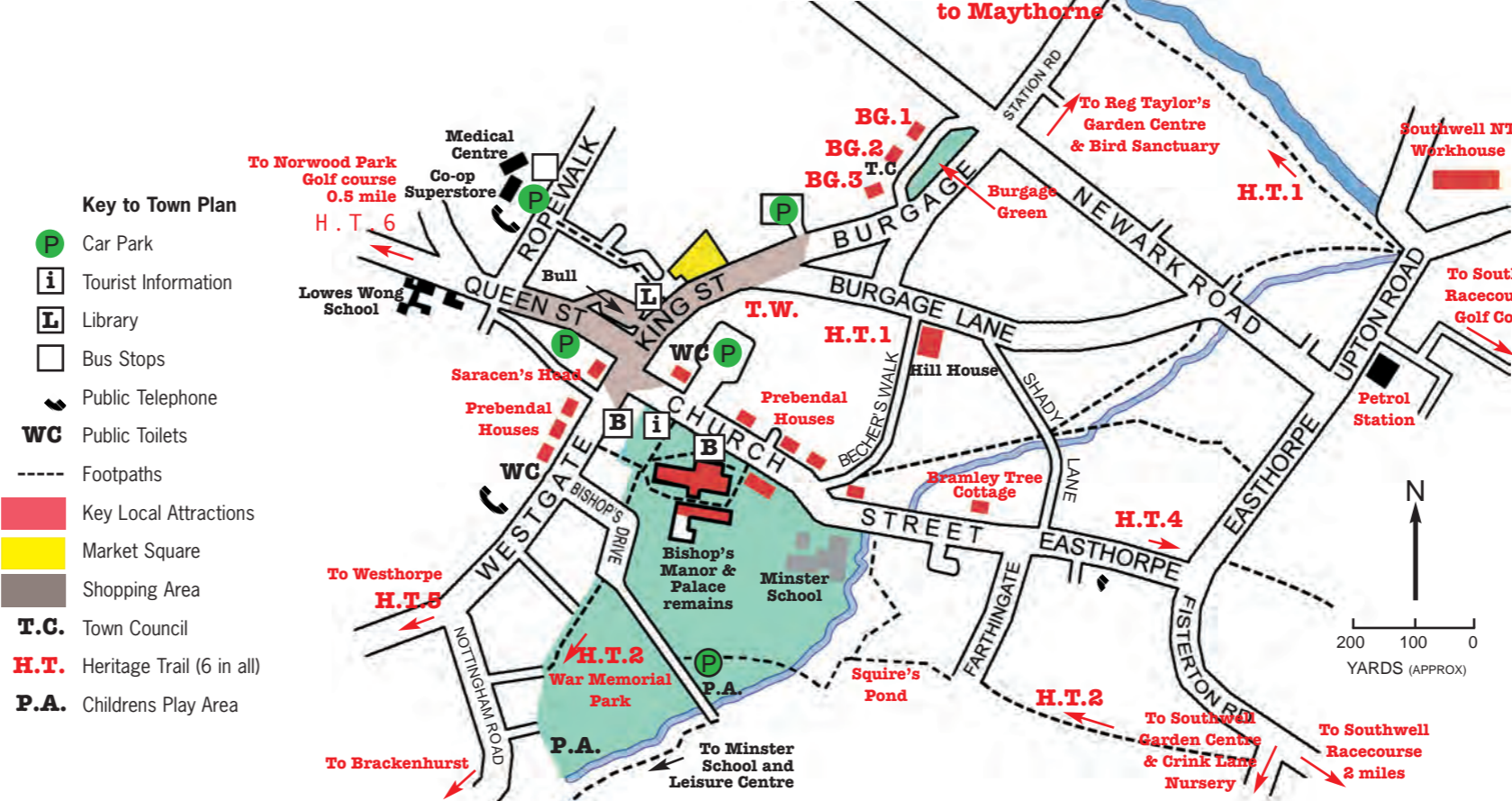
THE BURGAGE Medieval common land with splendid chestnut trees around a pleasant green. Follow the path down the hill from 'Byron's House', pass the old Court House, home to a collection of archive photographs of Southwell's past and contemplate the forbidding gateway which was once the entrance to the House of Correction.



SHOPPING Browse along the pedestrian-friendly streets in specialist shops selling a range of tempting treats from books and luxury chocolates to china and jewellery. Then relax in one of the welcoming cafés or restaurants which cater for all tastes - breakfast, morning coffee, snacks, traditional afternoon teas, or an evening meal.



NT WORKHOUSE Dominating the horizon on the eastern side of the town stands this recently restored landmark. A visit here gives a powerful insight into the lives of those who became inmates - as late as the 1970s. Many special educational events are held throughout the year, including role-play, story-telling, and hands-on activities. Tel. 01636 817250 www.nationaltrust.org.uk/workhouse



SOUTHWELL MINSTER & PREBENDAGE A stunning collection of ecclesiastical buildings: the mainly Norman cathedral, the ruined palace of the Archbishop (where part is restored as the 'Great Hall' and part as the home of the Bishop of Southwell), the Vicar's Court and a unique group of fine Georgian Prebendal houses. There has been a worshipping community here for at least 1200 years and the Minster also hosts a wide variety of exhibitions, concerts and other community activities. Tel. 01636 812649 www.southwellminster.org.uk



SARACEN'S HEAD This magnificently refurbished coaching inn retains its historic character in its panelled and beamed bars, its 16th.C mural and paintings reflecting its close association with Charles 1. There is a cobbled courtyard to sit in on fine days and the hanging baskets, window boxes and tubs of flowers make a vivid splash of colour in the summer. You can even stay the night in an authentic four-poster bed in the King Charles suite! Tel. 01636 812701 www.thesaracensheadhotel.co.uk



RACECOURSE This thriving all-weather course offers excellent facilities for the visitor, as well as providing the venue for a number of special events such as antique and collectors' fairs throughout the year. As well as extensive hospitality areas, there is a motel for overnight stays. Tel. 01636 81448 www.southwell-racecourse.org.uk

- Key to Burgage**
- BG.1** Old House of Correction (archive photo collection)
 - BG.2** Old Court House Town Council
 - BG.3** Burgage Manor (Lord Byron's Residence)
- Key to Heritage Trails**
- H.T.1** Rev John Thomas Becher Trail
 - H.T.2** Paulinus Trail
 - H.T.3** Charles Caudwell Trail
 - H.T.4** Easthorpe Trail
 - H.T.5** Westhorpe Dumble Trail
 - H.T.6** Edward Cludd Civil War Trail
 - T.W.** Town History Walk by Betty Arundel