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Buckfastleigh by road and on foot

Try one of our wildlife, history and heritage walks – see pages 20–25.



Treasures of our moorland town

Welcome to Buckfastleigh, a beautiful Dartmoor town renowned for its medieval heritage, its rich and rare wildlife, one of Britain's finest steam railways and the historic Buckfast Abbey.

Buckfastleigh welcomes visitors into the heart of town to enjoy the delights of the heated outdoor pool and café in Victoria Park, next to the main car park. From here there is easy access to the local eateries, the charming Fore Street, the riverside orchard and Millennium Green.

Take a wander, browse the shops, sample a Devon cream tea or stop for a traditional pint. Grab a pasty, an organic pie, fresh sandwich or fish and chips and walk to the lower end of Fore Street to picnic and make friends with the town's local ducks, dippers and kingfishers. Follow our town walks that take in the rich wildlife and cover many of the treasures of the historic town, including

the steam railway, which runs regular services to Staverton and Totnes and year-round special events for train-lovers of all ages.

Ancient wildlife habitats

With three Dartmoor rivers converging here, our natural landscape draws beautiful and rare wildlife to live in and move through the town. Otters descend the rivers at daybreak to reach the Dart to feed, and the rare Greater Horseshoe Bat has established a maternity roost here. They can be seen in their hundreds



Welcome



Medieval Fore Street; Buckfast Abbey; local fresh organic food; below: Solidwool chair.

on some evenings at dusk if you take a stroll along the river, and the locals take great pride in their protection (page 11).

History, culture and industry

Today Britain's only working sheepskin tannery is still in business here, supplying carpets to Rolls Royce. Newer industries sit alongside, including Solidwool.

Inspired by the history of Buckfastleigh and its wool heritage, Solidwool is made

from undervalued coarse wools and bio-resin: think fibreglass made with wool, a strong, beautiful and unique material used for furniture and other products.

Close to the Town Hall and Library you'll find Jellyfish Arts Hub, with a rich programme of exhibitions, performances, talks and workshops (page 14).

The Abbey offers a varied programme of concerts and year-round educational programmes and garden tours.

The information point and town museum on Fore Street, The Valiant Soldier, unveils more surprises. Once a public house, it closed in 1965 and was left untouched for decades. Visitors can take in the bar, upstairs rooms and even the contents of the attic, to be reminded of post-war conditions in 'the pub where time was never called'. Drop in for details of local events and walks or to explore the exhibitions and town archive.

Buckfastleigh retains many relics of its prehistoric as well as its traditional industrial past. Buckfastleigh Hill, to the east of the lower town, is a site of international geological importance for its mineral structure, the Pengelly Caves and



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Welcome



the fossilised remains of rhinos, hippos and elephants that roamed the river terraces 100,000 years ago (page 19).

Of course no town of such ancient and historic significance is without a spooky tale or two. Climb Church Hill from the steps near Millennium Green to locate the evil squire's tomb, inspiration for Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's *The Hound of the Baskervilles*. Dare to run round it seven times and you may have your fingers gnawed by the troubled soul within. Keep in mind that you might want to stop on the Wishing Steps on your way back down into town, to lift any curse.



MOORLAND FURNITURE GIFTS & GALLERY

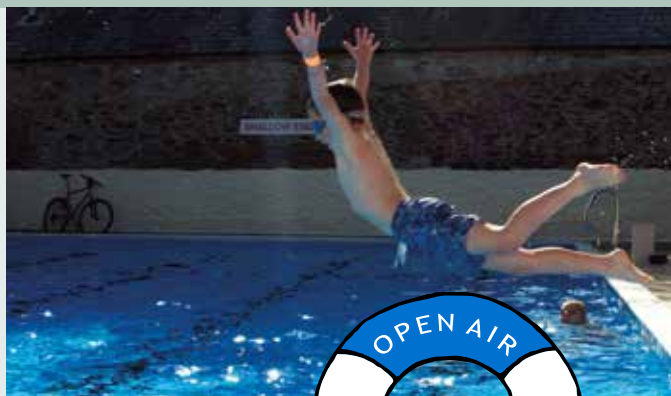


1 Fore Street Buckfastleigh
(opposite The Valiant Soldier)
OPEN Tues–Sat 9.30–4.30
07544 375108

The Valiant Soldier (top) with its WW2 display and (left) 'the pub where time was never called'. The Valiant Soldier is also the town's information point, on Fore Street.

Families & Kids

It's easy to
plan a whole
day in and
around town



Head for the heated outdoor pool



**Open May to
September**

The town's much-loved open air pool, built in 1887, is heated to a tropical 28 degrees and is a perfect place to relax, play or swim some lengths. Find it in the main green space and adventure playground of Victoria Park, with the car park and skate park right next door. It is open every day in summer, with special early morning and late evening swims for adults. It also serves hot and cold drinks, cakes and snacks.

01364 642 222 • buckfastleighpool.co.uk
Victoria Park, Plymouth Road TQ11 0DB

 [victoriaparkbuckfastleigh](https://www.facebook.com/victoriaparkbuckfastleigh)

Lunch with the dippers

Millennium Green and the town orchard are at the east end of Fore Street, a few minutes from the main car park via the shops. This is a tranquil community space next to the River Mardle, with picnic benches and 'Tea on the Green' on many summer Sundays, where you can sit and watch the river wildlife.

• 'Tea on the Green' takes place on
• Millennium Green on
• Sundays and bank holidays until
• Apple Day in late October.



Families & Kids

Reach for the peaks

Dart Rock offers a great indoor bouldering experience for families or youth groups. Instructors show you how, give you a harness and get you climbing with an automatic belay system. Want more of a challenge? Have a look at indoor and outdoor climbing and caving at Dart Rock.

dartrock.co.uk • 01364 644499



Work off some steam



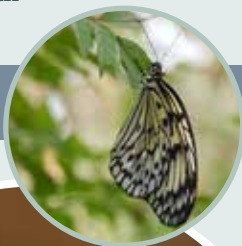
The South Devon Railway will transport you to the glorious days of steam engines, with activities all year round, regular services and a museum for youngsters with a toy train table and ride-on miniature railway. There's also Ashley, our very own small blue tank engine: hop in the cab! Free parking all day at the station. Busy timetable and many special events (see page 29).

southdevonrailway.co.uk
01364 644370

Join the otters for tea

Feeding time at the otter sanctuary, alongside the River Dart next to the South Devon Railway, is great fun. Each day at 11.30am, 2pm and 4pm a friendly keeper leads visitors around and introduces the residents, including rescued native otters and others that are bred here. Exotic butterflies, terrapins and leaf-cutting ants complete this wildlife extravaganza and the ticket lasts all day, so you can explore the riverside and railway and come back for otter tea-time!

ottersandbutterflies.co.uk • 01364 642916



We are proud to
work with Devon
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DEVON GREATER HORSESHOE BAT PROJECT



Our rare and special neighbours

Buckfastleigh is home to a large colony of magnificent and very rare Greater Horseshoe Bats (GHBs).

Our natural landscape offers the right combination of roosting, hibernation and foraging sites to provide home to a significant proportion of this endangered species, including an active maternity roost, where female bats breed and rear their young. Only a few thousand of these bats remain in the UK and one-third of these are in Devon.

The GHB is one of the largest British bats, with a wingspan of up to 40cm and a distinctive horseshoe-shaped nose. They feed on larger insects such as chafers, dung beetles (juvenile bats especially love these), moths and caddis flies – creatures

Devon Otters & Butterflies
Buckfast
www.ottersandbutterflies.co.uk

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Greater
Horseshoe
Bat roosting.
Photo:
Hugh Clark



Love bats? Learn bats

Greater Horseshoe facts

- Bats use echo-location to find their way in the dark and locate prey, bouncing high frequency sounds off objects as they fly.
- These bats can live to the age of 30, but the average lifespan is 10 years.
- Buckfastleigh works with Devon Wildlife Trust to secure the bats' future.

devonbatproject.org

that thrive in the rich biodiversity of the surrounding ancient woodlands, hedgerows, wildlife meadows, rivers and cattle-grazed pastures. Each roost needs a feeding zone with a radius of 4km.

Bat-spotting is easy from spring to autumn. Stroll along the river just after sunset and you'll be rewarded with the exhilarating sight of hundreds setting off for a night's foraging. But remember that the bats are protected by international law. Do not disturb them in any way: no loud noises, no bright lights.

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Abbey has a world of expertise in bees

Buckfast Abbey became famous for beekeeping in the 1950s, when one of its monks, Brother Adam, travelled the world collecting and breeding from different species.

Brother Adam created the Buckfast Bee, a strain resistant to disease which was sold internationally for decades.

Today the abbey's beekeeping, headed by Clare Densley, focuses on education and training, offering year-round courses to beekeepers and beginners.

"Our bees are now what we call Devon mongrels," said Clare. "We work with nature to allow a wider gene pool to develop because ultimately pure strains tend to become weak and prone to disease."

Bee numbers in the UK have fallen, mainly because of the Varroa parasite, which Clare treats using a gentle spray on the bees in her care. It is made from propolis, a resin found naturally on tree buds and already used by the bees as a sealant in the hives.

Buckfast Abbey courses
buckfast.org.uk/beeevents
07944 504283

Bee-o-diversity

There are many beekeepers in this part of Devon. It is an exceptional area for honey because our ancient hedgerows and many trees provide a great variety of pollens.

Monocultures (lack of variety) are good for honey production but our biodiverse local environment is better for the bees themselves.





Enjoy our creative hotspot

Jellyfish Arts Hub, next to the Town Hall in the centre of town, is the local creative exchange: a beautiful and uplifting space to experience the arts.

Local artists exhibit their work here and storytellers, poets and musicians share their passion. There are regular yoga sessions, singing evenings, meditation classes, workshops and talks on the many and varied talents that local people share.

Jellyfish also hosts a Festival of Puppetry and Storytelling each winter, enchanting younger audiences and parents through the darker months.

Check the website for current and upcoming events:

jellyfishartshub.co.uk

Call 07508 639216 or email info@jellyfishartshub.co.uk



Buckfastleigh Cinema presents...

Our award-winning community cinema screens a film each month at the Town Hall.

Cinema-goers enter through a cocktail bar complete with old movie posters, photographs and candle-lit tables. The main hall features a professional quality projector, large screen and high-quality sound. Seating is cabaret-style on cushioned seats. Trailers and 'comedy' local ads create an authentic movie experience.

- Tickets on the door £5 (£2 under 16s). Bar opens 7.30pm and film starts 8.30pm. Check @bflscreen for films and dates.



Well connected for 30+ years



Scoriton and Buckfastleigh have been twinned with Fontaine-Henry in Normandy, a village between Caen and the D-Day beaches, for more than three decades.

The annual long weekend in Normandy or Devon is hosted by local families. The French are welcomed with typical Devon hospitality, generously reciprocated when we go to France.

Call 01364 642008 for info or email scoritonbucktwinning@gmail.com



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 - ◆ Zero-waste products

The Seed is a pioneering social enterprise
and community hub putting our
profits into our town's community projects.

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facebook.com/ourseed

Cooking up a feast

Buckfastleigh is a haven of food production, with nationally known brands and many smaller local specialists.

Luscombe Drinks, Riverford, Clive's Pies, Westcountry Spice (which exports organic Hoisin Sauce to China!) and Happy Butter are all based locally and supply outlets on Fore Street. Waldrons Patisserie is a leading supplier of cakes and desserts; and arguably Britain's finest coffee is roasted right here in town, at Voyager Coffee.

Our many independent growers, bakers, brewers and farmers have their produce in the shops and at the Thursday market, on Plymouth Road, near the main car park.



Take a stroll along Fore Street for a great choice of cafés and restaurants. Grab a fresh pasty or pie or treat yourself to a delicious cream tea (also gluten-free).

Love it? Then learn it

Coffee

Train to be a barista at
Voyager Coffee (right).
01364 644440

Beekeeping (see page 13)
Beginner and advanced courses
booked online at Buckfast Abbey.
buckfast.org.uk/beeevents

Baking and patisserie
Traditional and sourdough
breadmaking, patisserie and
barbequing from Moorbakes.
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Voyager Coffee is just one of our many national brands based right here in town. Eat out locally and if you love fresh, local organic and fairtrade, you're among friends.

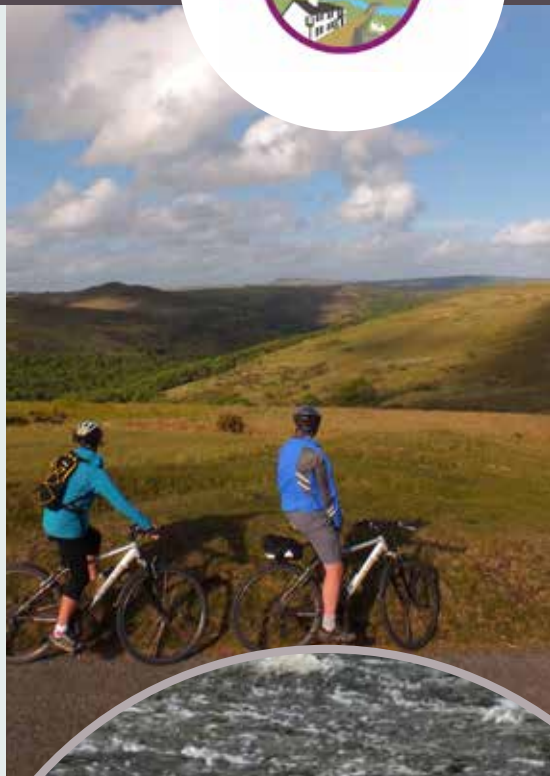


Canoe adventures, ancient caves and Dartmoor by bike

Buckfastleigh is a relaxing and exciting place to base yourself to explore the stunning natural landscape of Dartmoor.

Buckfastleigh is the midway point of the dramatic 24-mile stretch (Ivybridge to Bovey Tracey) of the circular Dartmoor Way. This 95-mile circular route winds through the High Moor, exploring the varying dramatic landscape of Dartmoor National Park, linking its hamlets, villages and towns and picking up quiet Devon lanes, minor roads and cycle tracks.

dartmoorway.co.uk



Ultimate canoe run

Arguably the best white water in England, the Dart sees at least 20,000 descents a year, with its challenging top-end run from Dartmeet, the classic moderate 'Loop' section from Newbridge to River Dart Country Park (north of the town) and gentler stretches through Buckfastleigh and on to Totnes. The Dart draws canoeists from around the UK, welcomed at the Salmon's Leap café, just off the A38 at the entrance to town. And if you're in Buckfastleigh on the first Sunday in October, don't miss our annual raft race: locally built crafts battling it out down the river to Totnes.



Dartmoor Adventures

Hidden caves
reveal ancient
elephants of
Dartmoor



Buckfastleigh's most ancient treasure hoard is on Buckfastleigh Hill, in the Higher Kiln Quarry caves, protected as a Special Area of Conservation.

The caves contain 100,000-year-old fossilised remains of rhinos, hippos, bison, hyaenas and straight-tusked elephants that used to roam here.

Protected under a trust, summer visitors can access the caves, the Pengelly museum and the nearby limestone kilns via the twice-weekly guided walks in August (each lasts around 90 minutes; small fee, no need to book) or by arrangement for special visits. Details are on the website.

Pengelly Caves with their 100,000-year-old remains are open for guided tours in August.

01752 775195
pengellytrust.org





Choose your walk around town

Buckfastleigh is rich with wildlife and there are many rare species around town and along the rivers. Our maps offer the choice of a gentle stroll or a longer walk to take in the natural treasures and local history.

One of the best and easiest places to see a range of wildlife is the Orchard Millennium Green on Station Road, with the River Mardle flowing through. It is home to water fowl, birds, insects and fish. Linger on the green and you'll see dippers, kingfishers and the elusive goosanders.

The river is also home to migratory salmon and sea trout, eels and otters – all

a little harder to spot. Look up and you can see huge buzzards circling on the thermals that rise from the hillsides and the occasional passing peregrine falcon.

The walks take you through and around the town, where it's common to find slow worms and grass snakes as well as lovely fat dung beetles that feed our precious Greater Horseshoe Bat population.



Walks 1, 2 and 3

Fore Street, Church Hill,
Steam Railway + River Dart.
All start at main Woodholme
car park on Plymouth Road.

WALK 1 (15 mins)

From the car park turn right towards Fore Street, with its shops, cafés and museum – the town information point. Explore fine examples of the many ‘opes’ – archways to alleys and smallholdings behind the main street, including the old iron foundry with its overhead trolley system.

Continue down Fore Street to Station Road. On your right, where the bridge crosses the River Mardle, is the scenic Orchard Millennium Green, with picnic tables and tea and cake served on Sundays and bank holidays through summer. This is an excellent place to pause and spot the town’s river wildlife, including kingfishers and dippers.



Above: explore the ope arches along Fore Street. Below: 1960s pub The Valiant Solder, now the town museum and info point. Bottom: wild garlic and bluebells in spring.



Walks & Sites



WALK 2 (Walk 1 +15 mins)

Complete Walk 1, then, on Station Road, after the first row of cottages, you'll find Church Steps (above). This is a beautiful (but steep!) leafy walk up the historic Church Hill.

Look out for the Wishing Steps on the way up, stones that were laid at right angles and invite you to stop and make a wish.

Continue up to the Holy Trinity Church ruins, where you'll find Cabell's Tomb in the churchyard, the inspiration for Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's *The Hound of the Baskervilles*.

Turn left out of the Church gate and head towards Pengelly Caves and the Lime Kilns (top right), where information points explain the local geology and the 19th century lime production.

Continue down the hill until you reach Dart Bridge Road. Turn right to head back to town via Station Road and Fore Street.

WALK 3 (Walk 2 +35 mins)

Instead of returning to Fore Street at the end of Walk 2, cross Dart Bridge Road and head for the South Devon Railway. Here you'll find the historic steam railway, picnic spots and the Otters and Butterflies.

Follow the well signposted beautiful Riverside Walk that loops back into the railway's fascinating store and workshop area – full of old carriages, engines, parts and an observation gallery in the workshop.



Walks & Sites

Walks 1, 2 and 3

Fore Street, Church Hill,
Steam Railway + River Dart



All walks start from Woodholme car park
(Plymouth Road)

1. Fore Street & Millennium Green (15 mins)
2. Church Hill (add 15 mins)
3. Steam Railway and River Dart
(add another 35 mins)

Walks & Sites

Walk 4

Circular route: rare wildlife
+ historic buildings
(45 mins to 1 hour)



WALK 4 (45 mins to 1 hour)

Start at Woodholme car park on Plymouth Road. Cross the road to view the Town Mill Leat, the town's original source of water, running in

front of the Victorian houses, with small stone bridges that the residents still use. Turn right to reach Fore Street and then immediately

Walks & Sites



left onto Chapel Street. On the left, after the kebab shop, note the 17th century weavers' cottages (above) with their wooden tenter lofts, which housed frames used for drying cloth woven from locally produced wool. The 'tenterhooks' which secured the fabric to prevent shrinkage are the origin of the expression meaning to be in a state of uncomfortable suspense.

Continue on to Market Street and note the Launder aquaduct just after the River Mardle bridge, which used to bring clean water to the old mill site in town. The more modern building on the right is the last working sheepskin tannery in the UK and supplies carpets to Rolls Royce.

When you reach the top of Market Street, take a small detour to the right onto Mardle Way and cross the road to view the UK's largest patch of the rare Deptford Pink,

which flowers from June to August. Return to walk up the hill and take the footpath (signposted) on the right towards Church Hill. Turn left onto Church Cross Road and stop at the crossroads to take in the view of Dartmoor ahead.

Go straight across and onto Holne Road and after a few hundred yards turn left onto Cricket Lane (by the sports ground). At the end of this road, cross to the public footpath and head down the steep, stony path towards the River Mardle.

Between here and Merrifield Road are woodland and meadows, where you'll find abundant wildlife including woodpeckers, dragonflies, the rare violet oil beetle (below), butterflies and many wild flowers.

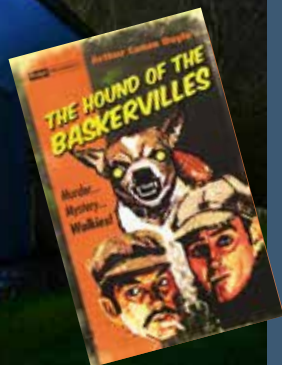
As you leave the meadows, turn left onto Merrifield Road and walk past the old farm buildings and back into town.



Myths & Legends

Cabell's tomb in the graveyard of the ruined church. Inspiration for Conan Doyle's *The Hound of the Baskervilles*. pulpthe classics.com

Poisoned blades, warrior women & the evil squire



Buckfastleigh retains many tales from our ancient Dartmoor settlements.

The Hound of the Baskervilles

Beloved Sherlock Holmes author Sir Arthur Conan Doyle used many locations as inspirations for his famous detective stories – none so well known as *The Hound of the Baskervilles*. This tale is based on the legendary tomb at Holy Trinity Church on Church Hill, up the steps from Station Road (Walk 2 – page 22).

The grounds of the ruined 13th century church include a metal-barred ‘sepulchre’ which holds the remains of Squire Cabell of Brook Manor, a notoriously violent and wicked man reputed to have murdered

his wife and sold his soul to the devil. He hunted on the moor with hounds and was despised and feared by locals.

Cabell died in 1677 and on the night of his interment a phantom pack of fire-breathing black hounds was said to have come from Dartmoor to howl around his tomb, waiting to claim his soul. From that night his ghost could be found raging around his grave.

The locals decided to strengthen the grave to ‘keep him in’, yet stories continued of a red glow coming through the metal bars and demonic creatures gathered there. Squire Cabell is said to gnaw the fingers of anyone who dares to put a digit into the keyhole of the tomb after running round it seven times.

Directly beneath the tomb is the system of ancient limestone caves that include a mineral formation known as the ‘Little Man’ (page 27), said to look like the squire in his 17th century attire.

Myths & Legends



Left: Holy Trinity church ruins, spooky haunt of the evil squire who inspired Conan Doyle. Below: the 'Little Man' formation in the cave deep below the church.



Lady Dyonisia and the Poisoned Dagger

The 13th century manor of Skerraton in the parish of Dean Prior was owned half by Lady Dyonisia and half by Nicholas de Kingdom, betrothed to Lady Dyonisia in the hope of controlling all the land.

The lady changed her mind and married Sir John de Boyville. Nicholas, in his fury, killed Sir John with a poisoned dagger that also scratched himself. About to die, he staggered home and murdered Lady Dyonisia.

Nicholas was buried at Buckfast Abbey where, according to local legend, the ghostly form of Lady Dyonisia hovered over his grave until the story of double murder was finally revealed.

The Wishing Steps

As you ascend the 196 steps from Station Road in the centre of town to the ruins of Holy Trinity you come to the 'Wishing Steps' or 'Kissing Steps', where two steps have had their stones laid at right angles to all the others. Local lore records that Satan was foiled by the steps in his attempts to prevent the building of the church.

Myths & Legends



Bailing at Hound's Pool

A greedy and selfish local weaver named Knowles was given a generous send-off upon his death. The following day the weaver's son, to his horror, heard the familiar clacking of his father's loom and found him working away. The local parson, called to exorcise this troubled spirit, threw a handful of churchyard earth at him, transformed him into a large black hound and led him to the Dean Burn, which runs through Dean Prior and on to Buckfastleigh. They reached a pool and the parson gave the hound a perforated nut shell and told him to empty the pool with it. When the pool is empty, his spirit will be free. Legend has it that when a clock strikes midday or midnight the ghostly hound can still be seen, bailing for his soul's rest.

Vikings at Danish Camp

Within Hembury Woods, to the north of town, are remains of an ancient Dartmoor hillfort, on a spur of land between the River Dart and Holy Brook, known as the 'Danish Camp'. It is said that Vikings sailed up the Dart, pillaging and burning, and captured the fort and the local womenfolk. But while their captors slept, the women arose, slit their throats and opened the fort so the menfolk could return.

Want more tales? Ask at the desk in The Valiant Soldier on Fore Street.

LEISURE & TOURISM

Buckfast Abbey

01364 645500

www.buckfast.org.uk

Buckfastleigh Heated

Open Air Swimming Pool

01364 642222

buckfastleighpool.co.uk

Dart Rock Climbing Centre

01364 644499

dartrock.co.uk

Dartmoor information

visitdartmoor.co.uk

Jellyfish Arts Hub

01364 64 2662

jellyfishartshub.co.uk

LOCAL EVENTS

South Devon Railway = SDR

Last weekend in May

SDR: Spring Beer Festival

Middle weekend in June

SDR: Ticket to Ride – 60s celebration

Last Sunday in June

Buckfastleigh Fun Day
(Orchard Millennium Green)

1st weekend in July

SDR: 1940s Festival

3rd weekend in July

SDR: Summer Diesel Gala

The Valiant Soldier

80 Fore Street TQ11 0BS

01364 644522

enquiries@valiantsoldier.org.uk

valiantsoldier.org.uk



Museum & Archive

The Valiant Soldier

(see above)

Otters + Butterflies

01364 642916

ottersandbutterflies.co.uk

Pennywell Farm

01364 642023

pennywellfarm.co.uk

South Devon Railway

01364 644370

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visitbuckfastleigh

August Bank Holiday weekend

SDR: Rails and Ales

1st weekend in September

SDR: Heritage Open Days

1st Sunday in October

River Dart Raft Race

2nd Sunday in October

Apple Day
(Orchard Millennium Green)

3rd weekend in October

SDR: Days Out with Thomas

MEDICAL SERVICES

NHS

Non-life threatening

Call 111

Emergency

Call 999

Minor injuries

Ashburton & Buckfastleigh
Hospital
01364 652203

GP

Buckfastleigh Medical Centre
01364 642534

Hospital

Torbay Hospital
0300 456 8000
01803 614567

Dentist

Moor Dental Care
01364 652850

LOCAL SERVICES

Post offices:

Buckfastleigh

01364 643369

Buckfast

01364 643034

Chemist

Boots
47-48 Fore Street
01364 642325

Farmers' market

Globe Car Park
Every Thursday 9am-1pm

Library

The Town Hall
Bossell Road
01364 642638

Vet (24-hour)

Dart Vale Veterinary Group
01364 644441

CHURCHES

CHURCH OF ENGLAND

St. Luke's Church

Plymouth Road, Buckfastleigh
stlukeschurch.buckfastleigh.org.uk

Church of St George the Martyr

Dean Prior

METHODIST & UNITED REFORMED

Methodist Chapel

Chapel Street, Buckfastleigh

Buckfast Chapel

(opposite Buckfast Abbey)

ROMAN CATHOLIC

Buckfast Abbey

Buckfast Road, Buckfast
buckfast.org.uk

St Benedicts

Chapel Street, Buckfastleigh

THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

Movement for Religious Renewal

23 Chapel Street

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Devon Cave Rescue
07748 762580

Police (non-urgent)
Call 101

PLACES TO STAY

BED AND BREAKFAST

Abbey Inn (Buckfast)
01364 642343
info@theabbeyinn-buckfast.co.uk

Dartbridge Inn (Buckfastleigh)
01364 642214/ 0845 6086040
Dartbridge.Buckfastleigh@
greeneking.co.uk

Furzeleigh Mill (Buckfastleigh)
01364 643476
furzeleigh.co.uk
enquiries@furzeleigh.co.uk

The Globe Inn (Buckfastleigh)
01364 642233
admin@chickenhospitality.co.uk

Kilbury Manor Farm (Buckfastleigh)
01364 644079
kilburymanor.co.uk
kilburymanor@gmail.com

Mitchelcroft (Scoriton)
01364 631336 / 07841 342070
mitchelcroft.co.uk
mitchelcroft@hotmail.co.uk

The Tradesman's Arms (Scoriton)
01364 631206
tradesmansarms-dartmoor.com
enquiries@
tradesmansarms-dartmoor.com

CAMPING

Beara Farm (Buckfastleigh)
01364 642234

Churchill Farm (Buckfastleigh)
01364 642844
churchillfarmcampsite.com
apedrick@btinternet.com

SELF-CATERING

Moorview Caravan (Buckfastleigh)
Bowden Farm
01364 643955 / 07790 611289
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