

## Travel back in time...



Follow the winding country roads, the River Ribble and its becks, bubbling alongside, guiding you to an unspoilt paradise, preserved in time. Welcome to Bolton-by-Bowland.

Take a look around this enchanting village and experience what some describe as the best kept secret of the Ribble Valley.

From perfectly presented country cottages to breathtaking views of the Forest of Bowland and nearly 1000 years of documented history - there really is nowhere else quite like it.

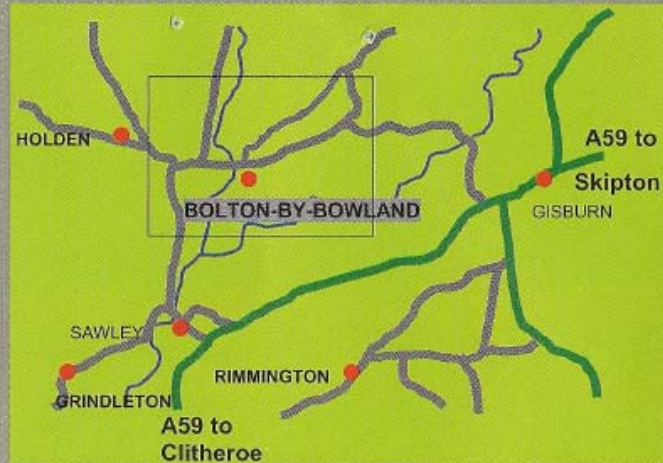
Explore the magnificent church and historical monuments, venture out into the surrounding countryside and experience the many walks around the village, enjoy a leisurely lunch at the Coach & Horses pub or do a spot of shopping in Twenty Three, our village gift shop. Bolton-by-Bowland has something to offer everyone.

Take time out to experience the wonders of Bolton-by-Bowland, the jewel of the Ribble Valley.

"A thing of beauty is a joy forever"

*John Keats*

## Where to find us



From Clitheroe, take the A59 to Skipton. Turn left, signposted Sawley. Follow the road past The Spread eagle pub and over the bridge. Follow the road to the right (signposted Bolton-By-Bowland) and continue for 2 miles, past the Copy Nook Hotel and into the Village. There is a car park, information centre and rest area on your right.

From Skipton, take the A59 to Preston. When you arrive in Gisburn, turn right at the Cattle Auctions and continue past Ribblesdale Park. Follow this road all the way into Bolton-by-Bowland. Continue through the village and there is a car park, tourist information centre and rest area on the left, before you leave the village.



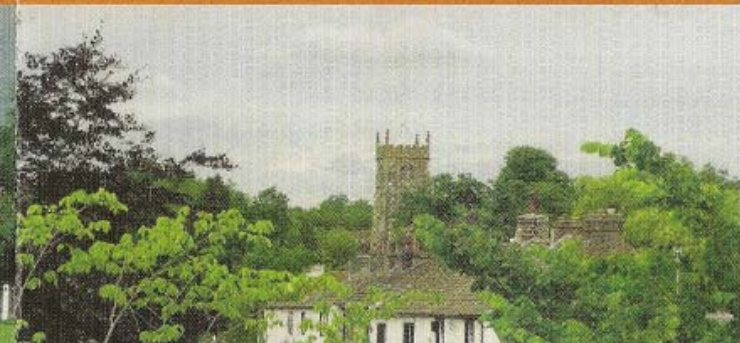
## DISCOVER

## BOLTON BY BOWLAND



## Visit us today!

## The Jewel in the Valley





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## A picture of the past

Bolton by Bowland is steeped in a wealth of rich history and looking around you will see evidence of what is still very much a working village - from the courthouse and ancient market cross to more recent additions. The Coach and Horses Pub and Twenty Three, the village gift shop.



There has been a church in Bolton by Bowland for more than 800 years. St Peters and St Pauls was much improved during the 13th to the early 16th centuries by Bolton Hall estate landowners, the Pudseys, who remained in the village until the late 1700's. The church is home to the tomb of Sir Ralph Pudsey, his three wives and twenty five children.

Just outside the village, overlooking the River Ribble is Rainsber Scar, known locally as Pudsay's leap, which is where William Pudsey is said to have made the leap on horseback when being chased by soldiers for illegally minting his own coins.

In 1464 King Henry VI sought shelter from the 'Yorkists' in Bolton by Bowland following his defeat at the battle of Hexham during the 'War of the Roses'. It was during his stay he discovered a natural spring well, from which award winning King Henry VI water is bottled today.

## Take a walk on the wild side

The best way to explore Bolton by Bowland is on foot and there are a number of trails you can follow to discover the rich flora and fauna that inhabits our village and surrounding area.

Many of these walks can be found on websites ([www.bolton-by-bowland.com](http://www.bolton-by-bowland.com)) or in books purchased from the village shop.

The rich pasture land, fells, undergrowth, rivers and brooks are home to a wide variety of wildlife and plant life.

In the spring, meadows of daffodils, primroses, bluebells and wild garlic scent the air, followed by a blanket of yellow buttercups in the summer. Lapwing, blackbird, chaffinch, wren and song thrush are abundant, within walking distance of the village and oyster catchers with their bright orange bill and distinctive warble, still nest by the local rivers and becks.

Osprey, heron, swifts and kingfishers take us through summer and into autumn where the trees decorate the landscape in shades of copper, gold and bronze.

Walking through the old Bolton Hall Estate, you may even capture a glimpse of the resident sika deer or the lawny owls in the midnight sky.

## A passion for people

Community is very important to us too. From the local cricket club and church, to the open gardens weekend and village sports day, there is always something going on.

The Coach & Horses, is at the heart of village life. They specialise in local produce, with dishes inspired by ingredients grown within the village. Whether you are looking for a pint of real ale and fish & chips in the beer garden or Sunday lunch and a crisp Chablis in the restaurant, you will be met with a warm welcome at The Coach and Horses. They also have 3 hotel suites for you to enjoy an overnight stay with a hearty breakfast in the morning.

([www.boutiquedininghouse.co.uk](http://www.boutiquedininghouse.co.uk))



But if it's shopping you want, Bolton by Bowland has its very own lifestyle and gift shop, Twenty Three. Stocking a wide selection of cards, gifts and homeware, they also have specialist fragrances, toiletries and stationary. Kathy McArdle prides herself in selling original items created here in the village, from bespoke soft furnishings to pieces of original art - there are many treasures waiting to be discovered at Twenty Three.

See forthcoming events at [www.bolton-by-bowland.com](http://www.bolton-by-bowland.com)

