

# Town & Village Directory

## Key to symbols

												
ATM	B&B	Pub	Bus Stop	Chemist	TIC Office	Post Office	Car Park	Phone Box	Restaurant	Tea Room	Toilets	Shop

## Towns on route

### Aysgarth

Aysgarth is an unremarkable village, situated directly on the A684 and apparently broken into two halves. The houses of the village and one of the pubs are in Aysgarth itself and the parish church and another couple of pubs are located about 1000 yards east along the road. Here they overlook the gorge where the River Ure cascades over Aysgarth Falls – all three of them.

Aysgarth does hold one of the most unusual features in any village along the route, however, and that is the Rock Garden. Aysgarth Rock Garden was commissioned in the first years of the 20<sup>th</sup> century by Frank Sayer-Graham the then owner of Heather Cottage, which is opposite the garden. Huge blocks of limestone were brought down from the fells and man-handled into place to create enormous rock- and water-features. Over many years it fell into disrepair but has recently been restored by the present owners and is now open to the public, without charge, during daylight hours.



There are several places to stay in both halves of the village; the George and Dragon, Yoredale House, Cornlee Guest House and Heather Guest House are in the western end and Palmer Flatt Hotel and Wensleydale Farm House in the eastern end.



The George and Dragon is located in the western end of the village and has a restaurant as well as serving bar meals. The Palmer Flatt, in the eastern end, serves bar meals and the Falls a little way down the hill towards the falls also serves drinks and food.



What little parking there is to be had in Aysgarth is around the village green. This is also used by residents, so check with your B&B that you can leave your car there. There is also a car park at the National Park Centre beside Aysgarth Falls, but this is almost a mile from the village itself. Car parking is also available at The Falls; the establishment not the water feature.



Kitty's Tea Room is located in Yoredale House on the village green and serves the usual fayre. The Mill Race Teashop is located right by the falls on the roadside by the bridge. There is also a team room in the National Park Centre, located by the falls.



The only public conveniences are located at the Visitors' Centre by the falls, almost a mile from the village itself, but not far from the Herriot Way path.



There are bus stops at both ends of the village. Aysgaryth is serviced by bus routes 156 and 157 running between Hawes and Northallerton.



There is a small shop beside the falls themselves, on the roadside by the bridge next to the Mill Race Teashop, but this mainly stocks craft item and other similar hardware rather than groceries.



Food is available in all three licensed establishments and the tea rooms, but there are no dedicated restaurants in the village.

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### Castle Bolton

Castle Bolton has one single dominant feature; its castle, Bolton Castle. The tea room, car park and public toilets that also exist in the village are only there because of the number of visitors that are attracted to the castle. The structure dates back to the 14<sup>th</sup> century and was the ancestral home (or perhaps fortress would be more appropriate) of the Scrope family. The large village green facing the castle gates is lined with pretty cottages and gives the village an elongated feel.



Car parking is available behind the castle and patrons are asked to use an honesty box by the car park entrance to pay for their stay.



A telephone box is located (almost hidden in fact) on the south side of the village green beside a large hedge. The box itself is Grade II listed and dates back to 1935.



There is a tea room in the Castle itself. Entry to the majority of the castle is subject to a fee, but the tea room and the gift shop are free to enter.



There are public conveniences available in the car park, located behind the castle.



A bus stop is located beside the castle. Castle Bolton is serviced by bus routes 156 and 157 running between Hawes and Northallerton.

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### Grinton

There are only a handful of buildings in Grinton and this has always been the case, so it seems unusual that such a small village should have such an imposing church as St. Andrews. It was originally built in the time of the Normans but has been added to over the intervening centuries. It is one of the most important medieval buildings in the whole of Swaledale though and is Grade I listed. One of the grave stones in the churchyard is Grade II listed – that of Richard Clarkson – have a look, see if you can find it.

The other building of importance in the village is of course the pub – the Bridge Inn. This offers the only amenities in the village and is within an easy stagger of the Youth Hostel. Just remember to take a torch with you for the return journey – there are no street lights on the road up the hill!



The only accommodation in Grinton itself is at the Bridge Inn. About ½ a mile up the road though is the Youth Hostel at Grinton Lodge – a large building with plenty of space and large airy common rooms.



The Bridge Inn serves Jennings Ales and as its name suggests it is located by the bridge in Grinton.



A telephone box is located behind the Bridge Inn, a short distance along the B6270, beside the old Grinton Literary Institute building.



Grinton's small public convenience building is situated just beside the telephone box.



There are two bus stops, located opposite each other, on the road behind the pub, next to the telephone box. Grinton is serviced by the following bus routes; 30, 36 and 480R running between Richmond and Keld.



The Bridge Inn serves food; both bar food and in a separate, fine dining restaurant section.













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## Reeth

The history of Reeth can be dated as far back as the Domesday book, the inventory of England conducted in the 11<sup>th</sup> century for William the first, King of England, better known as William the Conqueror. In that book it was called "Rie" which is the ancient Anglo-Saxon name for a ditch, beck or river.

The most prominent feature of Reeth is its village green, a large, gently sloping expanse of well maintained grass surrounded by picturesque shops, pubs and houses. Second in size only to Hawes amongst the villages that we pass through on the Herriot Way, Reeth is a great place to stock up on supplies, send a few postcards and sample some fabulous Black Sheep ale.

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	Reeth has ample accomodation options including several B&Bs and three pub-type hotels as well as a hotel / restaurant at the top of the village green. More detailed accommodation information can be obtained from the National Park Centre located in the village – see the companion website ( <a href="http://WWW.HERRIOTWAY.COM">WWW.HERRIOTWAY.COM</a> ) for contact details.
	The village has three pubs, all located around the green; The Black Bull, the Kings Arms and the Buck Hotel; all are popular with walkers and offer food as well as traditional pub fayre.
	There is ample parking in Reeth around the central village green and when this is filled, the local parish council allow parking on the green itself. Parking is charged at a very reasonable £1 for the day or 50p for half a day.
	A telephone box is located at the top of the village green (top meaning both north and most elevated end) beside the bus stop and public toilets
	Reeth has several tea rooms and coffee shops and even has an ice-cream parlour "Cuckoo Hill View". As with most of the facilities in the village the majority are located around the village green. For a quieter and more personal establishment search out the Reeth Bakery Cafe, located at the top of the village a few doors to the left of the Buck Hotel.
	The public toilets are also at the top end of the village, beside the bus stop and the telephone box.
	A cash machine is located in the Reeth Village Store at the very bottom of the village; almost the last building as you leave Reeth heading for Grinton (or the first if coming in the other direction). There may be a charge for using this machine. You may also be able to get "cash back" at certain premises in the village.
	A bus stop is located at the top end of the village beside the public toilets and the Buck Hotel. Reeth is serviced by the following bus routes; 30, 36 and 480R running between Richmond and Keld.
	There is a National Park Centre in Reeth, essentially an information centre for the village and the surrounding area. It has lists of accomodation and useful telephone lists. It is housed in Hudson House a large white building on the west side of the village, set back a little way from the village green.
	Hudson House also has an Enterprise Centre which has an Internet connection from which you can check email.
	There are three general stores in Reeth; one on the road in from Grinton and two around the green. One of these is also the Post Office.
	The Post Office is situated on the east side of the green and also serves as a small supermarket.

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