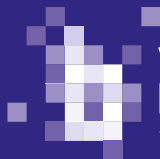


# DISCOVER Haworth and Brontë Country



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# ABOUT Haworth & Brontë Country

Home of the famous Brontë sisters, Haworth attracts visitors from all around the world to take in the sites that inspired their famous works.

With its cobbled Main Street, historic parsonage and epic rolling moors, the picturesque village of Haworth has a very special vintage charm that has made it a popular visitor attraction for many years.

As well as its literary significance, Haworth is also making a name for itself as a haven for independent businesses.

## Visit For

Brontë connections  
Iconic Main Street  
Inspiring landscapes  
Quirky museums



Heritage



Arts &  
Culture



Sports &  
Leisure



Museums  
& Galleries



Food  
& Drink



Where  
to Stay



Parks &  
Landscapes



### Things to Do



### Events



### Food and Drink



### Explore







## Walk to Top Withens

Start your walk to Top Withens in Stanbury, for a 4.5 mile walk which takes you across the famous Brontë moors. The route passes a number of locations with Brontë connections, including Penistone Crag – thought to have been a favourite haunt of the Brontës, and described by Emily Brontë in *Wuthering Heights* as the meeting place of Cathy and Heathcliff, and Ponden Hall, renamed by Emily as Thrushcross Grange.

The ruined farmhouse Top Withens is one of the most iconic locations in Brontë Country. Situated on top of the windswept moorland it

is said to have been the inspiration for the Earnshaw family house in *Wuthering Heights*.

This walk is suitable for most reasonably fit occasional walkers, and is best enjoyed as a full day's activity. Dress for the outdoors, including comfortable boots, take a map and don't forget your packed lunch!

Haworth and Keighley are 3.5 miles apart and are connected by a regular bus service, Brontë Bus B1, B2, B3. You can check timetables in advance, online at:

**[www.transdevbus.co.uk/keighley](http://www.transdevbus.co.uk/keighley)**



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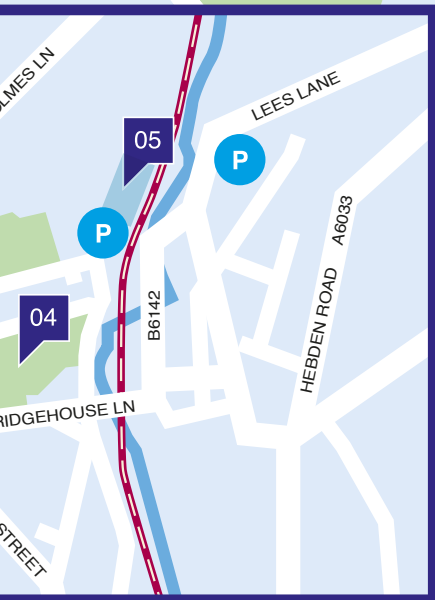
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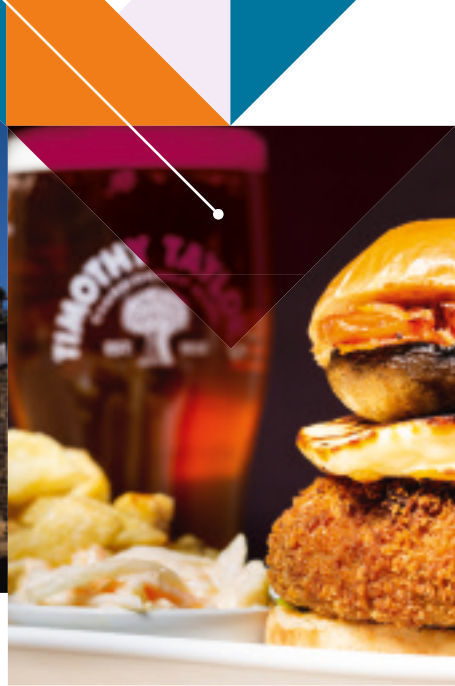
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-  Place of interest
-  Car Parks
-  Public toilets
-  Heritage Railway Line





## Food and Drink

Haworth and Brontë Country offers a wide range of places to eat and drink. Whether it's a comfy chair and a cappuccino, or a fine dining experience to indulge yourself in, this historic hotspot has it all!

Old coaching inns like the **Old White Lion** are among the incredible variety of warmly welcoming pubs in Haworth. From the historic **Haworth Old Hall** to the more modern **Haworth Steam Brewery, Cloth Store** and the acclaimed **The Hawthorn Haworth**, rated as the UK's best roast dinner restaurant. The Worth Valley is home both to the Wishbone Brewery, and the renowned Timothy Taylor's brewery, great for real ale enthusiasts. Enjoy pub fare and cocktails at **Treehouse Bar and Kitchen**, or try coffee with a twist at **Industry Barista**, both of which are nearby.

On Main Street you'll find independent pie maker **Hunters of Haworth**, as well as charcuterie and bistro **Pavé**. There are also many lovely cafés and tea rooms, such as **10 The Coffee House** and **Villette Coffee House and Bakery**, named after Charlotte Brontë's classic novel. **Cobbles and Clay**, a café and ceramic painting studio, is a great place for the whole family to have fun.

The surrounding towns and villages are home to a selection of country gems, from **The Burnt Bear** at Cross Roads, a small independent craft ale & artisan spirit bar offering a range of food and drink experiences, to country pubs with open fires and outdoors terraces, such as **The Grouse Inn** at Oldfield and **Wuthering Heights Inn** at Stanbury.

Among Keighley's culinary delights are award-winning curries and a variety of international cuisines. If you're looking for a special treat, consider the Pullman Dining Experience on the **Keighley & Worth Valley Railway**. Travel through the stunning countryside while enjoying a mouth-watering four-course meal.

Whatever you prefer, you'll be spoiled for choice in Haworth, Keighley and Brontë Country.







## Brontë Parsonage Museum

Set between the unique village of Haworth, and the wild moorland beyond, this elegant Georgian house was home to Charlotte, Emily and Anne Brontë from 1820 to 1861.

The house still retains the atmosphere of the Brontës' time with the rooms they once used, filled with their furniture, clothes and personal possessions.

Church Street, Haworth BD22 8DR  
[www.bronte.org.uk](http://www.bronte.org.uk)



## Top Withens

Top Withens is a ruined farmhouse near Haworth, which is said to have been the inspiration for Wuthering Heights, the novel by Emily Brontë. The ruin lies on the Pennine Way and is a popular walking destination from Haworth and Stanbury. Such is the attraction to Japanese literary tourists that some footpath signs in the area include directions in Japanese.

[Haworth Moor](#)





### Haworth Main Street

No visit to Haworth is complete without a stroll up the iconic cobbled Main Street.

The street is lined with an eclectic and inviting range of shops, cafés and pubs in a beautiful setting, just remember the hill is steep, so take it steady.

Main Street, Haworth BD22 8DP



### St Michael and All Angels' Church

This historic church and atmospheric graveyard has strong links with the Brontës. The Rev. Patrick Brontë was the curate from 1820, a stained glass window commemorates Charlotte and there is a memorial tablet for family members who are buried in a vault inside the church.

Church Street, Haworth, BD22 8DR  
[www.haworthchurch.co.uk](http://www.haworthchurch.co.uk)



### Central Park

Haworth's Central Park is the perfect place to relax or go for a stroll. Its pretty flower garden, play area and bowls are popular with locals and visitors, while the recently refurbished bandstand hosts occasional live performances. The park has held the coveted Green Flag award since 2006.

Haworth, Keighley BD22 8RA  
[www.bradforddistrictparks.org](http://www.bradforddistrictparks.org)

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## Keighley and Worth Valley Railway

The KWVR heritage railway runs from Keighley to Oxenhope through beautiful Brontë Country and hosts a busy programme of events and experiences throughout the year.

Board a vintage steam train and enjoy a five mile journey steeped in industrial heritage and the beautiful countryside immortalised by the Brontë sisters.

The Railway Station, Station Road,  
Haworth, Keighley BD22 8NJ  
[www.kwvr.co.uk](http://www.kwvr.co.uk)



## Rail Story

Located at Ingrow Station, explore The Carriage Works and their collection of beautifully restored railway carriages, many of which have been used in TV and film productions. Next door, The Engine Shed provides an insight into the history of steam locomotives.

South Street, Ingrow, Keighley BD21 5AX  
[www.railstory.co.uk](http://www.railstory.co.uk)





# Keighley

**Keighley** is a bustling town centre with an array of attractions. You'll find a heritage railway, local museum, park and historic house and lots more to explore. There's plenty of opportunities to shop and dine. Popular Cavendish Street is a good place to start for local independent shops whilst the **Airedale Shopping Centre** also has lots to offer with its high street names.



East Riddlesden Hall

A National Trust owned 17th century manor house containing a mixture of 17th - 19th century furniture. The intimate gardens include lots of natural play areas for families to enjoy.

Bradford Road, Riddlesden,  
Keighley BD20 5EL  
[www.nationaltrust.org.uk](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk)



The Picture House

Opened in 1912, The Picture House in Keighley offers a more vintage cinema experience with a main downstairs auditorium seating about 300 and a smaller upstairs auditorium that seats about 90.

132 North St, Keighley, BD21 3AF  
[keighley.nm-cinemas.co.uk](http://keighley.nm-cinemas.co.uk)



## Shopping

Haworth offers a memorable shopping experience with a fine selection of independent shops lining the steep cobbled Main Street. Here you can buy everything from vintage clothing and jewellery, specialist books, heritage souvenirs, original artwork and traditional sweets.

Lovely independent stores **Pretty Penny, Number 71** and **Origin8** offer distinctive and beautiful gifts, clothing and homeware for all occasions. Don't miss **The Cabinet of Curiosities**, where you can step back in time to an old apothecary shop. Buy original art from the UK's most talented artists, designers and makers at **Lighthouse Lane** and **Hawksby's** - a gallery of delight; and visit **Modo & Co.** - an award-winning creative offering bespoke personalised gifts.

Find a fantastic selection of books based on a strong women theme at **Wave of Nostalgia**, discover literary gifts for book lovers at the **Brontë Parsonage Museum Shop**, and browse a variety of old and new books at **Hatchard and Daughters**.

Elevate your everyday style. **Silverland with Passion** is a family business offering

beautiful silver and gemstone accessories.

**Sian Alison Designs** showcases handmade jewellery and Italian leather handbags, whilst at **The Souk** and **Oh La La Vintage** you can find a treasure trove of vintage and antique jewellery.

Haworth is the first Fairtrade village in the world. Check out **Sonia's Smile**, which specialises in ethical produce, and **Eden**, which sells vegan gifts and skincare.

**Haworth Wholefoods** offers organic and fairly traded food as well as eco-friendly homewares.

Discover Haworth's foodie delights. Visit **andChocolate** for luxury chocolate gifts, **Hunters of Haworth Pie Shop** and **Bakery** for classic pies and new flavour combinations, and **Mrs Beighton's Sweet Shop** for tasty and traditional nostalgic treats.

In Keighley, **The Airedale Shopping Centre** is home to a number of high street retailers, while Cavendish Street, with its elegant Victorian canopy, and The Royal Arcade, are the perfect locations for independent businesses, including the excellent **Aire Valley Guitars**, the **Blue Ginger Boutique** and **Grind and Groove Records**.





## The Great Outdoors

The rugged and beautiful Pennine countryside is just waiting to be explored whether you walk, cycle or ride. There are a number of walks starting from Haworth and the surrounding Brontë Country villages.

You can take your time to explore the network of quiet country roads and paths, windswept moors and peaceful woodland which make Brontë Country one of West Yorkshire's most special places to walk.

A short walk from Haworth will bring you to **Penistone Hill Country Park**, which is situated on the edge of the heather moorlands. From Penistone Hill it is a four mile round trip to the **Brontë Waterfalls**, which are located close to the village of Stanbury.

It is believed the Brontë sisters used to visit the waterfalls for inspiration and close by there is a small stone bridge, **Brontë Bridge**, and a chair shaped rock where Emily Brontë is believed to have sat whilst gathering ideas for her books and poems. Continue walking for another mile and you will arrive at **Top Withens**, one of the most iconic locations within Brontë Country.

The **Brontë Way** is a waymarked trail which links the key locations associated with the Brontë family. The full trail is approximately 40 miles and takes you from Oakwell Hall in Birstall across to Gawthorpe Hall in Lancashire, visiting on the way the wild moorland and the village of Haworth.

Heading out on two wheels is a great way to explore. Road cyclists can ride a section of the Tour de Yorkshire. The route passed through large areas of Bradford District including the iconic steep incline of the cobbled Main Street, right in the centre of Haworth.

The natural beauty of the area can easily be enjoyed from the historic **Hewenden & Cullingworth Viaducts** along **The Great Northern Trail** on route 69. This route allows you to explore the landscape of **Brontë heritage**.

For a more relaxed excursion, explore the network of farm lanes and quiet country roads around Haworth and the neighbouring villages of Oakworth, Oxenhope and Stanbury.

# What's On

Haworth has an exciting year round events calendar, there will always be something for everyone to enjoy, from craft fairs in the Old School Room to guided adventures and ghost walks.

Step back in time at the 1940s weekend in May, or in October, when Main Street is transformed into the Industrial Revolution with crowds of people sporting awe-inspiring fantasy Victorian outfits at the Haworth Steampunk Weekend. Every year, many visitors flock to Haworth for Christmas and enjoy a busy calendar of events from the start of December. The Nativity Weekend and the Torchlight Procession are a sight to behold.

There are plenty of other wonderful things to do in Brontë Country. The nearby Keighley and Worth Valley Railway hosts steam galas and a beer festival, while Cliffe Castle Museum and East Riddlesden Hall offer fantastic activities for all ages.

## Event Highlights 2023

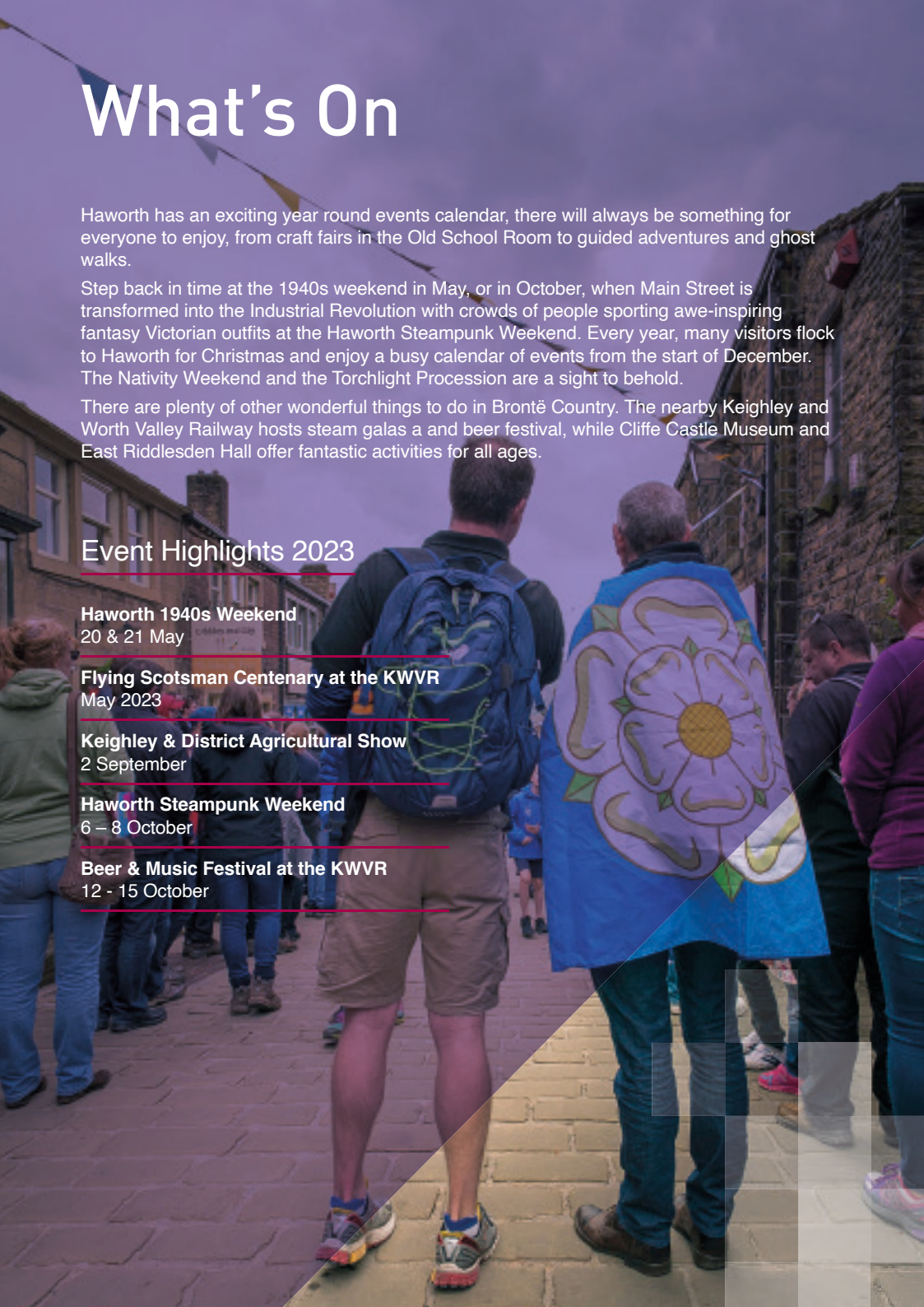
**Haworth 1940s Weekend**  
20 & 21 May

**Flying Scotsman Centenary at the KWVR**  
May 2023

**Keighley & District Agricultural Show**  
2 September

**Haworth Steampunk Weekend**  
6 – 8 October

**Beer & Music Festival at the KWVR**  
12 - 15 October







## Cliffe Castle Museum

Set within a grand public park, this former mansion house is now a large museum with a wide variety of displays, including Victorian rooms and furniture, paintings and decorative art. Dedicated galleries feature natural history, archaeology and social history.

Spring Gardens Lane, Keighley BD20 6LH  
[www.bradfordmuseums.org](http://www.bradfordmuseums.org)



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## Cliffe Castle Park

Cliffe Castle Park is well worth exploring with plenty to see including marble fountains, glasshouses and terraces and a very popular children's play area. A number of original park features have been recreated, including the glasshouse and vineries.

The park hosts events and activities for all ages throughout the year, from Parkrun, a free, fun-filled weekly 5k, to a season of bandstand concerts.

Spring Gardens Lane, Keighley BD20 6LH  
[www.bradforddistrictparks.org](http://www.bradforddistrictparks.org)

# Getting to Haworth

## Getting Here and Around

Getting to Haworth district couldn't be easier, whether you choose to drive or use public transport. Once here, you can travel around the district with a great range of public transport available connecting you to all the must-see places.



### Bus and Rail

Regular bus services run to **Haworth** from **Keighley** and **Hebden Bridge**, with connections in **Keighley** to **Bradford Interchange**.

The nearest mainline station is **Keighley** with connections to **Bradford**, **Leeds** and **Skipton**. The **Keighley and Worth Valley Railway** runs steam trains between **Keighley** and **Haworth** at weekends, bank holidays and daily in summer

For details of routes and journey planner go to [www.wymetro.com](http://www.wymetro.com)



### Parking

There are three main car parks in Haworth, all pay and display. The nearest is on **West Lane** adjacent to the Museum. This also has public WCs. A large car park with facilities for coaches (**Bronte Village Coach and Car Park**) is accessible from **Sun Street**.

Electric vehicle charging points are located across the district, find out more at [www.geniepoint.co.uk](http://www.geniepoint.co.uk)

**Bradford Clean Air Zone** is now in place, passenger cars will not be charged. Find out more [www.gov.uk/clean-air-zones](http://www.gov.uk/clean-air-zones)

## Where to Stay?



There's a great selection of accommodation in the Bradford district, perfect for extending your visit and giving you more time to explore the area.

## Visitor Information

Contact us for more information to help plan your visit including accommodation and special events.

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