



Derby CAMRA Pub Trail 1



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(Refer to the map on Derby CAMRA website)

Getting to the Start.

The route starts a few minutes' walk from the railway station and about 10 minutes from the bus station. There is a frequent bus service between the two stations.

*From the **Railway Station** turn right along Railway Terrace to arrive at The Brunswick.*

*From the **Bus Station**; turn left out of the Station and walk along the Morledge, under a Car Park, and pass the steps to an entrance to the Derbion Centre on the right.*

Cross the main road towards an open car park, with a rough surface. Walk to the left of the Car Park along Siddals Rd. Continue onwards following this road, pass the Alexandra Hotel to arrive at The Brunswick.

The Brunswick – 1 Railway Terrace

The inn was opened in 1842, intended for the use of railwaymen and second-class passengers. It was originally called 'The Brunswick Railway and Commercial Inn'.

Wolverton, Buckinghamshire, was the site of the first purpose-built railway workers' housing estate 1838 to 1840. However, the Brunswick is though first railwaymen's pub purpose built and remained in the ownership of the railways for 105 years.

After a long period of inactivity, the Brunswick re-opened as Derby's first multiple-choice real ale house in 1987, following restoration work undertaken on behalf of the Derby Civic Society and the Derbyshire Historic Trust. Plans of the original layout can be seen in the pub. Also of interest are the unusual double-depth cellars.

The operating Brunswick Brewery, in a modern extension, can be seen from inside the pub.

Leave the pub, turn left and almost immediately arrive at The Alexandria Hotel.

The Alexandria Hotel – 203 Siddals Road

Designed in 1871 by GH Sheffield it once stood close to a short arm of the Derby Canal. It is named after the wife of the future King Edward VII, son of Queen Victoria.

The ground plan of this pub has changed rather more than is immediately obvious. It was built in the 19th Century in a Gothic style with Early English pointed arches to the windows. It is now a pub of two halves, with a public bar on the left with a long modern bar counter and the outlines of the snug still evident, a lounge on the right with a much shorter counter. There is a central servery whose off-license hatch survives in the front vestibule. The surprising change is that the lounge



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used to be upstairs at the front. It was accessed by stairs which ran in the opposite direction to the present ones.

In recent years, the pub has been run by some keen railway enthusiasts and there is a considerable display of railwayana in the public bar, and pub/ brewing memorabilia in the other bar. This includes part of a class 37 locomotive in the car park.

Despite when the pub became the birthplace of Derby CAMRA in 1974 when it belonged to Shipstone's of Nottingham there is a large, illuminated Home Ales sign in the lounge, produced for Nottingham's other large brewery. Both are now closed. Since then, it has passed from the ownership of Bateman's of Wainfleet to Castle Rock Brewery, now the largest brewery in Nottingham.

There is no evidence of the former brewhouse on the 1937 map but presumable was inside what was by the then a garage, now the site of the smokers' area.

Turn left out of the pub and cross the road to follow the riverbank path until meeting, then crossing a footbridge, turn left again, following the river until arriving at The Smithfield.

The Smithfield – Meadow Road

Opened mid 19th century, originally as the Market Hotel, on the edge of the Cattle Market, where the car park is now located. Renamed The Smithfield in 1982. When the market moved, clients changed to journalists from the new Evening Telegraph offices which opened nearby.

Turn left out of the pub and follow Meadow Rd until arriving at the Exeter Arms on the junction with Exeter Place.

Exeter Arms – 13 Exeter Place

A purpose-built pub erected around 1816, in Regency style. The pub took its name from the Earl of Exeter whose home, Exeter House, stood nearby and who owned the land the pub stands on. The house was demolished, in 1854.

The charm of a rural pub in the urban sprawl of Derby city centre. The layout has changed considerably over time and included a brew house, in use until 1968, where the kitchen is currently located. Currently there is a small bar with open fire separated from partitioned lounge by chimney breast, with wooden-settled snug and old-fashioned range to one side. The lounge has been further extended for extra dining. The adjoining atmospheric cottage, dating from about 1815, has been incorporated into the pub.

Sign: Due to an unfortunate error the sign illustrates the arms of the City of Exeter.



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Turn left out of the pub and immediately left again, onto Exeter Street. Turn right at junction with Derwent Rd, under a dual carriageway, to turn right into Nottingham Rd and the Peacock Inn is on your left.

Peacock Inn – 71 Nottingham Rd

Stone built 18th century building, known to be a pub from 1822. The Peacock crest is associated with the Manners, the Dukes of Rutland, and historically incorruptibility and resurrection.

On leaving the pub, retrace your steps, under the dual carriageway and along Derwent Street to the apex junction with Exeter Place and The Tap.

The Tap – 1 Derwent Street

The original building is known to have existed by 1862. Following acquisition by local brewer, Pountains, the current more extensive building replaced its predecessor in 1890's.

Previously known as the Royal Standard, until refurbished by the Derby Brewing Company.

Back to the Bus Station

To return to the bus station, leave the pub and walk over Exeter Bridge, across the river. Turn left onto Corporation Street to pass in front of the Council House and continue along to the bus station.

Back to The Railway Station

Walk to the bus station (see above).

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