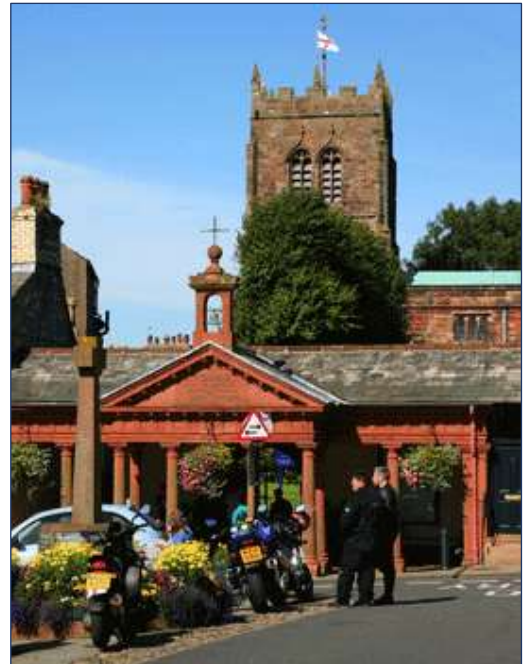


**Kirkby Stephen** is a small town nestled at the Top of the beautiful Eden Valley. It has a range of shops including a Post Office, newsagent, grocers, cafes, antiques shops and galleries.

There are 2 co-op stores, a small one in the high street and a small supermarket at the north end of the town.

There is a doctor's surgery, a Tourist Information Centre, a bank and garage with fuel and repairs.



At nearby Church Brough there is also a ruined castle and ice cream parlour.



Kirkby Stephen and the Upper Eden Valley offer a great variety of walks. The town sits on the Coast to Coast path and the Pennine Way passes close by a couple of miles to the east. The enigmatic Wild Boar Fell is just to the south of the station and is a very popular walk over the fell from Garsdale station to Kirkby Stephen station.



The mysterious Nine Standards Rigg sits above the town. A popular walk from the station or the town it's origin is a mystery, but cairns were recorded as having been there since the 14<sup>th</sup> century.

Shorter, gentler walks from the station are the poetry path which winds through countryside around Kirkby Stephen and the old Stainmore Railway that offers flat easy walking across some old viaducts and through Smardale Nature Reserve.



An easy walk from the station takes you to the River Eden passing the ruin of Lammerside Castle and to the romantic ruins of Pendragon Castle which sits right above the River Eden.

Within three miles of the station are the inviting and popular Howgill Fells, with well-marked paths and waterfalls.



Further afield, but still only a short train ride, are the famous 'Three Peaks' of North Yorkshire - Pen-y-Ghent, Ingleborough and Wharfedale. All three are easily accessible from Horton-In-Ribblesdale or Ribblesdale station.

By car the Lake District is an easy day trip as is the historic Hadrian's Wall, both offering plenty of walks both challenging and gentle.

*All the information for these walks more can be found in your cottage including laminated ordinance survey maps which you can take on walks with you.*

The Upper Eden Valley and surrounding areas are steeped in history. At Kirkby Stephen Church, (known locally as the 'Cathedral of the Dales' for its size and beauty) you can see items of historic interest such as the Loki stone - a rare example of a carving of a Norse god dating back to the viking incursions a thousand years ago.



There are three ruined castles close by; Pendragon and Lammerside, easily walkable from Kirkby Stephen station, and Brough Castle four miles north of Kirkby Stephen.

All three are on or by footpaths and can be accessed to stroll around free of charge.



The stone circle of Long Meg and her Daughters is four miles walk from Langwathby station or easily reached by car.

The town of Appleby in Westmorland is 12 miles from Kirkby Stephen and accessible by both rail and car. Famous for its annual Horse Fair the town sits right on the River Eden.

To see the town of Settle, we would recommend the journey by rail (45 minutes), as you will pass through some of the most beautiful countryside in the area, cross the famous Ribblesdale Viaduct and see all three of the famous 'Three Peaks'. Settle town is great for a half day visit, and Skipton further down the line offers a castle, good shopping and atmosphere especially on market day (Wednesdays).



The town centre is a 40-minute walk down the field tarmac path (the main road does not have a pavement and the speeding traffic makes it too dangerous to risk walking on). There is plenty of parking in the town, and although the main road parking is often congested, there is a large car park which can be found by turning left at the mini roundabout and then following the signs.

The town has a Co-op mini-superstore, a Co-op on the high street, a bank, a couple of petrol stations and a motor mechanic, a chemist, a Post Office, as well as a selection of pubs, restaurants and chippys. Thursday is half-day closing. There is a health centre and a veterinary surgery too - see at the end for phone numbers. The Tourist information Centre is in the town square, as are public toilets.

Taxi numbers: BD Taxis – 01768 371 682; AM Taxis 07930 856778 and Prima Taxis on 01768 372557

There are public phones in the waiting room and on the main road by the rail overbridge.

Doctors Surgery (Upper Eden Medical Practice): Phone: 01768 371 369

Address: Silver St, Kirkby Stephen, Cumbria CA17 4RB

Tourist Information Centre: [www.visituppereden.org.uk](http://www.visituppereden.org.uk)

- E: [visit@uecp.org.uk](mailto:visit@uecp.org.uk) T: 017683 71199
- Call in and see us: Market Square, Kirkby Stephen, Cumbria CA17 4QN

For local bus routes (from Cumbria Classic Coaches), please see their website below (some stop right outside the station building in the car park, others at the bottom of the drive or in town).

Cumbrian Classic Coaches T: 015396 23254 [www.cumbriaclassiccoaches.co.uk](http://www.cumbriaclassiccoaches.co.uk)