

Unfortunately, some pubs have been a casualty of the recent problems

so you are advised to check these are still open before visits

LOCAL

Stamford Arms, Groby (LE6 0DJ - 0116 287 5616) This award-winning 'local' has a pleasant good value restaurant area and useful outside seating when wearing muddy gear; it has a good range of drinks and a very extensive menu including very tasty light bites. Handy if walking the woodlands around Ratby or round Groby Pool.

Woodman's Stroke, Rothley (The Woodies) (LE7 7PD - 0116 230 2785) No food evenings. Award-winning, old fashioned village pub, thatched roof, patio, extensive gardens by the stream and good company. The old-fashioned habit of conversation prevails, encouraged by the family who own and run this free house.

Griffin, Swithland, Leics. (LE12 8TQ - 01509 890535) Large, charming village pub, with a large attractive patio and restaurant in heart of Charnwood Forest, near Swithland Woods.

Stilton Cheese, Somerby Leics. (LE14 2PZ) - 01664 454394) Village pub eatery near Burrough Hill iron-age fort and country park. Winner of regular awards

Stag & Hounds, Burrough on the Hill. (LE14 2JQ - 01664 454250) Village pub near Country Park with nice outside area

Horse & Plough, Bingham, Near Nottingham (NG13 8AF - 01949 839313) Former Methodist chapel, now cottage-style with flagged floor and upstairs restaurant. Not a classic walking area but good returning from Vale of Belvoir.

Crown & Plough, Long Clawson (LE14 4NG - 01664 822322) This free house is very much a typical local village pub The building is Grade ii listed and about 300 years old. Good all round with nice outdoor area

Anchor, Plungar, Vale of Belvoir (NG13 0JJ - 01949) 860589) in the heart of the village where it has been for about 250 years, with an attractive beer garden and seating area. Very much a community serving quality local cask ales Award winner.

Wheel Inn, Branston (NG32 1RU – 01476 870376) This attractive stone-built 18th-century village pub near Belvoir Castle is off the beaten track but is an excellent allrounder

Geese & Fountain, Croxton Kerrial (NG32 1QR - 01476) 870350) Another traditional village inn, it offers a good range of ales from local breweries. A large beer garden provides outstanding views over the fantastic countryside.

Marquis of Granby, Granby (NG13 9PN - 01949 859517) No food but the back room is the village store- a small two-roomed pub, the brewery tap for local brewery Brewster's. Stone floors, yew bar-tops and wood-beamed rooms gave this a very traditional feel being probably over 200m years old.

Wheel & Compass, Weston by Welland, Rutland. (LE16 8HZ - 01858 565864) Rural local with gardens, views and restaurant - Popular and busy at times - Near Jurassic Way

Queens Head, Bulwick, Northants, just over Rutland border (NN17 3DY - 01780 450272) Village pub off A43 near Wakerley Woods and Fineshade Forest

The Wheatsheaf, Greetham, (LE15 7NP - 01572 812325) handy for the Exton Estate- good food and excellent gardens

FURTHER AFIELD

Peak District

Cock and Pullet, Sheldon, near Ashford, Derbys. (DE45 1QS - 01629 814292) Converted barn full of clocks -popular with locals and walkers - far off the beaten track

Boat, Cromford, Derbys (DE4 3QF - 01629 258083) Tucked away gem just off the marketplace

Packhorse, Little Longstone, Derbys (DE45 1NN - 01629 640471) Just off the Monsal Trail and surrounded by striking scenery - a great allrounder

George Inn, Alstonefield, Staffs (DE6 2FX - 01335 310205) All-purpose pub in Dovedale, good walking country - near YHA

Jervis Arms, Onecote, North Staffs (ST13 7RU - 01538 304206) Small, much extended with excellent gardens by a stream - In White Peak (closed after refurbishment, on the market June 22)

Church Inn, Chelmorton Nr. Buxton (SK17 9SL - 01298 85319) Excellent tucked-away small inn well worth finding

Robin Hood, Baslow, Derbys (DE45 1PQ - 01246 583186) On the Chesterfield Road climbing out of the village, a very good pub/eatery but early evenings busy – good for walking the Chatsworth area.

White Lion, Starkholmes, Near Cromford (DE4 5JA - 01629 58122) A hard to find gem in a historic and picturesque area, N of Cromford on the west of the river

Waterloo, Biggin, Nr Hartington (SK17 0DH - 01298 84284) Charming small village pub with a campsite. Very welcoming and good value excellent products. Ideal when walking up the Manifold or Dove

Old Nags Head, Edale, Derbys (S33 7ZD - 01433 670291) Busy walkers pub at the start of Pennine Way – great location

Rambler, Edale, Peak District (S33 7ZA - 01433 670268) Imposing stone 'Country House' near Edale Station and start of Pennine Way

Cheshire Cheese, Hope Valley, Derbys (S33 8WJ - 01433 620381) Small haven for walkers, good base for Kinder and Peak Park

Old Hall, Hope, Derbyshire (S33 6RH - 01433 620160) By junction of Castleton and Edale roads, a good allrounder

Yorkshire & The North East

Rob Roy, Berwick, Northumberland (TD15 2BQ - 01289 306428) Cosy old-world fishing pub by the coast at the mouth of Tweed - Near the Scottish border

Rat Inn, Annick, Northumberland (NE46 4LN - 01434 602 814) Great beer garden with a pub attached. Great location

The Ship, Low Newton, Northumberland Coast (NE66 3EL - 01665 576262) National Trust owned microbrewery in a quaint fishing hamlet just north of Alnwick - very busy

Dipton Mill Inn, Hexham, N Pennines (NE46 1YA - 01434 606577) Ivy clad brew house with lovely garden and stream near Hadrian's Wall

Twice Brewed, Near Hadrian's Wall (NE47 7A- 01434 344534) 17thC coaching inn - Busy restaurant and good value accommodation and bar meals all day.

Moorcock Inn, Garsdale Head, N. Pennines (LA10 5PU - 01969 667488) Remote upland oasis on edge of the Pennines at the head of Wensleydale - limited winter opening

Punch Bowl Inn, Low Row, Swaledale (DL11 6PF - 01748 886945) Remote hamlet in Herriot country -upmarket eatery

George Inn, Hubberholme N Yorks. (BD23 5JE - 01756 760223) in upper Wharfedale. Small but a gem.

New Inn, Cropton, near Pickering (YO18 8HH- 01751 417330) Small brewery and inn with first-class food in a great location NW of Pickering in the North York Moors area

Horseshoe, Egton Bridge, N Yorks (YO21 1XE - 01947 895245) Great range of beers in a lovely country setting. Good gardens and fine food - near Whitby on edge of North York Moors

Hill Inn, Chapel le Dale, N Yorks. (LA6 3AR - 0152 424 1256) On side of Ingleborough, a haven for walkers

Sun Inn, Dent, North Pennines (LA10 5QL - 01539 625208) Unspoiled old inn in a time-warp Pennine village with a local mini brewery

Arncliffe Arms, Glaisdale (YO21 2QL - 01947 897555) Family run good village all-rounder on Coast to Coast- free house

Dolphin, Robin Hoods Bay, N Yorks. (YO22 4SH - 01947 880337) A multi-levelled pub in an interesting coastal fishing village in a tight little valley

Black Horse, Grassington, N Yorks (BD23 5AT - 01756 752770) Unspoiled market town – a good base for Dales

Birch Hall Inn, Beck Hole N Yorks (YO22 5LE - 01947 896245) Moorland oasis – they don't make 'em like this anymore – seats few inside, dozens outside - busy - snacks only

Three Horseshoes, Ingleton, N Yorks (LA6 3EH - 01524 242370) Good all-round pub, cooking and serving food to demand

Wheatsheaf, Ingleton, N Yorks, (LA6 3AD- 015242 41275 Good base for Three Peaks area - busy at times

Station Inn, Ribbleshead, N Yorks (LA2 3AS - 01524 241274) By Wharfedale and the Ribbleshead viaduct in Three Peaks. On Settle / Carlisle rail line. Has bunk houses

Pack Horse, Widdop, by Yorks / Lancs. border (HX7 7HT - 01422 842803) 17thC moorland drovers pub between Hebden Bridge and Colne near Pennine Way

White Swan, Middleham, N Yorks. (DL8 4PE - 01969 622093) Georgian inn by marketplace near Castle

Farmers Arms, Muker, Swaledale (DL11 6QG - 01748 886297) Beautifully located listed 18thC. pub in small hamlet- pleasantly primitive

The North West

George and Dragon, Garrigill, North Pennines (CA9 3DS - 01434 381900) Local in remote hamlet by Pennine Way and river in fells just inside Cumbria

Punch Bowl, Askham Near Penrith, Cumbria (CA10 2PF –01931 712443) By village green and family-orientated - Just off M6 - good stop off

Kirkstone Pass Inn, Cumbria (LA22 9LQ -015394 33888) 17thC oasis at 1498ft on the route south from Ullswater to Kendal - there are no locals, literally

Orange Tree, Kirby Lonsdale (LA6 2BD - 01524 271716) Good allrounder in historic market town – has its own brew house and good value accommodation

White Rose, Askrigg North Yorks (DL8 3HG - 01969 650515) Renowned family-run hotel with gardens and fresh local produce in old Pennine town

Sticklebarn, Great Langdale, Cumbria (LA22 9JU - 01539 437356) Fairly new but traditionally styled inn at foot of Dungeon Ghyll, popular with walkers

Old Dungeon Ghyll, Gt. Langdale, Cumbria (LA22 9JY - 01539 437272) Long-standing down to earth Mecca for climbers and walkers in the heart of the high peaks

King George IV, Eskdale Green, Cumbria (CA19 1TS - 01946 723303) Friendly, well-located pub and gardens by Scafell and miniature rail link

Watermill, Ings, Nr. Windermere (LA8 9P - 01539 821309) on A591 Windermere-Kentmere. This is a large all-rounder with a restaurant, in a good location with consistently good reports.

Royal Oak, Cartmell, Cumbria (LA11 7NU - 015395 36259) In the charming old-world village, good gardens, a genuine pub rather than an eatery

Pig & Whistle, Cartmel, Cumbria (LA11 6PL - 01539 536482) Tiny cosy local, traditional pub setting good standards

Black Bull, Coniston (LA21 8DU - 015394 41335) great base or stop off in central Lakeland. Good value food and brews its own ale.

Ship Inn, Coniston Lakeside. (LA21 8HB - 01539 441224) Roadside walkers' pub on the outskirts of the village

Britannia Inn, Elterwater, Cumbria (LA22 9HP - 01539 437210) Busy village inn, great location in heart of Lakes, plain snacks and good dinners

Hark to Bounty, Slaidburn, Lancs. (BBT 3EP - 01200 446246) Trough of Bowland village - good walking country

Game Cock, Austwick, N Yorks. (LA2 8BB - 01524 251229) In unspoiled Craven village below Ingleborough- a good base for the Three Peaks.

Cross Keys, Uppermill, Saddleworth (OL3 6LW - 01457 874626) Pennine moorland local - Nearby outdoor pursuits centre – good walking area

Leathers Smithy, Langley (SK11 ONE - 01260 252313) by a reservoir in Macclesfield Forest

The South West

Halzephron Inn, Gunwalloe (TR12 7QB -01326 240406) Charming award-winning small inn just south of Porthleven along the Lizard coast

Old Inn, Widecombe, Devon (TQ13 7TA - 01364 621207) Local and exotic dishes in heart of Dartmoor- ciders/ real ales

Shipwrights Arms, Helford (TR12 6JX - 01326 231235) Small thatched eatery on Helford estuary on the South Cornish coast

Warren House Inn, Dartmoor, Devon (PL20 6TA - 01822 880208) 14thC, on the moor between Princetown and Moretonhampstead- welcoming with superb views

Rashleigh Inn, Polkerris, East Cornwall (PL24 2TL - 01726 813991) a historic building by the remote sandy beach in a wonderful setting - near Par

Blue Anchor, Helston, Cornwall (TR13 8EL - 01326 562821) Unspoiled 15thC. brew house; just how they used to be - traditional music.

Ship Inn, Lerryn, East Cornwall (PL22 OPT - 01208 872374) Stone flags and 17c atmosphere in the beautiful riverside village

Tinners Arms, Zenner, Cornwall (TR26 3BY - 01736 796927) Superbly located 15thC village inn near North Cornwall coast.

Tradesman's Arms, Stokenham, Devon coast (TQ7 2SZ - 01548 580996) near Slapton Sands and nature reserve - charming historic inn

Square & Compass, Worth Matravers, Dorset (BH19 3LF - 01929 439229) Old world timeless coastal walker's pub near Swanage - cider pressed but snacks only – great pasties.

South Central

Flower Pots, Cheriton, Hampshire (SO24 0QQ - 01962 771318) Popular busy brewhouse by long-distance walks

Royal Oak, Fritham, New Forest (SO43 7HJ - 023 8081 2606) Picture postcard very remote thatched haven

Anglia

Bell, Middleton, Suffolk (IP17 3NN - 01728 648286) Near Minsmere reserve and coast - ancient family-orientated pub

Swan Inn, Barnby, N. Suffolk (NR34 7QE - 01502 476646) pub restaurant specialising in fish in a nautical setting – very busy

Ship Inn, Dunwich, Suffolk (IP17 3DT- 01728 648219) Busy smuggler's inn in vanishing medieval port near

Minsmere bird reserve. Best pub fish & chips in the world? Your Editor cannot disagree.

Scotland

Lade Inn, Kilmahog, Callender (FK17 8HD - 01877 330152) Stone Inn with gardens, a mile north of Callender- Brews own ales

Drovers Inn, Inverarnan, Ardlui, (G83 7DX - 01301 704234) Rustic 'Gillies' retreat full of character -unforgettable on A82 near Loch Lomond and West Highlands Way

Clachan, Drymen, E of Loch Lomond (G63 0BG -01360 660824) Friendly village local near West Highland Way and Loch Lomond-in same hands for many years

Oak Tree, Balmaha, Loch Lomond (G63 0JQ -01360 870357) On Loch Lomond and West Highland Way -upmarket inn/eatery and brewhouse

Falls of Dochart Inn, Killin, Stirlingshire (FK21 8SL - 01567 820270) Overlooking the spectacular falls on the east-west crossing of southern Highlands

Inveroran Hotel, Bridge of Orchy, Argyll (PA36 4AQ - 01838 400220) Great base by Loch Tulla just north of Tyndrum on West Highland Way

Bridge of Orchy Hotel, Near Rannoch Moor (PA36 4AD - 01838 400208) great location with a wide range of food types

Kings House, Glencoe. (PH49 4HY - 01855 851259) Remote historic haven off A82 approaching Glencoe on Rannoch Moor

The Ship, Melrose, Borders (TD6 9RA -01896 822191) Charming local with a beer garden in this great market town on River Tweed and near St Cuthbert's Way.

Wales and the Borders

Harbour Inn, Solva, Pembrokeshire coast (SA62 6UT - 01437 720013) Quayside haven in a lovely village

Cambrian, Solva, Pembrokeshire coast (SA62 6UU - 01437 721210) Charming pub eatery and gardens in a lovely village

Sloop Inn, Porthgain, Pembrokeshire (SA62 5BN-01348 831449) A wonderful genuinely unique old pub hidden in a remote bay west of Fishguard

Britannia Inn, Llanmadoc, Gower (SA3 1DB - 01792 203445) A small old-fashioned bar with an adjoining restaurant - very popular but remote

Red Lion, Llansannan, N Wales (LL16 5HG - 01745 870256) Historic pub in a small village in a lightly visited area of wooded valleys near Snowdon

Stag, Llangernyw, N Wales (LL22 8PP - 01745 860213) Charming roadside inn (A548) south of Abergele - nick-nacks and great food

Cross Foxes, Erbistock (Ruabon) Welsh borders (LL13 0DR - 01978 780 380) Magical location(A528) at Overton Bridge on River Dee

Robin Hood, Castlemorton, Malverns (WR13 6BS - 01684 833212)15thC roadside inn (timbered charm) between Breeden and Malvern Hills