



## Derwent Valley Tours 2022 Press Release

The Arkwright Society at Cromford Mills and the Belper North Mill Trust are working together to bring visitors face-to-face with the valley's World Heritage Site and its history. Join us on an escorted tour exploring the beautiful Derwent Valley Mills UNESCO World Heritage Site and learn how Industry and nature combined to create a globally unique environment.

The Derwent Valley is an area that is rich in history thanks to the work of industrial pioneers Sir Richard Arkwright, Jedediah Strutt, the Evans family and the Lombe brothers, who transformed the valley into the birthplace of the Industrial Revolution. Visit key historical locations and hear stories about the people who created and transformed the Derwent Valley Mills, shaping the communities we see today.

The tour includes a visit to Sir Richard Arkwright's original mill site – Cromford Mill, where you will encounter the man himself through their brand new immersive video experience; a guided tour of Cromford Wharf and Cromford Canal Aqueduct; a visit to the oldest railway workshop in the world; a guided tour of Strutt's North Mill in Belper; a walking tour of Belper Mills and the nearby Edwardian River Gardens; a leisurely drive through Milford and Darley Abbey – two communities shaped by the early water-powered mill.

The price has remained the same as last year: £25. This reflects incredible value for money and includes entry to the historic sites, transport and the support and guidance of one of our knowledgeable and enthusiastic local guides.

There are two pick-up points: Derby and Matlock as well as a range of dates throughout May and June to help suit your needs.

To find out more and book your tickets, visit: [www.derwentvalleytours.co.uk](http://www.derwentvalleytours.co.uk)

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***Notes to editors: Please find attached in the email photos of the Derwent Valley by Ashley Franklin.***

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### ***About The Great Place Scheme***

The Great Place Scheme is a pilot programme funded by National Lottery Heritage Fund and Arts Council England, supported by Historic England to ensure that investment in arts and culture also has the biggest possible impact on local economies, jobs, education, community cohesion and health and wellbeing. 16 schemes have been chosen across England. The Scheme for the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site's is designed to inspire and enable people to have a sense of pride in and belonging to this special place.

### ***About Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site***

In December 2001, the Derwent Valley Mills in Derbyshire were inscribed on the UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation) World Heritage List. This is the only World Heritage Site in the East Midlands.

This international designation confirms the outstanding importance of the area as the birthplace of the factory system where in the 18<sup>th</sup> century waterpower was successfully harnessed for textile production.

Stretching 15 miles (24km) down the river valley from Matlock Bath to Derby, the World Heritage Site contains a fascinating series of historic mill complexes, including some of the World's first 'modern' factories.

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