



Malton

Some time during the first century AD the Romans moved outwards from York and built a fort – Derventio – on the banks of the River Derwent. Malton (originally Middleton) then developed to the north east of this fort. However, in 1138 Thurstan, Archbishop of York, deliberately burnt down 'Old' Malton to drive out the occupying Scots who were in England supporting Matilda against King Stephen. 'New' Malton then developed to the west of Derventio and is now a thriving market-town with a population of 4000 or so.

BLUE BALL

Newbiggin (map ref 1)

Tetley Bitter

The building occupied by the Blue Ball was formerly a house and is more than 300 years old. The low frontage hides a maze-like interior with the frontward, cosy bar, compact servery and linking corridor retaining most of the pub's historical flavour.

CLARENCE VAULTS

Wheelgate (map ref 2)

Black Sheep Best Bitter; Tetley Bitter

Small, tidy bar, with old pictures of Malton on the walls. Darts and pool area to one side.

CROSS KEYS

Wheelgate (map ref 3)

Tetley Bitter

Imposing frontage. Large, open-plan bar with separate dining area and pool table. Family room.

DERWENT

Church Street, Norton (map ref 4)

Tetley Bitter

Imposing, multi-storied building with pillared entrance. The interior is essentially open-plan with plenty of bench-seating and light wood.

GEORGE HOTEL

Yorkersgate (map ref 5)

Tetley Bitter; guest beer

Unprepossessing exterior leads to a single, comfortable, L-shaped bar. Pool table and pinball are well-hidden beyond the toilets. Popular, sloping beer garden.

GOLDEN LION

Market Place (map ref 6)

John Smith's Bitter; Tetley Bitter

Traditional, market-place pub – no longer multi-roomed as most of the doors have been removed, but still retains distinct drinking areas.

HYDE PARK

Mill Street, Norton (map ref 7)

John Smith's Bitter; Tetley Bitter

Solid, brick-built, side-street local. Two comfortably-furnished bars, one with pool table.

KINGS HEAD

Market Place (map ref 8)

Black Sheep Best Bitter; Tetley Bitter

Traditional, creeper-clad exterior belies modern, café-bar style interior. Nonetheless, horse-racing is still popular viewing here.

NEW GLOBE

Yorkersgate (map ref 9)

Cameron's Strongarm; Tetley Bitter; 2 guest beers

Comfortable, two-roomed, street-corner pub. Spacious bar with small collection of brewery ephemera and darts. The smaller, cosy lounge leads to a beer garden.

RAILWAY TAVERN

Church Street, Norton (map ref 10)

John Smith's Bitter (& Magnet in summer)

On a sloping, street-corner site, so the inside is commensurately multi-levelled. Big screen, darts and two pool tables.

ROYAL OAK

Market Place (map ref 11)

Tetley Bitter

Open-plan, market-place pub with pool table and beer garden.

ROYAL OAK

Town Street, Old Malton (map ref 12)

Tetley Bitter; 2 guest beers

Splendid 'Brewers' Tudor' fronted village local. The front snug is cosy and compact; a connecting passage leads to larger bar with tiled-floor, wood-panelling and bench-seating. Recent Scarborough CAMRA Rural Pub of the Year.

South of the river is Norton on Derwent – famed for racehorse training (horses are an abiding passion of the locals) and the Grampian Foods-owned Malton Bacon Factory. Malton railway station is also on the Norton side of the river. Access to Malton by public transport from York and Scarborough is very easy – Coastliner buses on the Scarborough/Whitby routes operate a half-hourly service through the day (less frequent in the evening), whilst Transpennine rail expresses run approximately hourly.

SPOTTED COW

Spitalgate (map ref 13)

John Smith's Bitter; Tetley Bitter

An utterly traditional pub – opposite the livestock market – more than 300 years old. It has a wonderful, tile-floored Tap Room, with wooden seating and a Roses's mirror. There's also a separate Smoke Room off the main bar area.

SUDDABY'S CROWN HOTEL

Wheelgate (map ref 14)

John Smith's Bitter; Malton Brewery beers; guest beers

A Grade II listed building, run by 5 generations of the Suddaby family since 1879. There's a single, lively bar and a no-smoking conservatory. Beer festivals take place twice-yearly in the rear 'festival hall' – a converted garage. Listed in the 2004 Good Beer Guide.

UNION

Commercial St., Norton (map ref 15)

Cameron's Strongarm; John Smith's Bitter; Tetley Bitter

Long, pale-coloured frontage. Comfortable lounge, and more basic public bar with pool table.

WENTWORTH ARMS

Town Street, Old Malton (map ref 16)

Tetley Bitter; 2 guest beers

This 18th-century inn has an attractive, creeper-clad exterior. There's a single, comfortable, L-shaped lounge with an imposing, stuffed bull's head in one corner. The guest beers usually includes one from the Durham Brewery. Listed in the 2004 Good Beer Guide.

WHITE SWAN

Old Maltongate (map ref 17)

Tetley Bitter

Single, long, wooden-floored bar with carpeted areas at either end. Pool table and big screen.