



8 Scrivener's bookshop & bookbinders – has more than forty thousand books for sale over five floors. Selling antiquarian and collectable books, there's always a great selection of cheaper paperbacks.

What3Words address: group.crusted.outlooks

9 Buxton Library & Museum – ultimate free book supplier (digitally on Borrowbox!), the library is currently operating as an ad-hoc museum. Free to join and important to support, there is also a 'Library of Things' where power tools and suchlike can be borrowed without charge.

What3Words address: flocking.furnish.encourage

10 Poole's Cavern Café & Shop – set up and run by Buxton Civic Association, a Registered Charity, locally written and printed history and heritage books are sold in the shop and a donated book-swap scheme frequently operates in the café.

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Books about Buxton, mostly by local authors

Kate P Adams

A 'cozy' Buxton murder mystery featuring elegant Joyce & down-to-earth Ginger.

Anna Beecher

A Buxton-raised author, 'Here Comes the Miracle', was inspired by her childhood here.

Julian Cohen

Books on Buxton's social history: Pubs/Shops/ 'Surely not in Buxton'.

Jonathan C Crouch

Dr Adam Price, high-octane thriller series: one man who can save the world.

Kathryn Ecclestone

'Testament of Lost Youth' examines Vera Brittain's formative years in Buxton.

Celia Harwood

'Buxton Spa Murder Mystery' series set in 1920s Buxton, recovering from WW1.

John Buxton Hilton

A prolific writer of several series of detective stories.

Alec Ingram

'Artefact' blows the lid on dark trade in stolen museum pieces, thrilling crime novel.

Andrew Knowles

'18 Stones up the Hill', fond memories of a journeyman cricketer at Buxton Cricket Club.

Val McDermid

The acclaimed 'Wire in the Blood' crime author often uses the nearby landscape in her work, particularly in 'Place of Execution'.

David Sterling

'Errwood Hall & The Drowned Hamlet of Goyt's Bridge' history told in photos, postcards and old maps, from the Grimshaws in the 1830s to flooding Errwood Reservoir in 1968.

Tony Tomlinson

'From Wartime to the NPL' – history of Buxton Football Club from 1939 to 1973.

People who struggle to read often miss out and they have to remember lots of complex things: people who can read may not know how hard it can be for them. Books fuel imagination, teach us things and bring fun along. You can read this leaflet. If you know someone who can't read it easily, please point them at reading support available here: cstailored.learning@derbyshire.gov.uk

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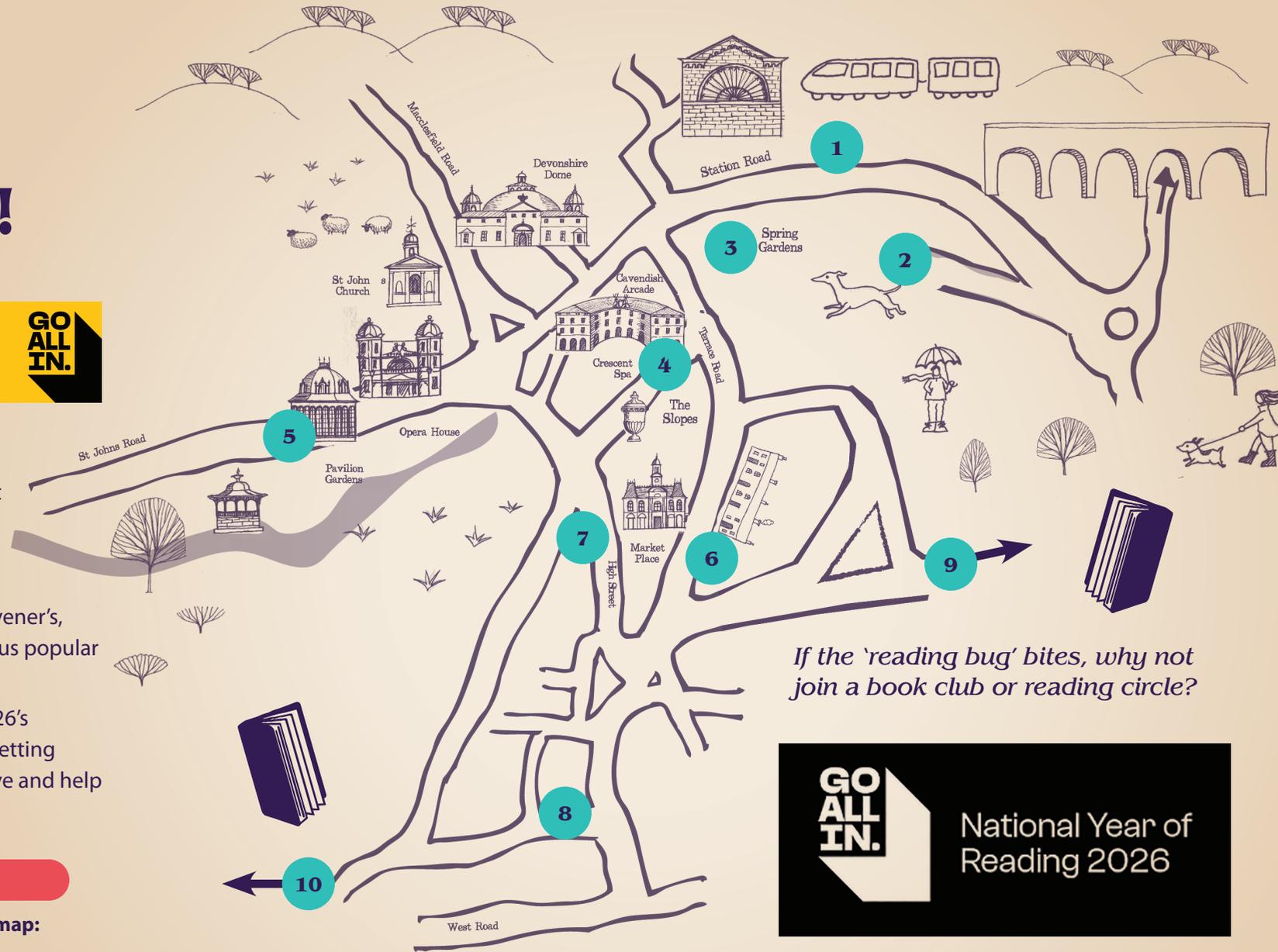
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We started our 'book-swap station' in 2020 to help rail travellers enjoy the train journey that little bit more. The idea of 'give a book, take a book' caught on and was copied by other community groups keen to bring unwanted books back into use. We were helped by Scrivener's, who often donated numerous copies of surplus popular books.

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Where to get free or cheap books

Please see the corresponding numbers on the map:



If the 'reading bug' bites, why not join a book club or reading circle?

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National Year of Reading 2026

1 Buxton Station – book-swap project supported by Scrivener's (see number 8). Relying totally upon donated books, folk are invited to 'bring a book, take a book.' This way, we get to share books at no cost. Books travel on the train for free and end up in other similar schemes – in March 2025 we found one of our labelled books in Newcastle-upon-Tyne!
What3Words address: whistling.twists.deals

2 Various charity shops on Spring Gardens – these include Cancer Research, Scope, Lighthouse, MIND and Ashgate Hospice. When new hardback books can cost upwards of £20, it is wonderful to pick up a barely worn, preloved one, just a couple of months old for a fraction of that cost. And, better still, support the great work of a charity at the same time.
What3Words address: perused.epic.uproot

3 Springs Centre – now owned by High Peak Borough Council, the shopping mall has a book-swap scheme outside Yorkshire Trading/Waitrose. Right next door is The Works, a shop selling heavily discounted popular paperbacks and low price 'coffee table' books.
What3Words address: huddling.detergent.theme

4 Pump Room & Visitor Centre – specialising in history and heritage books, some written by local authors, the Visitor Centre has many leaflets, holds occasional sales and maintains a ready supply of low-priced children's books and local guide books.
What3Words address: nation.graver.blockage

5 Pavilion Gardens Gallery – similar to The Works, the retail part of the art gallery, next to the Pavilion Gardens Café, has a broad selection of low-priced popular paperbacks, mostly modern fiction.
What3Words address: shoelaces.nods.upwardly

6 Book Folk – this independent second-hand bookshop stocks many collectable titles and a fair supply of cheaper 'pulp fiction' paperback books, some dating back to the late 1960s and early 1970s.
What3Words address: asset.boarded.suspended

7 Blythe House Hospice & Lighthouse charity shops – on the Market Place and housing a tremendous selection of books alongside cheap toys and games, the choice is frankly staggering. Supporting the valuable work of local charities, the shops are cut-price book-banks!
What3Words address: cherubs.troubles.hires



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