

# Grand Days Out on the Settle - Carlisle Line

## Appleby-in-Westmorland

Appleby developed as the market town of Westmorland after the Norman conquest. A most famous resident was the remarkable Lady Anne Clifford. A formidable woman of her age, she devoted much of her time in the 1650s restoring the neglected estates surrounding the town and her home, Appleby Castle. Treat yourself to an afternoon tea or a tour, visit [www.applebycastle.co.uk](http://www.applebycastle.co.uk) for more information.

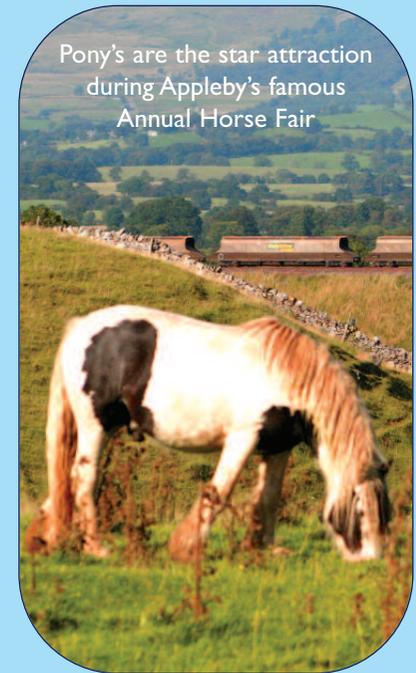


The River Eden at Appleby

Appleby's uncommonly wide main street Boroughgate, has been described as one of the finest in England. At the north end are important cloisters. Walking up Boroughgate can transport you back into Medieval England, while the charm of the riverside walks provides an opportunity to experience the tranquillity of the countryside within minutes of the town centre.

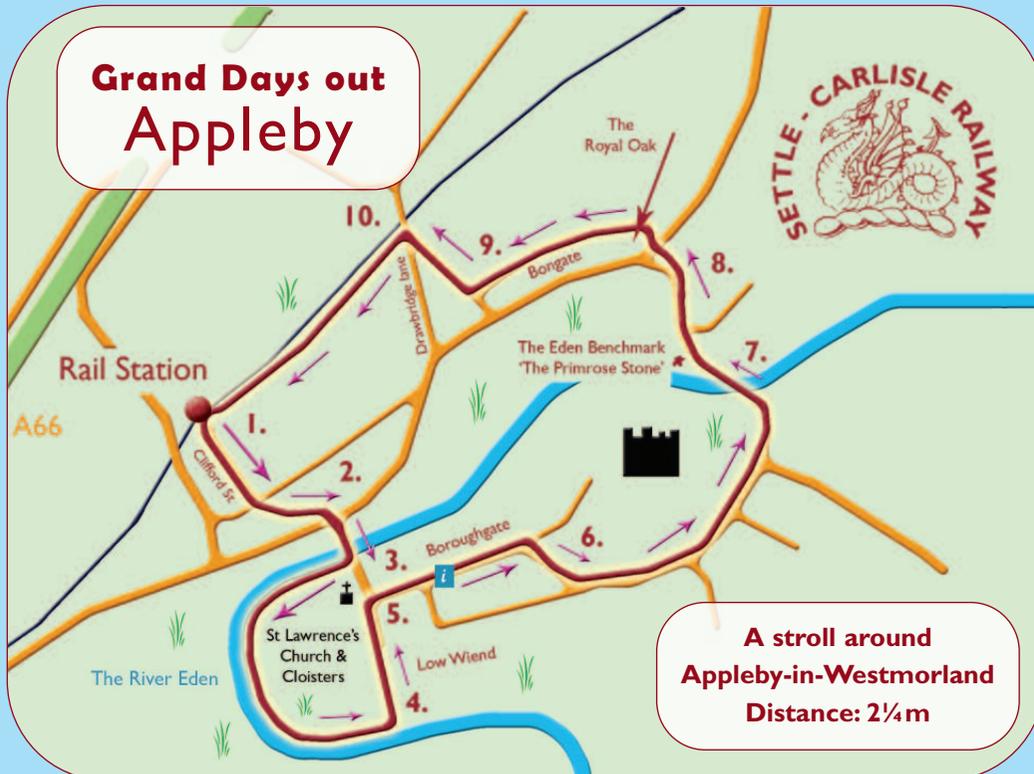
The Tourist Information Centre is on the ground floor of the Moot Hall, the ancient place where the Council still hold meetings.

Appleby Horse Fair, set up by Charter in 1685 as a fair for horse trading, runs for a week in June, ending on the 2nd Wednesday. It is the largest of its kind in the world and attracts a huge gypsy gathering.



Pony's are the star attraction during Appleby's famous Annual Horse Fair

## Grand Days out Appleby



**A stroll around  
Appleby-in-Westmorland  
Distance: 2¼m**

**A stroll around the ancient town of Appleby** Distance: 2¼m Allow: 1½hrs  
Paths can be muddy, wear suitable footwear and take warm clothing and a waterproof.

1. From the station car park turn right, then bear left down Clifford Street.
2. At the bottom, cross the road and continue down the footpath to the main road (signposted 'Town Centre').
3. Cross the road and the bridge over the river and immediately turn right onto the footpath alongside the river. Follow this path past the playing fields and swimming pool.
4. At the children's play area, turn left to the road, cross over and follow Low Wiend to Low Cross and the Market Place. On your left are the Cloisters of St Lawrence's Church.
5. Turn right up Boroughgate past the Moot Hall (Tourist Information Centre) and walk uphill past a number of fine buildings including the Almshouses on the left. At the top is the High Cross and the entrance to Appleby Castle, (Guided tours & Afternoon Teas - Booking advisable).
6. Bear right at the castle gates and follow the main road around the castle boundary wall. Where the main road bends right, continue with the castle wall round to the left down the lane to the river and the Jubilee Bridge.
7. Cross the bridge, (note the Eden Benchmarks sculpture 'Primrose Stone'), and go up the lane to the War Memorial and Bongate.
8. Cross the main road and go up the narrow lane between the cottages to the right of the Royal Oak Inn.
9. Where the lane ends at a road, turn right and continue to the junction with Drawbridge Lane and the railway bridge.
10. Just before the railway bridge turn left along the footpath through the houses and follow the alleyway back to the station.

For a more detailed map see:  
Outdoor Leisure map OL 19  
(Howgill Fells &  
Upper Eden Valley)

The Upper  
Market Cross



This walk is one of a series of *Days Out* for the Settle - Carlisle Line. Produced by the Settle - Carlisle Railway Development Company. For more information and rail timetables visit our website at [www.settle-carlisle.co.uk](http://www.settle-carlisle.co.uk)



The Hospital of St Anne

## Appleby Station

Clifford Street, Appleby-in-Westmorland, Cumbria CA16 6TT

Toilets and baby changing facilities/disabled toilet.

Travel Centre: Opening hours Mon - Fri 0900-1815,

Sat 0800-1720 Sunday closed. Ticket machine.

Waiting Rooms on both platforms.

Step Free Access to the Leeds platform is via a long steep slope. There could be accompanied access over barrow crossing when station is manned.

A pre-nationalisation milepost on the southbound side marks the station's location as 277¼ miles from London, St Pancras on the Midland Railway route via Leicester and Derby. The original bill to build the line was passed in 1866. Appleby is recorded as going wild with excitement as the bill passed through the House of Commons as the dairy farmers would have access to a wider range of markets.

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and Facebook [www.facebook.com/setcarrailway](http://www.facebook.com/setcarrailway)

For more walks see [www.foscl.org.uk/guided-walks](http://www.foscl.org.uk/guided-walks)

## Things to see and do

The tower at **St Lawrence's church** was built in 1150 with the porch area added in the 13<sup>th</sup> century and the body of the church in the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> centuries. Lady Anne Clifford restored the church in the 1650s. It has some interesting tombs and sits alongside the river at the lower end of Boroughgate.

For a pretty riverside walk, turn left on the footpath just before the bridge over the river when heading away from the town. You can follow this path around the sweep of the river as it curls around the town. When you come to a small road bridge that crosses the river to a farm turn left along Holme Street, this takes you back into Boroughgate.

A walk up the generously wide and tree lined Boroughgate towards the Castle will lead you to the **Hospital of St Anne** established in 1651. A pretty courtyard of occupied almshouses. The courtyard is open to the public from 10am to 6pm in the summer and 10am to 4pm in the winter.

There is an interesting variety of independent shops, cafes and galleries in the town. For more information visit <http://visitappleby.com/>

**The Settle & Carlisle Railway Trust has three holiday cottages, two within the main station building at Kirkby Stephen and also the Station Master's House at Ribbleshead, for details call Rachel on 01768 800 208 or visit: [www.sandctrust.org.uk/stayatastation](http://www.sandctrust.org.uk/stayatastation)**



St Lawrence's Church

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