Beckermet means the meeting of two becks and sits in rolling grasslands by Black Beck and Kirk Beck. St Bridget's church is thought to have been built on the site of a 7th century monastic house. St John's church was built in the late 19th century and is listed. It houses the remains of a former Norman church, and several cross-slabs and fragments of Anglo-Danish crosses. **Calderbridge** has three splendid houses. Calder Abbey House is attached to the ruins of Calder Abbey and listed Grade I, Pelham House is 18th century and listed Grade II, Sella Park has a 14th century pele tower incorporated into a 17th century house with 19th century restorations. The Abbey was founded in 1134, originally as a Benedictine monastery, while described as "one of the most enchanting abbeys in the British Isles". **Gosforth** is at the entrance to both the Wasdale and Eskdale valleys. Many buildings date to the 17th century. A red sandstone cross, thought to be Viking, is located in St Mary's church yard. At 14ft high, it is the tallest ancient cross in England. Inscriptions indicate pagan and Christian symbolism, showing the transition in beliefs. **Hensingham**, once a large village on its own, is now in reality a suburb of Whitehaven. Situated high above the town it overlooks the town and harbour. In the early 19th century work was supplied by the thread industry and nearby limestone quarry. The principal landowner was the Earl of Lonsdale. Built in the Gothic style in 1911-13 the red sandstone, rock-faced chapel of St John has a tower with eight bells. The church continues to be active as does regular bell ringing. **St Bees** is a village on the Western coast at the end of a long valley. It is the start of the "Coast to Coast" walk. St Bees School was founded in 1583. At the northern end of its sandy beach, making it a popular holiday resort, is St Bees Head. Its RSPB nature reserve is home to England's only colony of Black Guillemots. This Guide has been produced by members of the West Cumbria Branch of CAMRA (The Campaign for Real Ale) to promote the excellent Real Ale premises that we enjoy in West Cumbria.

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Public Transport

Bus services - Stagecoach (*https://www.stagecoachbus.com/timetables*)
Service 20 - Whitehaven to Hensingham
There are no bus services to St Bees, Beckermet, Calderbridge and Gosforth.

Rail services - Cumbria Coast Line (*https://northernrailway.co.uk*)
Has stops at Whitehaven, St. Bees, Braystones, Sellafield and Seascale

Beckermet is 1.7 miles from Braystones Station
Calderbridge is 3.3 miles from Braystones Station and 3 miles from Sellafield Station

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FACILITIES SYMBOLS

See individual premises facility listings

- Quiet premises: free from piped music, jukeboxes, electronic games or TVs (at least one room).
- Family premises: where the license guarantees that families are warmly (and legally) welcome and in at least one distinct area of the pub - not just in a corridor or a corner of the main bar or lounge.
- Outdoor drinking area: this may vary from a garden to benches on a pavement or even a village green.
- Accommodation: rooms to let (no assessment of quality or price is made).
- Lunchtime meals: not snacks but substantial fare (including one hot dish) and in the premises itself, not in a separate restaurant.
- Evening meals: as for lunchtime meals; separate restaurants are often mentioned in the premises description.
- Wheelchair access: easy access to the premises and WCs.
- Camping: camping facilities for tents at the premises or within one mile; sometimes caravans are also welcomed and this is often mentioned.
- Bus routes that regularly pass close to the premises and/or is near to a railway station.
- Traditional pub games played.
- Real draught cider (not keg) available.
- Premises has its own car park.
- Dog friendly.
- WiFi access.
- Oversize lined pint glasses: used for some or all beers.

17 QUEENS HOTEL

St Bees, 130 Main Street CA27 0DE 01946 822287

www.marstonspubs.co.uk/queenshotel.cumbria

Opening hours can vary. Please check.

WYCHWOOD Hobgoblin Gold, plus up to three changing guests (Marstons list)

Recently re-opened after extensive refurbishing. A 17th century building comprising two bars and a conservatory with extensive gardens and a separate restaurant, Wednesday is curry night. Limited parking. (St Bees)P

18 SEACOTE HOTEL

St Bees, Beach Road CA27 0ES 01946 822300

www.seacote.com

12-11.30 (M-Sun)

BLACK SHEEP Bitter, plus a changing guest

Refurbished holiday hotel. Spacious bars (two) with plenty of seating. Sports bar has TV's, pool, darts board and a gaming machine. Separate restaurant. Extensive outdoor area with views of St Bees Head. (St Bees)P

CAMRA in West Cumbria issues awards throughout the year to our premises, recognising continued excellence and meritable achievements. In some cases our pubs go on to compete at county, regional and national level. Many of the premises in this Guide have been recipients of such awards over the years. As an indication we have included details, in the entries, of awards made over the last three years. These are :

POTS - Pub of the Season (awarded quarterly to recognise meritable achievement).
POTY - Pub of the Year (voted by members to be the best pub in the Branch area).
CiPOTY - Cider Pub of the Year (voted by members to be the best cider pub in the Branch area).
COTY - Club of the Year (voted by members to be the best club in the Branch area).
CPOTY - Cumbria Pub of the Year (voted by the members across Cumbria to be the best pub in the county).
CCOTY - Cumbria Club of the Year (voted by the members across Cumbria to be the best club in the county).
GBG - Good Beer Guide entry (selected by the members to be included in this prestigious national CAMRA publication).

1 BLACKBECK HOTEL

Beckermet, Blackbeck CA22 2NY 01946 841661

www.blackbeck.co.uk

5-11 (M-Sat) 12-10.30 (Sun)

BLACBECK Belle, Trial Run

Well-appointed roadside hotel. Originally a small farm, now much extended, but retaining much of its past character. Home of Blackbeck Brewery. Family history of fairgrounds. Other Blackbeck bottle-conditioned beers available. Q🫖❀🛏◑♿🚌P🐾🛜

2 ROYAL OAK

Beckermet, Nursery Road CA21 2XB 01946 841666

No website currently

5-12 (M-F) 11-12 (Sat) 12-17 (Sun)

ENNERDALE Blonde

Recently re-opened. Typical Cumbrian village pub, comprising a small front lounge, cosy inner snug, and bar with open fire and spacious restaurant. Popular for food, particularly Sunday lunches. Beer garden planned. 🫖🛏◑🚌P🐾(bar/lounge only)🛜

3 WHITE MARE

Beckermet, Morass Road CA21 2XS 01946 841246

www.thewhitemarehotel.co.uk

11.45-11 (-Th) 11.45-12 (F-Sun)

CALEDONIAN White Mare*, plus up to two changing guests

Re-opened and refurbished country house hotel. Saloon bar for TV Sports, lounge bar for meals and dogs. Restaurant for more formal dining and weddings. Increasingly popular with Coast to Coast cyclists. Q🫖❀🛏◑🚌P🐾🛜

4 STANLEY ARMS

Calderbridge (On A595) CA20 1DN 01946 841235

www.stanleyarmshotel.com

12-11.30 (M-Sun)

Varies, up to four changing guests

Small village hotel, just inside Lake District National Park. Superb beer garden alongside River Calder, with fishing rights. Hearty meals in bar and separate restaurant. Riverside walk to ruins of 12th century Calder Abbey. Q🫖❀🛏◑🚌♣P🐾🛜 **GBG 2015 to 2017**

5 GLOBE INN

Gosforth, The Square CA20 1AL 019467 25548

No website currently

12-10 (M-Sun)

Varies, up to three changing guests

Large, unpretentious pub. Has accommodation and lunchtime and evening meals. Real fire in the winter months.
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6 GOSFORTH HALL INN

Gosforth, Wasdale Road CA20 1AZ 019467 25322

www.gosforthhall.co.uk

3-12 (M-Sun)

YATES Golden Ale, plus up to three changing guests

Former 17th century Grade II listed farmhouse. Boasts a priests hole, spiral staircase, and widest single span sandstone hearth in Britain. Noted for Rod's pies. Landscaped sheltered beer garden. Q🫖❀🛏◑♣P🐾🛜 **POTY 2017** **GBG 2015 to 2017**

7 KELLBANK (Previously HORSE & GROOM)

Gosforth, Whitecroft CA20 1JA 019467 25254

www.thekellbank.co.uk

11-11 (M-Sat) 12-10.30 (Sun)

Varies, up to three changing guests

Comfortable village local. An old coaching inn with a mounting block. Modern bar and furnishings. Separate restaurant and upstairs function suite. A pool table and darts board upstairs. 🫖❀🛏◑♿P🐾🛜

8 LION & LAMB

Gosforth, The Square CA20 1AL 019467 58422

www.thelionthelamb.co.uk

3-11.30 (M-Th) 12-12 (F-Sun)

CUMBRIAN LEGENDARY ALES Loweswater Gold, plus up to two changing guests

Recently refurbished and extended, now a modern Sports Style bar. Popular with the younger set, busy at weekends. Has a breath alcohol tester! Extensive eat-in menu, plus takeaway options. 🫖❀🛏◑♿P🐾🛜

9 DISTRESSED SAILOR

Hensingham, Egremont Road CA28 8NH 01946 65170

www.distressedsailor.com

Closed (M&Tu) 12-11 (W-Sun)

Varies, up to two changing ENNERDALE beers

Completely refurbished in modern style. Operates as a specialist seafood and grill bar restaurant. Bistro afternoon menu.
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10 GLOBE INN

Hensingham, 95 Main Street CA28 8QX 01946 590772

www.theglobehensigham.co.uk

Closed (M) 2-11 (Tu-F) 12-11 (Sat&Sun)

Varies, up to two changing guests

Homely community pub. Smallish bar with upstairs dining/function room. Home cooked food Saturdays and Sundays. Specialises in gluten-free. Juke box, quiz machine and large screen TV. 🫖❀(Sat&Sun only)◗🚌🐾🛜

11 LOWTHER ARMS

Hensingham, 18 Ribton Moorside CA28 8PU 01946 695888

www.lowtherarms.co.uk

Closed (M) 12-2 6-11 (Tu-Th) 12-12 (Sat) 12-10.30 (Sun) **

CUMBRIAN LEGENDARY ALES Loweswater Gold, plus a changing guest

Reopened March 2017. New management. Large open area, bar to one end with seated "drinkers space". Pool and games tables. Elevated lounge and restaurant. Separate area with TV screen for sports. (** differ from website) 🫖(Sun only)◗(Th-Sat only)♿🚌P🐾

12 RICHMOND

Hensingham, Main Street CA28 8TJ 01946 693866

www.therichmondgrill.co.uk

12-10 (M) 12-9 (Tu) 3-10 (W) 12-11 (Th-Sun)

A YATES, plus a changing guest

Recently refurbished, large estate pub, reopened as a bar/bistro. Popular for food. Sunday "all you can eat meat" lunches very popular. Heated outdoor patio area.
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13 SUN INN

Hensingham, 101 Main Street CA28 8QD 01946 695149

No website currently

12-11 (M-Sat) 12-10.30 (Sun)

JENNINGS Bitter

Popular locals' pub with a lounge/games room and a public bar. Friendly and welcoming.
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14 ALBERT HOTEL

St Bees, 1 Finkle Street CA27 0BN 01946 822345

www.alberthotel-stbees.co.uk

6-12 (M-Th) 12-12 (F-Sun)

Varies, up to two changing guests

Compact front bar with contemporary décor and furnishings. Rear bar with entrance to sizeable beer garden. Annual beer festival (August) and live music each month (weekend). Runs youngsters' football team. 🫖❀🛏⛵🚌(St Bees)🐾🛜

15 MANOR

St Bees, 11-12 Main Street CA27 0DE 01946 820587

www.manorhousestbees.co.uk

12-11 (M-Sun)

Varies, up to four changing guests

Grade I listed, 17th century premises, comprises front bar and sports bar to rear. Popular separate large restaurant. Rear beer garden, front patio. Holds two annual beer festivals (May and September). Q🫖❀🛏◑⛵🚌(St Bees)♣P🐾🛜 **GBG 2016 & 2017**

16 ODDFELLOWS ARMS

St Bees, 92 Main Street CA27 0AD 01946 822317

No website currently

6-11 (M-Sat) 12-10.30 (Sun)

Varies, up to two changing guests (Marstons list)

Community focused pub. Same landlady for 17 years. Monthly steak pie nights (Thursday) and Quiz nights (Tuesday), also folk singing and fundraising events. Patio area to rear. Caters for functions. Q🫖❀⛵🚌(St Bees)P🐾🛜