

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

**FACILITIES SYMBOLS**

See individual premises facility listings

**17 WAVERLEY HOTEL**  
13-14 Tangier Street 01946 694337  
[www.thewaverleyhotel.co.uk](http://www.thewaverleyhotel.co.uk)  
11-11 (M-Sun)



**Varies, a changing guest, usually Cumbrian**

18th century building retaining original facade. A former temperance hotel. Separate small, very comfortable bar area open to non residents. Walls adorned with interesting old Whitehaven photographs.

**18 WHITTINGTON CAT**  
Lowther Street CA28 7DG 01946 67170  
*No website currently*  
11-11 (M-Sat) 12-10.30 (Sun)



**JENNINGS Bitter, plus a changing guest (Marston's list)**

Sportsman bar with televised matches. Popular for lunches with daily "specials" and traditional Sunday roasts. Can get very busy particularly at weekends.

**19 HOWGATE (BREWERS FAYRE)**  
Howgate (on B5036) CA28 6PL 01946 66286  
[www.brewersfayre.co.uk/](http://www.brewersfayre.co.uk/)  
12-11 (M-Sat) 12-10.30 (Sun)



**SHARP'S Doom Bar, plus a changing guest**

Brewers Fayre restaurant with a bar, attached to a Premier Inn located in an elevated position, with views over the coast, on the outskirts of the town. Close to the A595 bypass.

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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 club in the county).

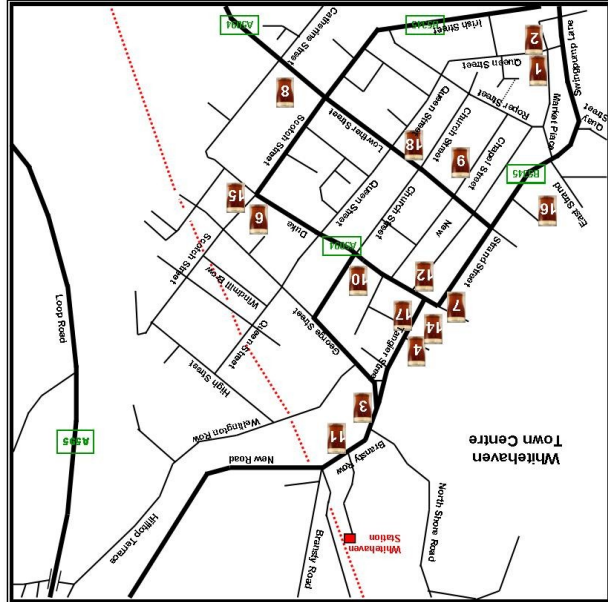
**CCOTY** - Cumbria Club of the Year (voted by members across Cumbria to be the best pub in the county).

**GBG** - Good Beer Guide entry (selected by the national CAMRA publication).

**PUBLIC TRANSPORT:**  
**NORTHERN RAIL** service Carlisle to Barrow via Whitehaven, also has stops at Parton, Cortick, Workington, Maryport and Aspatria. See [www.northernrailway.co.uk/](http://www.northernrailway.co.uk/)

**Bus Services:** The town centre bus stands are located on Lowther Street.

**REAYS**  
Service 21—Thornhill to Whitehaven via Bigrig and Hensingham  
Service 20—Frington to Whitehaven via Cleator Moor and Hensingham  
Service 22—Frington to Whitehaven via Cleator Moor and Hensingham  
Service 30 - Egremont to Workington and Maryport via Whitehaven  
Service 31 - Frizington and Cleator Moor to Workington and Maryport via Whitehaven  
Service 32 - Frizington to Whitehaven via Cleator Moor and Hensingham  
Service 300 and 301 - Whitehaven to Carlisle, via Workington and Maryport  
Service 302 - Whitehaven to Aspatria via Workington  
Service 600 - Whitehaven to Carlisle via Cockermouth and Bothel  
X30 - Egremont to Whitehaven via Bigrig and Hensingham  
See [www.cumbria.gov.uk/roads-transport/](http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/roads-transport/)



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# Whitehaven Real Ale Guide

**CAMPAIGN  
FOR  
REAL ALE**

Whitehaven, a post-renaissance, planned Georgian town has over 250, mostly Georgian, listed buildings, many still licensed premises. It is one of only forty "gem towns" in England. Its development owes much to the Lowther family who laid out the original grid system of streets and types of houses. A forerunner to New York? It was built on the shipping and mining industries, which have now sadly declined. Its history is also associated with America. George Washington's grandmother Mildred Warner Gale came from the town. In 1778 John Paul Jones an American naval officer during the War of Independence, unsuccessfully "raided" the port. The port's development was linked with rich local deposits of coal and iron ore. Many of the mines extended far out to sea under the sea bed, the first being constructed in 1729. The "Candlestick" memorial on the headland overlooking the harbour was originally a chimney for ventilation at Wellington pit. A large Millennium grant allowed regeneration of the harbour area. Now a busy marina, it hosts many visits from the "Tall Ships". The town is the start for the C2C (Coast to Coast) Cycle route. Attractions include The Beacon, The Rum Store and the harbour itself. Whitehaven railway station has services to Carlisle and Barrow. Theatre-goers can enjoy performances at the Rosehill Theatre located on the northern outskirts of the town (just off the A595). 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 Whitehaven.

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## 1 ANCHOR VAULTS

Market Place CA28 7JB

01946 692963

No website currently

10-12 (M-Sat) 12-12 (Sun)

### JENNINGS Bitter

Two roomed market place pub that is very popular with locals, and can get very busy at weekends. Sports shown on large screen TV.



## 2 BARRA JACKS

23 James Street CA28 7HZ

01946 692119

No website currently

12-12 (M-F) 11-12 (Sat) 10-12 (Sun)

Varies, one changing guest

A locals pub, serving the local community. Can be lively, particularly at weekends. TV mostly devoted to the horse racing fraternity.



## 3 BRANSTY ARCH

Bransty Row CA28 7XE

01946 517640

www.jdwetherspoon.co.uk

8-12 (M-Sun)

GREENE KING Abbot Ale, HAWKSHEAD Windermere Pale, YATES Golden Ale, plus up to two changing guests

A Wetherspoons with a sea-themed interior, named after the demolished railway bridge, which was close by. Across from the attractive harbour. Busy in the evenings at weekends. Holds mini beer festivals.



GBG 2015



## 4 CANDLESTICK

22 Tangier Street CA28 7UX

01946 599032

No website currently

12-12 (M-Sat) 2-10.30 (Sun) (see description)

ROBINSONS Dizzy Blonde, plus a changing guest (Robinsons list)

Unusual refurbishment has given this historic pub an evening café/cocktail bar feel, with leather sofas. Still caters for regulars. Occasional live music sessions. May close earlier or stay open later, dependant upon trade.



## 5 CHASE HOTEL

Corkickle CA28 8AA

01946 693656

www.chasewhitehaven.co.uk

12-2 6-11 (M-Sun)

MARSTON'S Wainwright

Spacious, modern décor, bright bar area, open to non-residents. Plenty of comfortable seating. Big screen TV. Opens onto large terrace to side and back. Tables and shades. Dining room to side.

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## 6 GLASS HOUSE

41-42 Duke Street CA28 7NP

01946 95222

www.theglasshouse-whitehaven.co.uk

Closed (M&Tu) 12-12 (W-Sat) 12-3 (Sun)

Up to two changing (BLACKBECK)

Ultra modern wine bar and restaurant, owned by Blackbeck Brewery. Getting good reviews for food.

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## 7 JOHN PAUL JONES

Strand Street CA28 7EN

01946 690916

No website currently

Closed (M-W) 7-12 (Th) 7-2am (F&Sat) 7-12 (Sun)

One changing guest (Marston's list)

Designed in the style of a harbourmasters house, recently re-opened after "refreshing". Named after the leader of the abortive American raid on the town in 1778. Live music at weekends.



## 8 LOWTHER CLUB (Previously Conservative Club)

82 Lowther Street CA28 7RF

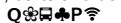
01946 692396

No website currently

Closed (M) 7-11 (Tu-Th) 3-12.30am (F) 12-12.45am (Sat) 12-9 (Sun)

BOWNESS BAY Swan Blonde, ROBINSONS Dizzy Blonde, plus up to two changing guests

Listed Georgian building. Warm friendly members club, open to non-members (joining fee for frequent visitors). Downstairs lounge bar, darts and dominoes. Partially refurbished stylish upstairs room with bar.



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## 9 PUNCHEON

Chapel Street CA28 7AX

01946 691140

No website currently

11-12 (M-Sat) 12.15-10.30 (Sun)

JENNINGS Bitter

Back street lively local, with friendly bar staff. Has a pool room to the rear of the premises.



## 10 SHAKERS COCKTAIL & CAFÉ BAR

21 Duke Street CA28 7ET

01946 667720

No website currently

Closed (M-W) 7-late\* ((Th) 6-late\* (F) 5-late\* (Sat) 7-late\* (Sun)

HAWKSHEAD Windermere Pale

A popular and successful cocktail bar now selling real ale. Late night, weekends venue. \* May stay open late, dependant upon trade.



## 11 SHIPWRIGHTS

4 Bransty Row CA28 7XE

01946 632030

No website currently

12-12 (M-Sun)

Varies, one changing guest

Popular locals pub with lots of Sky Sports. Recently refreshed frontage. Nautical themes interior, with lots of artefacts and ship models. Across the road from the harbour.



## 12 SNECKLIFTER

Duke Street CA28 7EL

01946 690990

No website currently

Closed (M) 4-12 (Tu-F) 2-12 (Sat) 2-11 (Sun)

Varies, up to three changing guests

Extensively remodelled, open plan interior, with distinct areas. Dark wood predominates with some stone features. Prints and photographs of local area, and wine production. TV used as picture frames.



## 13 SUNNY HILL

Victoria Road CA28 6AB

01946 694753

No website currently

11.30-12 (M-Sun)

SHARP'S Atlantic, plus a changing guest (in summer)

Large comfortable pub with lots of intimate dining space and a bar area for drinking and TV. Superb indoor children's play area. Popular for family dining.

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## 14 TAVERN

18 Tangier Street CA28 7UX

07540 801227

No website currently

Closed (M-W) 12-12 (Th) 12-2am (F&Sat) 12-12 (Sun)

A changing guest

Close to harbourside. Interesting refurbishment of historic building, features internal spiral staircase and indoor well. Pool table at rear. Separate upstairs bar. On town circuit.



## 15 THREE TUNS

Scotch Street CA28 7XE

01946 517640

No website currently

4-11 (M-Th) 12-2am (Sat) 12-11 (Sun)

CUMBRIAN LEGENDARY ALES Loweswater Gold, plus a changing guest

Family run for 13 years. Oldest pub in Whitehaven still open? Noted venue for live rock music. One room with a real fire and pool table. Another adorned with artwork and rock memorabilia, plus a jukebox.



## 16 VAGABOND

9 Marlborough Street CA28 7LL

01946 666653

www.thevagabondwhitehaven.co.uk

5-11 (M-Th) 4-12 (F) 12-12 (Sat) 12-9 (Sun)

Varies, up to four changing guests

Two storied, wooden floored, located close to historic harbour. Upper floor used exclusively for dining. Popular for food. Take-away menu including home produced pizzas.



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