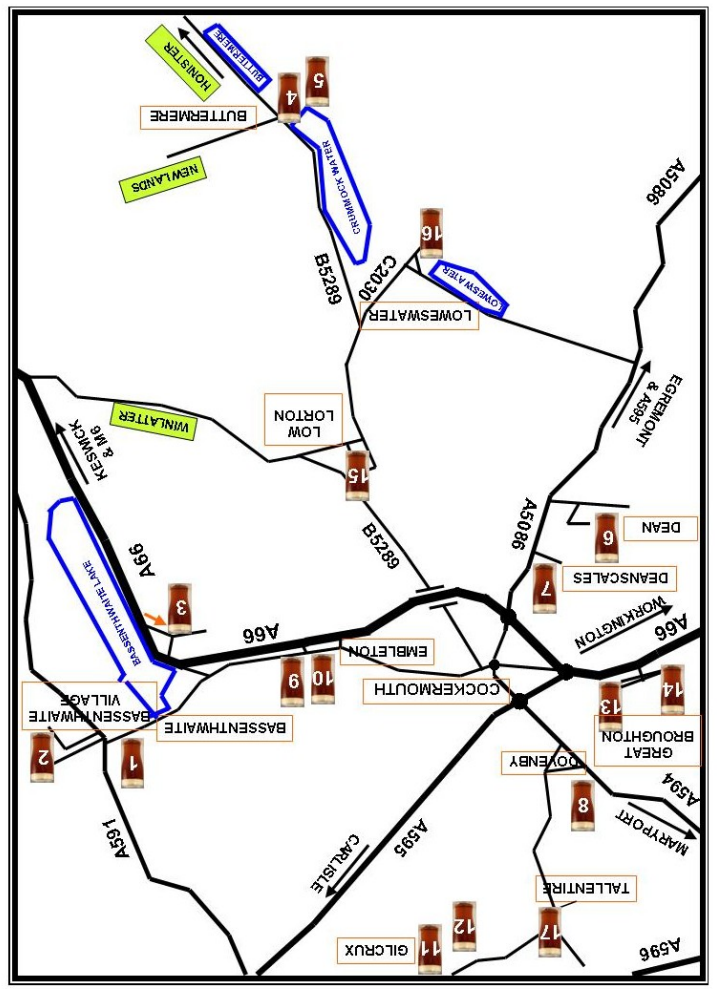


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- ☑ See individual premises facility listings
- 🔊 Quiet premises: free from piped music, jukeboxes, electronic games or TVs (at least one room).
- 👪 Family premises: where the licensee guarantees that families are warmly (and legally) welcome and in at least one distinct area of the premises: 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.
- 🎲 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.

**FACILITIES SYMBOLS**



**BORDERING COCKERMOUTH MAP**

**17 BUSH INN**  
 Tallentire CA13 OPT 01900 823707  
 No website currently  
 Closed (M) 6-11 (Tu-Sat) 12-2 7-11 (Sun)



**Varies, up to three changing guests (usually at least one Cumbrian and/or a cider, summer months)**  
 A good old fashioned pub. Exposed beams, stone floor. Hub of community, home of cricket team and hosts traditional music sessions (last Wednesday of month). Separate restaurant. 🍷(Th-Sat)🍀🍷(Summer)🍷📶(BT Hotspot) **GBG2015-2017**

**Bus services** - There are intermittent services to many locations, but few regular services. Go to [www.cumbria.gov.uk/buses](http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/buses) for full details of timetables.

- Embleton, Bassenthwaite Lake and Basenthwaite Village**  
 The X4/X5 services (Workington to Penrith via Cockermouth and Keswick) serves the Embleton premises. The Sun Inn is approximately a one mile walk from the Castle Inn stop (X4 Service). The Pheasant is a short walk from the stop at the A5291/A66 junction (X5 Service). The 554 (Keswick to Carlisle) also serves the Castle Inn.
- Broughton Moor and Great Broughton**  
 The 68B service (Maryport to Cockermouth) serves these premises.
- Low Lorton, Loweswater and Buttermere**  
 The 77a service (Keswick circular) serves these premises (The Kirkstile Inn can be reached by alighting at the Lorton end of the Buttermere turn-off and walking for around two miles). Mid March to end October, Monday to Saturday only.
- Tallentire and Gilcrux**  
 No direct bus services, but they may be reached by taking a bus to a neighbouring village and taking a lengthy walk. For Tallentire, the 58 service alighting in Dovenby. For Gilcrux, the 300/301 service (Maryport to Aspatria) alighting at Crosby Villa.
- Dovenby**  
 The 58 (Maryport to Cockermouth) serves the pub.
- Deanscales and Dean**  
 The 217 service (Cockermouth to Frizington) serves these premises but is limited and runs on **Wednesdays only**.

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).

**FREE** **Bordering Cockermouth Real Ale Guide**



The area bordering Cockermouth is an interesting mixture of rural villages and hamlets. Some beside picturesque lakes or rivers, others majestically overlooked by Lakeland fells. To the north lie the villages of Gilcrux, a farming village with a Norman origin church, Tallentire which means "land (or worlds) end", and also Dovenby, the base for an international rally team. To the west is Great Broughton, a rambling village beside the River Derwent. To the south is Deanscales, a hamlet lying between the Pardshaw and Eaglesfield crags. Beyond is Dean, a small village with a church with interesting gargoyles and the base of an ancient cross. On the B5289 south from Cockermouth is Low Lorton, a village snug beside the River Cocker and the birthplace of Jennings Brewery. Continuing south on the B5289 to Brackenthwaite you can take a turning (still the B5289), and head for Buttermere, a village set in dramatic fell surroundings and taking its name from the nearby lake (approximately two miles), or continue on the C2030 to Loweswater, a scattered community between Crummock Water and Loweswater, with magnificent views down to the Buttermere valley. To the east of Cockermouth is Embleton, a scattered village overlooking the smaller fells that line the south side of the A66 (which was the route of the old Penrith to Workington railway). Beyond is Bassenthwaite Lake (the area at the western end of the lake), and Bassenthwaite (Village), a small hamlet on the northern side of the lake and below Skiddaw (3,054 ft). All very scenic and interesting. 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.

## 1 CASTLE INN TAVERN (Previously LAKERS BAR)

Bassenthwaite CA12 4RG 017687 76401  
[www.castleinncumbria.co.uk](http://www.castleinncumbria.co.uk)

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

**Varies, up to two changing guests (usually a Cumbrian)**

Separate bar in a Best Western hotel facility. Open to non-residents. TV. Extensive gardens. Bar meals through to 9.30pm.  
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## 2 SUN INN

Bassenthwaite Village CA12 4QP 017687 76439  
[www.suninnlakes.co.uk](http://www.suninnlakes.co.uk)

4-11 (M&W-Th) Closed (Tu) 12-11 (F&Sat) 12-10.30 (Sun)

**JENNINGS Cumberland Ale, MARSTONS Bassenthwaite Beauty plus a changing guest (Marstons list)**

Welcoming village pub. Popular for dining, home-made meals using locally sourced produce. Booking recommended. Quiz last Sunday in month. ACV listed. Note winter hours subject to seasonal change.  
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## 3 PHEASANT

Bassenthwaite Lake CA13 9YE 017687 76234  
[www.the-pheasant.co.uk](http://www.the-pheasant.co.uk)

11.30-11 (M-Sun)

**CONISTON Bluebird, HAWKSHEAD Bitter plus a changing guest**

500-year-old coaching inn, now an up-market hotel. Non-residents and non-diners welcome. Polished walls, with antique chairs and settles. Separate restaurant & bistro. CAMRA-registered Heritage Pub.  
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## 4 BRIDGE HOTEL

Buttermere CA13 9UZ 017687 70252  
[www.bridge-hotel.com](http://www.bridge-hotel.com)

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

**Varies, up to four changing guests, all Cumbrian**

First licensed as a coaching inn in 1735. Typical Lakeland hotel in superb setting. Ideal base for exploring Buttermere and Crummock Water fells. Two different bars, popular outside seating.  
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## 5 FISH HOTEL

Buttermere CA13 9XA 017687 70253  
[www.fishinnbuttermere.co.uk](http://www.fishinnbuttermere.co.uk)

10.30-11 (M-Sat) 10.30-10.30 (Sun) (Summer) 10.30-3 (M) Closed (Tu&W) 10.30-11 (Th-Sat) 10.30-10.30 (Sun) (Winter)

**JENNINGS Bitter, Cocker Hoop, Snecklifter, THEAKSTON Old Peculier, up to three changing guests (usually one Cumbrian)**

Family owned/operated stone-built historical hotel, in lovely Lakeland setting, twist Buttermere and Crummock Water. Spacious comfortable bar area. Closed January to mid February. Note Summer/Winter opening hours.  
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## 6 ROYAL YEW INN

Dean CA14 4TJ 01946 861342  
[www.theroyaljew.co.uk](http://www.theroyaljew.co.uk)

12-2.30 6-11 (M-Sat) 12-3 6-10.30 (Sun)

**Varies, up to two changing guests**

Charming village pub, popular with locals for dining. Old building extended over the years to incorporate the adjoining barn. Note five-bar gate bar front and interesting staircases and interior.  
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## 7 OLD POSTING HOUSE

Deanscales CA13 0SL 01900 823278  
[www.oldpostinghouse.co.uk](http://www.oldpostinghouse.co.uk)

6-12 (M-Sat) 12-2 (Sun)

**Varies, up to two changing guests**

Old mailing inn, now primarily a very popular restaurant. Limited space for those just wishing to have a drink. Mail boxes and cloak wringer in back room.  
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## 8 SHIP (Previously DOVENBY SHIP)

Dovenby CA13 0PN 01900 823692  
[www.thedovenbyship.co.uk](http://www.thedovenbyship.co.uk)

11.30-11 (M-Sat) 11.45-11 (Sun)

**JENNINGS Bitter, plus a changing guest**

Popular dining pub that serves real ale, consists of a large open L-shaped area and an outside beer garden.  
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## 9 EMBLETON SPA HOTEL

Embleton CA13 9YA 017687 76606  
[www.embletonspa.co.uk](http://www.embletonspa.co.uk)

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

**BLACK SHEEP Best Bitter, INDEPENDENT LAKELAND BREWERIES (STRANDS) Gold Wing**

Originally an 18th-century Lakeland farmhouse, now a family-run hotel, open to non-residents. Serves traditional Cumbrian food, which can be enjoyed in front of an open fire, or on the terrace looking to the fells.  
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## 10 WHEATSHEAF INN

Embleton CA13 9XP 017687 76602  
*No website currently*

12-11 (M-Sun)

**JENNINGS Bitter, TIRRIL Grasmere Gold**

Refurbished roadside village pub. Part flagstone floor, walls adorned with old Lakeland photographs and prints. Popular for dining. Two open fires. Function room upstairs. Children's play area.  
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## 11 BARN BISTRO

Gilcrux CA7 2QX 016973 23289  
[www.barnbistro.co.uk](http://www.barnbistro.co.uk)

Closed (M) 5-11 (Tu) 12-11 (W-Sun)

**JENNINGS Bitter, plus up to two changing guests (usually Cumbrian)**

This restaurant-bar was formerly known as 'the Beeches'. Renamed and re-opened in 2010. It also offers 35 malt whiskies plus a gin menu and has a great reputation for its locally-sourced food.  
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## 12 MASONS ARMS

Gilcrux CA7 2QX 016973 20765  
*No website currently*

6-12 (M-F) 6-12.30am (Sat) 12-12.30am (Sun)

**Varies, up to three changing guests (usually a Cumbrian)**

Friendly local pub. Has two separate bars. Building, with reclaimed ships' timbers in its structure, dates back to 1865, originally a boot and shoe maker. Note winter hours, subject to seasonal change.  
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## 13 BROUGHTON CRAGGS HOTEL

Great Broughton CA13 0XP 01900 824400  
[www.broughtoncraggs.co.uk](http://www.broughtoncraggs.co.uk)

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

**Varies, one changing guest (usually a YATES)**

Hotel bar, overlooking extensive well-laid-out gardens. Separate lounges open to non-residents. Lunchtime meals on Sunday only.  
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## 14 PUNCHBOWL INN

Great Broughton 19 Main Street CA13 0YJ No telephone  
*No website currently*

Closed (M-W) 8-11 (Th) 6-11 (F) 5-11 (Sat) 6-11 (Sun)

**Varies, up to two changing guests**

Originally a 17th century coaching inn, now a Community Pub. Truly for "drinkers" and run by a committee. Rugby League memorabilia on the walls and water jugs hang from the low beamed ceiling.  
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## 15 WHEATSHEAF INN

Low Lorton CA13 9UW 01900 85199  
[www.wheatsheafinnorton.co.uk](http://www.wheatsheafinnorton.co.uk)

6-11 (M-Th) 12-2 6-11 (F) 12-11 (Sat&Sun)

**JENNINGS Bitter, plus up to four changing guests (Marstons list), plus a cider**

Seventeenth century village pub, has its own caravan park. Two bar areas, each with a real fire. Set in the Vale of Lorton. High quality food. Pub quiz every Wednesday night with free food afterwards.  
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## 16 KIRKSTILE INN

Loweswater CA13 0RU 01900 85219  
[www.kirkstile.com](http://www.kirkstile.com)

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

**CUMBRIAN LEGENDARY ALES Esthwaite Bitter, Langdale, Loweswater Gold, plus up to two changing guests (sometimes one another Cumbrian)**

16th Century pub. Three seated areas and a good reputation (busy) restaurant. Scenically positioned below Melbreak. CLA Brewery Tap. A short stroll from Loweswater and Crummock Water.  
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