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Regular Beers
Blonde, a 3.8% ABV golden ale
Darkest, a 4.2% ABV dark bitter
Wild Ennerdale, a 4.2% ABV golden amber bitter
Seasonal Beers
English Pride, a 4.0% ABV deep golden brown bitter
Extra Pale, a 4.5% ABV pale ale
Jugglers Ale, a 4.5% ABV a deep amber ale
Maple Fall, a 4.5% ABV amber ale
Marathon Man, a 5.5% ABV India Pale Ale
Raspberry Extra Pale, a 4.5% ABV amber ale
 with the aroma of raspberries

Brewers: Paul Zanacchi and Owen Carver

Ennerdale brewery began life as the Whitehaven Brewing Company in 2010 at Crossdale, Ennerdale. Located in a cathedral like barn, the 10 barrel brew length installation had its own fell water supply adding a uniqueness to the brews. Its location made the change of name to Ennerdale Brewery inevitable. Demand led to the need to expand and the move to Rowrah took place in 2015. Many of the brews are named and produced in "partnership" with local organisations. Additional to the brewery the site also comprises the brewery tap. Open from 9 am to early evening throughout the week, they offer a range of food and their own cask beers. Most days are themed catered for. The shop offers a range of bottled beers for sale. Brewery tours are available..

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 Frizington CA26 3XS
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 Website: www.ennerdalebrewery.co.uk

ENNERDALE CRAFT BREWERY



Regular Beers
Belle, a 3.8% ABV dark mild
Carnival Kiss, a 3.8% ABV traditional bitter
Occasional Beers
Dollys Tricksot, a 4.2% ABV premium bitter
Trial Run, a 3.8% ABV bitter

Head Brewer: Kenny O'Hara

This 5 barrel brewery, established in 2009, is housed in a purpose built facility in the grounds of the Blackbeck Bridge Hotel. It was extended a year later. It is owned by a father and daughter team and uses a purpose built steam system to produce a range of ales using the best of English malts and hops. There are family connections with Taylor's Fun Fairs and the Blackbeck Inn and their Glasshouse in Whitehaven. Only Belle and Trial Run are available all year round. Beers are also available in bottles and mini casks. There own cider is not made from fresh apples, but is very pleasant.

Blackbeck Brewery
 Blackbeck Inn
 Blackbeck, Egremont CA22 2NY
 Telephone: 01946 841661
 Website: www.blackbeckbrewery.co.uk

BLACKBECK BREWERY



YATES BREWERY

Yates Brewery
 Ghyll Farm, Westnewton
 Wigton CA7 3NX

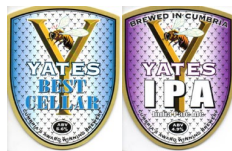
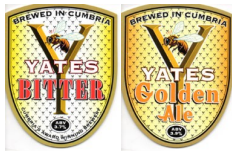
Telephone: 01697 321081
 Website: www.yatesbrewery.co.uk

The first of Cumbria's new generation of breweries. Successfully set up in 1986 by ex Jennings Head Brewer, Peter Yates and his wife Carol. Owned and operated by Graeme and Caroline Baxter since 1998. Significantly up graded and expanded to a 20 BBL operation in 2007. Has an unique reed bed effluent system. Hops originally planted by Peter Yates on site are used in Yates Green Hop. Over the years an expansive range of regular and seasonal brews have developed with a distinctive Yates flavour. Recipients of many CAMRA and SIBA awards over the years. Supply many outlets, both local and much further afield. They have no pub estate. Some brews are bottled for supermarket sales. Whilst they also produce kegged beers, their cask ales are the most popular. Their paler beers have a gentler, fruitiness about them. Their golden ales are probably their best sellers. An extensive range of occasional and seasonal brews are produced. Below is just a sample.

Head Brewer: Graeme Baxter

Regular Beers

- Bitter**, a 3.7% ABV golden bitter
- Golden Ale**, a 3.9% ABV golden ale
- Solway 4 Hop**, a 4.5% ABV hoppy premium bitter
- Solway Gold**, a 4.4% ABV golden ale
- Sun Goddess**, a 4.2% ABV best bitter
- Occasional and Seasonal Beers (sample only)**
- Bees Knees**, a 4.5% ABV honey flavoured ale
- Best Cellar**, a 5.6% ABV old ale (Nov & Dec only)
- Cumbrian Ale**, a 4.2% ABV tasty best bitter
- Green Hop Bitter**, a 4.2% ABV green hopped bitter
- IPA**, a 4.9% ABV India Pale Ale
- Lager**, a 4.5% ABV lager style beer
- Landlords Choice**, a 4.5% ABV best bitter
- Late Summer Laze**, a 4.5% ABV best bitter



Public Transport: Ranges from good in the major towns to non-existent in the more rural locations. See <http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/roads-transport/public-transport-road-safety/transport/publictransport/jplanlink/planajourney.asp>

West Cumbria Branch Brewery Guide



A BRIEF RECENT HISTORY OF BREWING IN WEST CUMBRIA

Subsequent to the closure of Ulverston Brewery in 1991 West Cumbria was left with Jennings Castle brewery (started 1828) as its only source of locally brewed Real Ale. Fortunately in 1986 Peter Yates started up the first micro brewery in the county, Yates at Westnewton (Now sadly closed). In West Cumbria this was followed by the Bitter End Brewpub in 1995 (subsequently moved and closed), Great Gable in 2002 (subsequently moved and closed), Loweswater in 2003 (subsequently closed and beers brewed at Cumbrian Legendary Ales in Hawkshead), Hardknott in 2005 (subsequently moved to Millom), Keswick in 2006, Whitehaven in 2007 (subsequently became Ennerdale), Strands in 2007, Blackbeck in 2008 and Mitchell Krause (subsequently Tractor Shed) in 2009. We now have a total of seven breweries supplying a wide range of excellent cask ales to our West Cumbria premises, and further afield. This guide has been produced by the West Cumbria Branch of CAMRA to bring to your attention these breweries and to outline their operations, the brews they have to offer, together with contact details.

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JENNINGS

Jennings Brewery
Castle Brewery
Cockermouth CA13 9NE

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Website: www.jenningsbrewery.co.uk

Originally started by John Jennings in Lorton in 1828, the brewing business outgrew its original home brewing origins. Cockermouth being the largest local market town he moved to set up Castle Brewery in 1874. It became a limited company in 1887. It continued to expand into our largest regional brewer acquiring other breweries and pub estates through the early part of the 20th century. In 2005 it was acquired by Wolverhampton & Dudley Brewery, latterly Marston's PLC, in spite of campaigning by CAMRA to retain its independence. Subsequently Marston's undertook to keep the brewery open and to invest in upgrading and expanding the brewing facilities. To date they have honoured this pledge and the beer range has been retained with the production greatly increase and the quality maintained. Jennings continues to support a number of local events, organisations and charities. The site was badly affected by severe flooding in 2009 and 2015, which led to further investment by Marston's to protect production. There is a shop and bookable brewery tours. The bar area off the shop is available for private events.

Head Brewer: Jeremy Pettman

Regular Beers

- Bitter**, a 3.5% ABV very malty bitter
- Cocker Hoop**, a 4.6% ABV very hoppy golden ale
- Cumberland Ale**, 4% ABV tawny ale
- Sneck Lifter**, a 5.1% ABV a strong dark old ale
- Seasonal Beers (2017)**
- Clean Slate**, a 4% ABV malty, citrus aroma beer
- Golden Host**, a 3.8% ABV golden bitter
- Hop Commotion**, a 4.1% ABV strawberry blonde beer
- Pie in the Sky**, a 4.1% ABV full bodied bitter
- Red Breast**, a 4.5% ABV strong ruby ale
- Red Skins**, a 3.9% ABV raspberry/strawberry beer
- Via Ferrata**, a 4% ABV deep golden beer



To find out more about CAMRA see
Local : www.westcumbriacamra.org.uk
County: www.cumbriacamra.org.uk
National: www.camra.org.uk



STRANDS BREWERY

The Strands Hotel/Inn
Nether Wasdale
CA20 1ET

Telephone: 01946 726237
Website: www.strands-brewery.co.uk

Located in an ex stable building at the rear of the inn, the owner Mark Corr established the brewery and started brewing in 2007, using the kit from Saddleworth Brewery. It is now a 6 barrel plant with 30 barrel fermentation capacity. Over thirty beers are now regularly brewed. Six are on the bar plus another six over the road at the Screes Inn, which the the Corrs recently purchased. Most of the beers are also available for purchase bottle-conditioned.

Owner: Mark Corr.

Main beers

- Brown Bitter**; a 3.8% ABV bitter
- Errmm**, a 3.8% ABV bitter
- Green Bullet**, a 3.5% ABV bitter
- Pied Piper**, a 2.7% ABV mild
- Red Screes**, a 4.5% ABV best bitter
- Responsibly**, a 3.7% ABV bitter
- Termmmm-inator**, a 5% ABV strong bitter



Strands also brews two beers for distribution by Independent Lakeland Breweries:

- Gold Wing**, a 4% ABV golden ale
- Dark Knight**, a 4.8% ABV dark premium ale



To find out more about the availability of Real Ale in West Cumbria and the places to find it visit:
www.camrawestcumbriaguides.org.uk



KESWICK BREWERY

Keswick Brewing Company
Brewery Lane
Keswick CA12 5BY

Telephone: 017687 80700
Website: www.keswickbrewery.co.uk

This 10 BBL brewery has been established on this the site of the old Keswick Brewery (c.1875) since 2006. The brewery is set up to be environmentally friendly, using sheep's wool insulation in the vessels and aiming to reduce its environmental impact. The brewery celebrated its 10th year in 2016 with the introduction of a "K" series of brews. All using new and interesting malts and hops. Such was the success that "K 11 is continuing the series. During 2017 there have been major changes to the building to enable the business to grow. Investment has included new equipment and fermenters to increase capacity and maintain quality. They produce four regular cask beers, plus a range of seasonals, occasional and one-offs (see sample below).

The brewery tap, the Flying Fox Bar, is open 3-5pm (Tu-Sat) The brewery shop is open 10-5pm (M-Sat). Brewery tours can be booked for 11am or 2pm (Tu-Sat).

Owner and Head Brewer: Sue Jefferson

Regular Beers

- Keswick Bitter**, a 3.7% ABV chestnut brown bitter
- Keswick Gold**, a 3.6% ABV golden bitter
- KSB—Keswick Special Bitter**, a 4.8% ABV premium bitter
- Thirst Quencher**, a 4.3% ABV pale ale



Seasonal, occasional, one-off Beers (Sample)

- Black Star**, a 3.5% ABV black hoppy ale
- Cumbrian Challenge**, 3.6% ABV golden ale
- Thirst Ascent**, a 4% ABV golden bitter
- Thirst Blossom**, a 4.1% ABV golden bitter
- Thirst Blood**, a 6% ABV dark ale
- Thirst Celebration IPA**, a 7% ABV India Pale Ale
- Thirst Christmas**, a 3.7% golden ale



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TRACTOR SHED BREWERY

The Tractor Shed
Calva Brow
Workington CA14 1DB

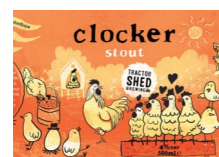
Telephone: 01900 68860
Website: www.tractor-shed.co.uk

Graeme Mitchell was interested in brewing, but as there are a lot of breweries in Cumbria he thought he would focus on continental beer styles, initially bottled. His beer, under the name Mitchell Krause (his parents' surname) was first brewed under licence by Hepworth Brewery in West Sussex, then later at the now closed Bitter End Brewery in Cockermouth. In the spring of 2013 he moved into a former tractor shed on his parents farm outside Workington, and started brewing himself, bringing brewing back to the town which lost its brewery in 1986. Initially focusing on bottled and kegged continental style beers, Hefe Weiss was available bottle conditioned. Other brews followed with cask conditioned beer appearing in 2014. In 2016 a mini brewing kit (200 litres) was installed to test new recipes. The resultant beers have proved very successful with recipes using ginger, chestnut, vanilla, cinnamon, rum and raisin, chocolate and orange.

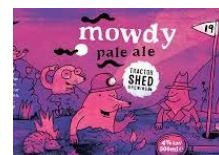
Owner and Head Brewer: Graeme Mitchell.
Brewer: Matt Jackson

Regular Beers

- Clocker Stout**, a 4% ABV rich malt stout
- Heifer Hefe**, a 5% ABV Bavarian hefe weiss, cloudy white ale (bottle conditioned only currently)
- Mowdy Pale Ale**, a 3.9% ABV session bitter



A number of other brews produced, including versions of two earlier beers, renamed as Whistling Pig Pilsner and Jinny Howell Helles for bottling.



For the most current details of national breweries and the top real ale serving premises invest in a copy of CAMRA's prestigious annual publication The Good Beer Guide, edited by Roger Protz. See <https://shop.camra.org>