

# Williamston Barns

## A drive to Hexham across the moors and a trip to a brewery

Another of our favourite drives is across the moors above Alston to Hexham. Take the A686 travelling North from Alston up into and across the moors. Look out for sightings of Red and Black Grouse along the edge of the moor as you drive.

After several miles you will drop down and the road takes you through the pretty village of Whitfield. Some 12 miles after Alston, take a right turn at Langley onto the B6305 to Hexham. At the centre of this historic town is a medieval abbey surrounded by parks, cobbled streets and historic buildings.

The Market Place - sandwiched between the Abbey and the town's 15th century Moot Hall - hosts a full market every Tuesday, and Hexham's acclaimed Farmers' Market, hosting 30 producers all from within 50 miles of the town, takes place every second and fourth Saturday of the month.

As part of your trip to Hexham you might want to take a short detour to the Allendale Brewery (NE47 9EA for sat-nav). If you have enjoyed some of their beers whilst staying at the Barns, you may want to visit their shop to buy more or take a tour of the brewery. Tours are by prior arrangement and take place in the afternoon finishing at 4.30pm. Call 01434 618686.

For lunch or dinner on your journey home we recommend the award winning Rat Inn at Anick (book on 01434 602814) or The Carts Bog Inn at Langley (book on 01434 684338).

