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Northumberland

23-26 May 2025

3MA 2025 General Information

There is a petrol station in Bellingham but it has only two pumps and will probably only accommodate one car at a time - the customary 3MA takeover will not work here! Fuel is readily available on each day's drives (particularly at Jedburgh, Kelso, Thropton and Alnwick) except on Saturday (Kielder Water & Forest Drive) when there are few amenities generally.

The driving routes are a rough overview with road numbers and postcodes for the main stopping points if needed for sat nav rather than detailed instructions.

There is very little phone service in some of the areas we will be visiting, so if you have walkie talkies keep them switched on.

Speed limits appear to be enforced and there are camera vans at work in the area, particularly around Kielder Water. There are also a number of areas with 20 mph speed limits when we are in Scotland.

We have made a note of various places en route that have public toilets (some of us are of a certain age). It was too sad to include them in the driving instructions but if things get desperate give us a shout or, phone service permitting, a call.

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Drive One
Friday 23rd May 2025
Jedburgh Abbey, Jim Clark Motor Museum & Holy Island

Leave at 09.45.

Turn right out of hotel car park.

Turn left onto B6320 through Bellingham.

Stay on B6320 and turn left onto A68 towards Jedburgh.

Turn left to stay on A68.

Stop at Carter Bar border with Scotland. This is a small car park and may be chaotic!

Continue on A68 to Jedburgh Abbey.

Stop at Abbey car park, TD8 6JQ. Coffee shop and toilets. There is another car park at Canon Gate a short walk from the Abbey. Parking is free at both.

Take A68 north to Kelso.

Turn right onto A698 to Kelso.

Continue through Kelso, over many roundabouts, on A6089.

Turn right onto B6364 to Greenlaw.

Turn right at Greenlaw onto A6105 to Duns and Jim Clark Motorsport Museum, TD11 3AU and lunch at Jim Clark Cafe Bistro, TD11 3BY.

Continue through Duns.

Turn left onto A6105 to Chirnside Bridge/Berwick-upon-Tweed.

Continue towards Berwick, turning left onto A1.

Double back on A1 roundabout to access A1 going in opposite direction.

Continue on A1.

Turn left at the Lindisfarne Inn, signposted Beal.

Continue across causeway to Holy Island (causeway flooded until 14.45).

Park and explore/cream tea/ice cream. Parking at Holy Island costs £6.50 for a 3 hour minimum from 08.00 until 18.00.

Cross causeway and turn left onto A1.

Turn right onto B6353.

Road turns to left become B6525 towards Wooler.

Turn left onto A697 towards Morpeth.

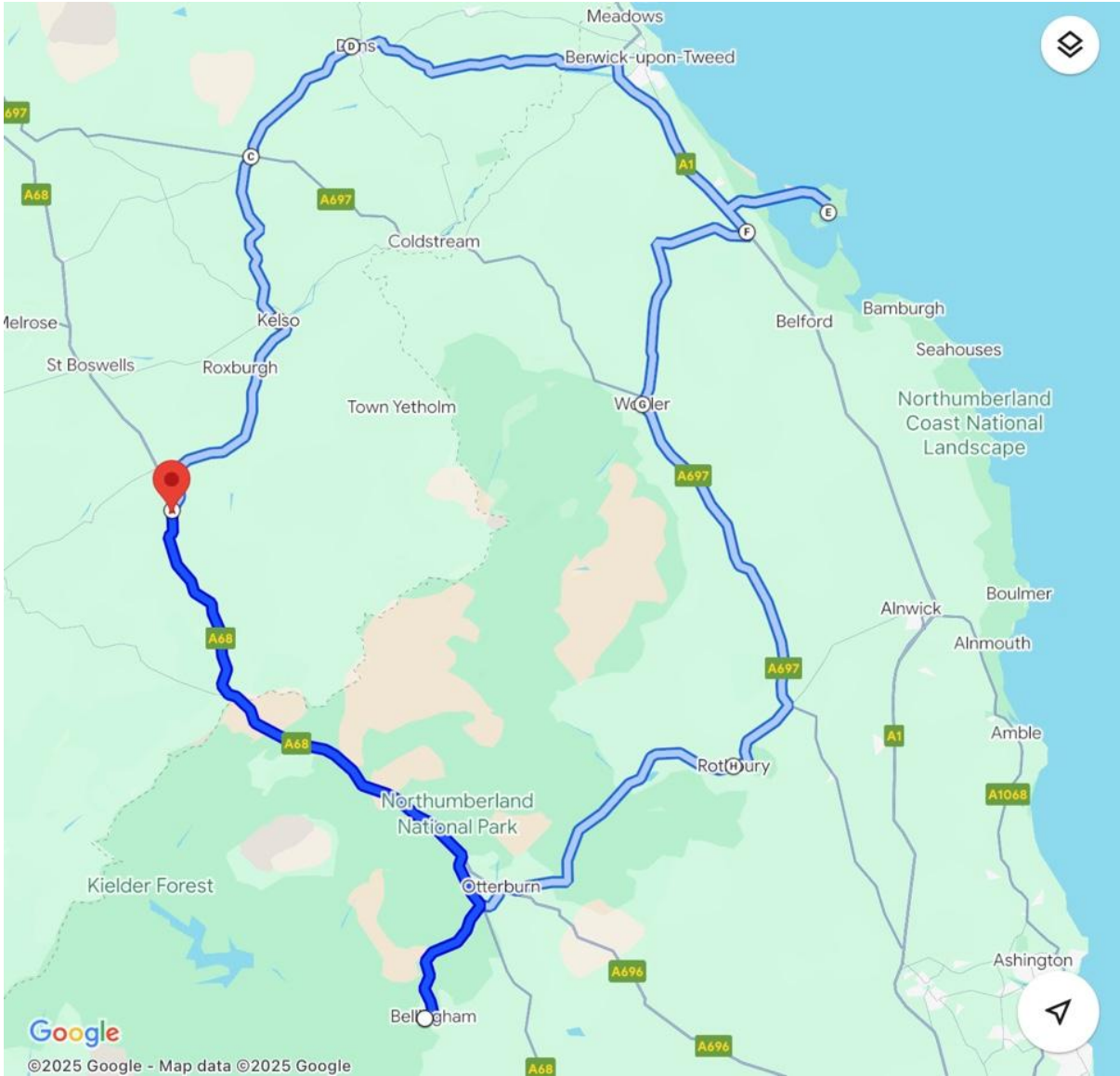
Turn right onto B6341 towards Rothbury.

Continue on B6341 to A696.

Turn right onto A696.

Turn left onto B6320 to Bellingham and Riverdale Hall Hotel.

Drive One 23rd May



Drive Two
Saturday 24th May 2025
Kielder Water & Forest Drive

Leave at 10.00.

Turn left out of hotel car park towards Kielder Water.

Continue around Kielder Water and turn right to Kielder Castle and start of forest drive.

The Kielder Forest Drive is a spectacular 12 mile forest road stretching from Kielder Castle in the west to Blakehopeburnhaugh on the A68 in the east. Initially the road is surfaced but becomes a gravelled forest track and has speed limit of 15 mph. There is a £5 toll to use the road.

At the end of the Forest Drive turn left onto A68 toward Carter Bar.

Turn left onto A6088 towards Bonchester Hill.

Continue on A6088 to Bonchester Bridge.

Lunch at the Horse & Hounds Country Inn, TD9 8JP. Right turn after pub into small car park, may need block in cars or park on the road.

Turn left onto A6088.

Turn right onto B6357 to Castleton.

Continue on B6357 to Harelaw.

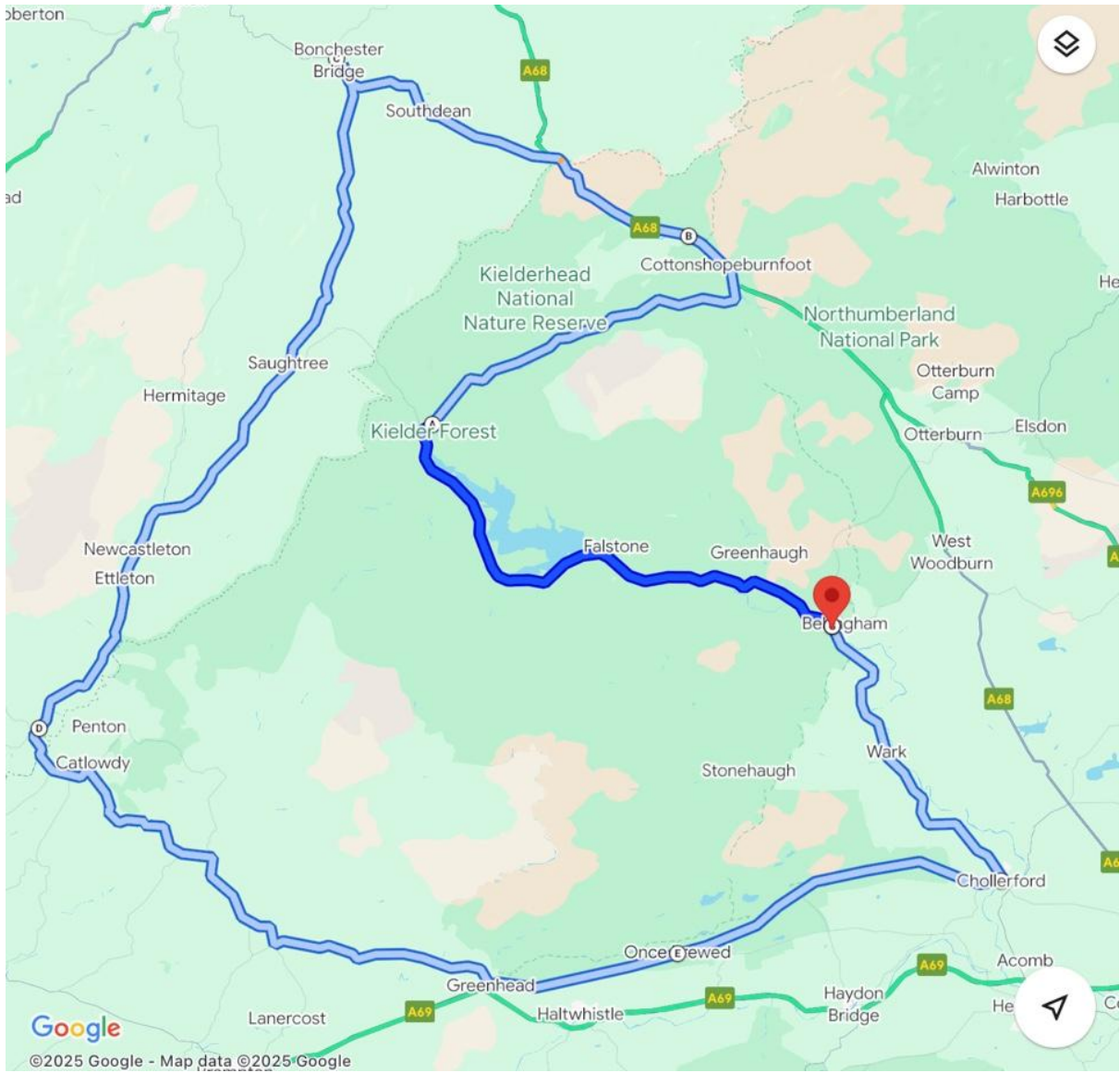
Turn left onto B6318 towards Haltwhistle.

Continue on B6318. Vindolanda Fort & Roman Museum is on this road if anyone would like to stop. Entrance is £15 per adult and £7 per child.

Turn left at roundabout onto B6320 towards Wark.

Continue on B6320 to Bellingham and hotel.

Drive Two 24th May



Drive Three
Sunday 24th May 2025
Alnwick, Coastal Drive & Union Bridge

Leave at 10.00.

Turn right out of hotel car park.

Turn left onto B6320 through Bellingham.

Straight over A68 towards Otterburn.

Turn right onto A696.

Turn left onto B6341 towards Elsdon/Rothbury.

Continue through Rothbury on B6341 towards Alnwick crossing A697.

Continue into Alnwick on B6341.

Turn left into Greenwell Road car parks, NE66 1HB. The car parks are free or disc parking for 3 hours. Set time on arrival if disc needed.

Time to explore castle/town/bookshop. Entrance to Alnwick Castle costs £23.95 for adults and children aged 5-16 £12.65.

Barter Books, housed in what was a Victorian railway station is one of the largest second hand bookshops in Britain and also has the Station Buffet tea room and an ice cream parlour.

Turn left out of car parks.

Continue on B6346 and turn left at roundabout onto A1068.

Turn left at the roundabout towards Lesbury.

Turn left onto B1339.

Continue on B1339 to Embleton where road becomes B1340.

Stop at Seahouses for lunch. Station Yard car park NE68 7SW, £2.00 for 1 hour, £4.00 for two hours, cash or card.

There are a number of pubs, cafes and fish and chip shops in Seahouses.

Continue on B1340 to Bamburgh.

Bear right onto B1342 at Bamburgh.

Continue to the junction with A1 and turn right towards Berwick-upon-Tweed.

Continue straight over first roundabout and go left at the second onto A698.

Take first right turn and follow signs to Chainbridge Honey Farm, TD15 2XT. There is a tea room in a double decker bus at the honey farm, toilets and, of course, honey.

Turn right out of the honey farm.

Turn left over Union Bridge (gruppen photo?).

Turn right on B6461 towards Paxton/Berwick.

Turn right onto A1.

At roundabout turn right onto A698 and follow to Cornhill-on-Tweed.

Turn right at roundabout to continue on A698.

Almost immediately take second left, B6350 to Kelso.

Turn left at the end of B6350.

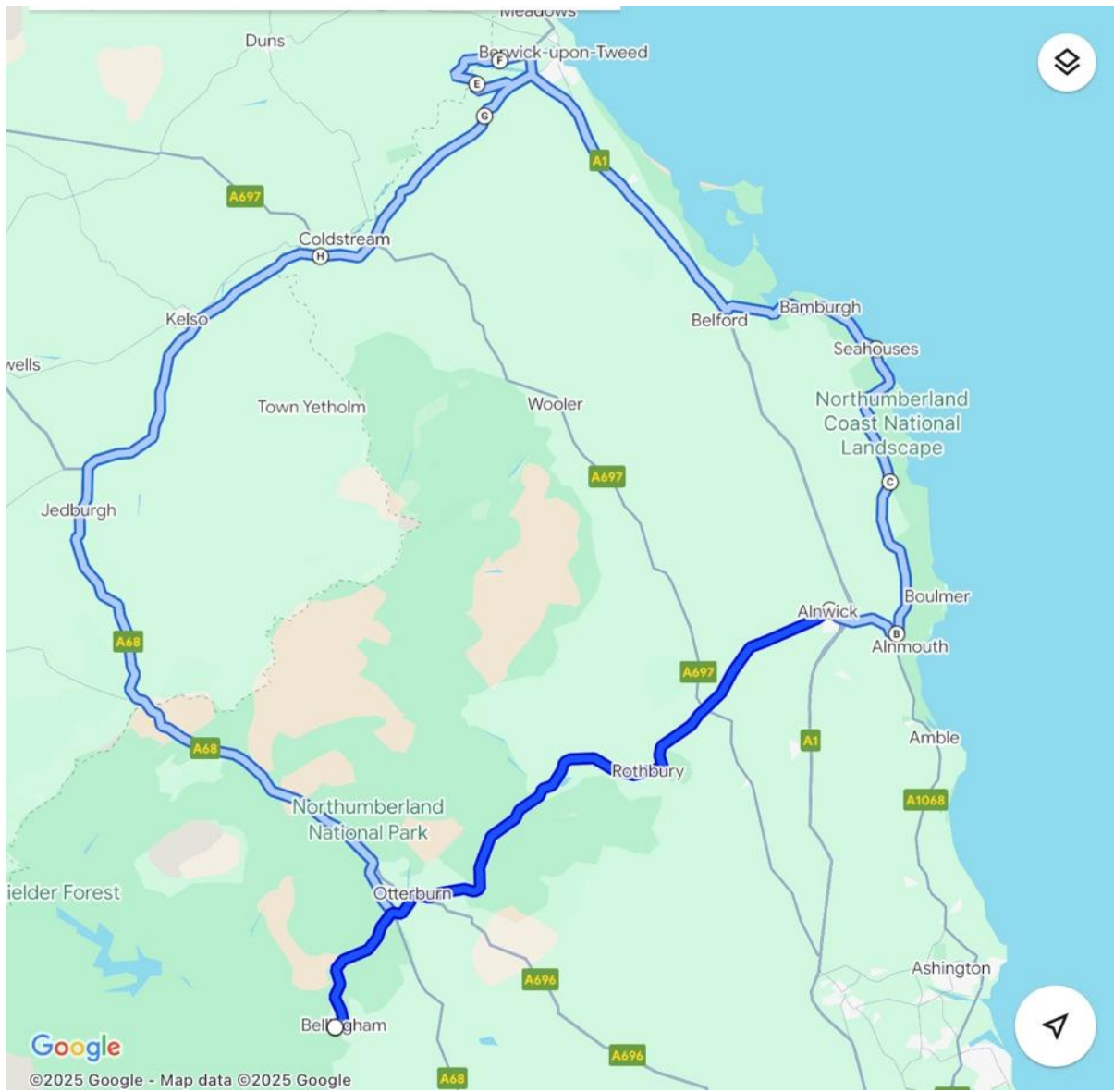
At roundabout turn right onto A698 towards Jedburgh.

At end of A698 turn left onto A68.

Continue on A68 and turn right to stay on A68.

Turn right onto B6320 to Bellingham and hotel.

Drive Three 25th May



Drive Four
Monday 25th May 2025
Beamish Museum Festival of Transport

Leave at 10.00.

Turn right out of hotel car park.

Turn right onto B6320.

Go straight over roundabout at Chollerford onto B6318.

Cross the A68 at the next roundabout staying on B6318.

Turn right onto B6321 at Wall Houses towards Corbridge.

Continue through Corbridge on B6321 over river.

At roundabout go left onto B6529, signposted Corbridge Station.

Road becomes A695 through Riding Mill.

At roundabout go right onto A68, signposted Darlington.

Turn left onto A692, signposted Consett and Beamish.

Turn right at roundabout onto A693 towards Stanley.

Continue on the A693 over many roundabouts that may be signposted variously Stanley/A693/Beamish Museum.

Postcode for the museum is DH9 0RG.

There is a Festival of Transport at the museum for the Bank Holiday weekend. Entrance costs £33 for adults, £25 senior (60 years)/student and £20 for children aged 5-16.

Reverse route to return to hotel or use sat nav.

Drive Four 26th May

