

## THE STATION GARDENS

The Station platform gardens are in a Mediterranean style, with lots of herbs and colourful insect friendly plants. This joint project involved a number of groups including the railway companies and the local community.



## DUFFIELD CASTLE

The footprint of one of England's largest castles points to the importance of this area in Norman times. A rebellion by Robert de Ferrers (Earl of Derby) against King Henry II led to the destruction of Duffield Castle in 1173, almost 100 years after its construction. Climb the steps and follow the verse to help you imagine the dramas that took place here.

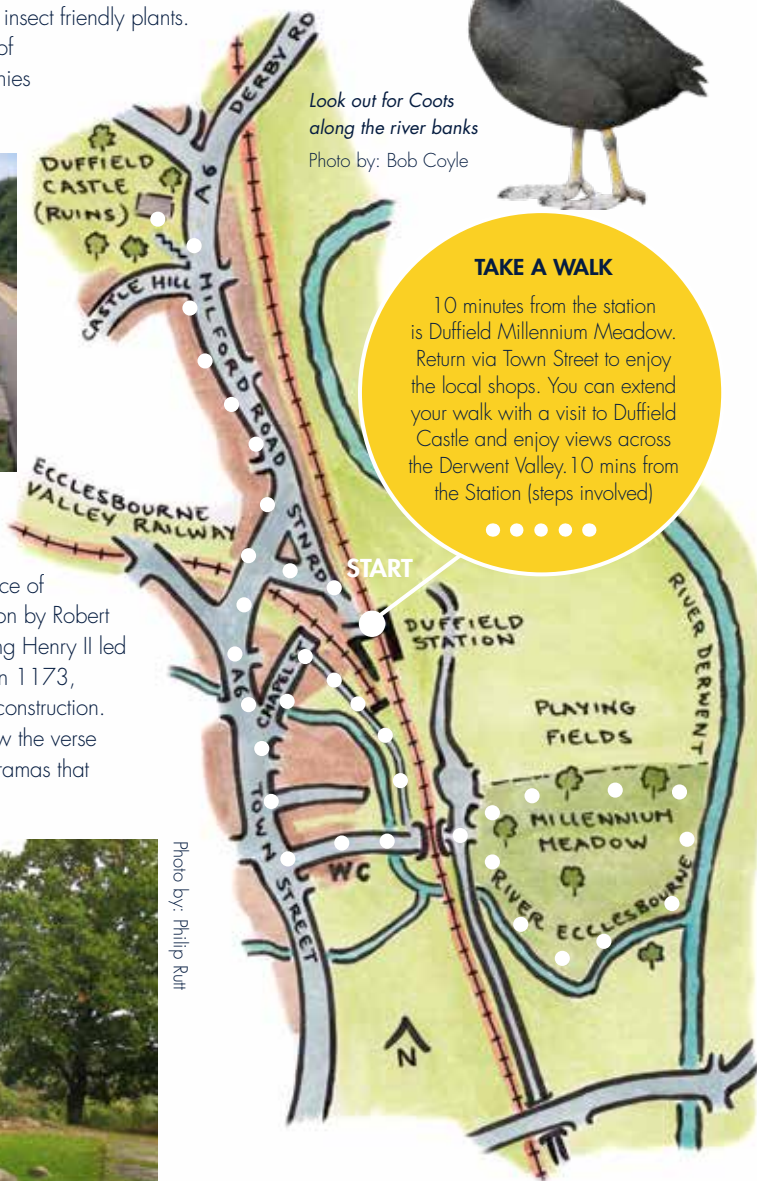
lords de ferrers



Photo by: Phillip Ruff



Look out for Coots along the river banks  
Photo by: Bob Coyle



### TAKE A WALK

10 minutes from the station is Duffield Millennium Meadow. Return via Town Street to enjoy the local shops. You can extend your walk with a visit to Duffield Castle and enjoy views across the Derwent Valley. 10 mins from the Station (steps involved)

## ECCLESBOURNE VALLEY RAILWAY

Ecclesbourne Valley Railway meets the main line at Duffield. This heritage railway runs steam trains and classic diesel railcars between here and Wirksworth and from Wirksworth to Ravenstor. See posters and look online for details.



## DUFFIELD MILLENNIUM MEADOW

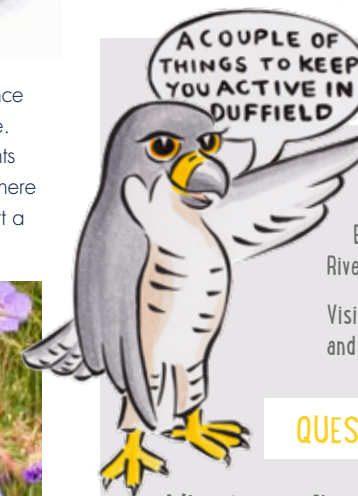
Duffield Millennium Meadow sits at the confluence of the Derwent and its tributary the Ecclesbourne. This nature reserve was created by local residents to enhance the wildlife and beauty of the site. There are at least 3 different habitats that each support a variety of wildlife.



Marsh Cranesbill flowers here in spring & summer  
Photo by: Kieron Houston



At Duffield Millennium Meadow look out for the seed pods resembling birds beaks. Photo by: Kieron Houston



### EXPEDITION TIME!

Go and see if you can find the spot where the Ecclesbourne meets the River Derwent.

Visit Duffield Castle and try to find the Well.

### QUESTION TIME

What is a confluence and what is a tributary?

What are the 3 different habitats created in the nature reserve?

Name an animal and plant for each of these habitats. (CLUE: Read the panels on-site)

