

TOUR CHECKLIST

- THE ANTELOPE
- BARLEY HOPS
- BEARTOWN TAP
- THE BULLS HEAD
- THE CRICKET CLUB
- THE CHURCH HOUSE
- THE COACH AND HORSES
- CONGLETON RUGBY CLUB
- THE COUNTING HOUSE
- THE CYGNET CLUB
- THE FARMERS ARMS
- HEATH FARM
- LION AND SWAN
- THE LITTLE CELLAR BAR
- THE LORD MOUNTBATTEN
- THE OLDE KINGS ARMS
- THE PRINCE OF WALES
- THE QUEEN'S HEAD
- THE RAILWAY INN
- THE RAMS HEAD
- REUBENS 46
- STOCK IN THE PARK
- THE DEN
- THE UNICORN
- THE VALE CLUB
- THE WHARF INN
- THE WONKY PEAR
- THE YOUNG PRETENDER
- YE OLDE WHITE LION

DRANK THE BEER NOW GET THE T-SHIRT!

If you've visited at least 12 of the pubs why not apply to purchase an ALE TASTER TOUR T-SHIRT? Available in various sizes. Order through the Congleton Information Centre.



Congleton Ale Trail has been written by Congleton Town Council as part of the Congleton 750 Charter Year Celebrations. Due to the sheer number of real ale sellers in Congleton we are now calling this a real ale tour rather than trail!

We hope that you enjoy discovering the many real ale pubs that we have in our town. By visiting these pubs you are supporting the local economy. To be part of the Real Ale Tour you do not need to have an alcoholic drink at the premises. We do want you to visit the venues, enjoy the atmosphere in the various pubs and purchase food, soft drinks or ale.

You are also invited to attend **CONGLETON ALE TASTER'S BEER FESTIVAL** in the Town Hall on 29 and 30 October. Look out for tickets at www.congleton750.org

If you are concerned about your drinking habits, or those of a family member or friend you can find out more at www.drinkaware.co.uk

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"WITH ALMOST 30 BARS SELLING REAL ALE, THERE IS PLENTY OF CHOICE FOR GREAT BEERS IN CONGLETON!"
BENEDICT GOODALE,
CONGLETON'S ALE TASTER 2022



DEVELOPED AS PART OF CONGLETON'S 750 CHARTER CELEBRATIONS 2022!

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CONGLETON

ALMOST 40 PUBS, BARS AND CLUBS within the town boundary
20 SELL REAL ALE (cask-conditioned beer brewed and served in the traditional way using natural ingredients)
3 ARE IN THE CAMRA GOOD BEER GUIDE 2022
10 are new or have had new owners in the past year.

In 1272 ale was an important aspect of everyday life! In 2022 ale and the brewing of beer continues to be a strong part of the Congleton economy.

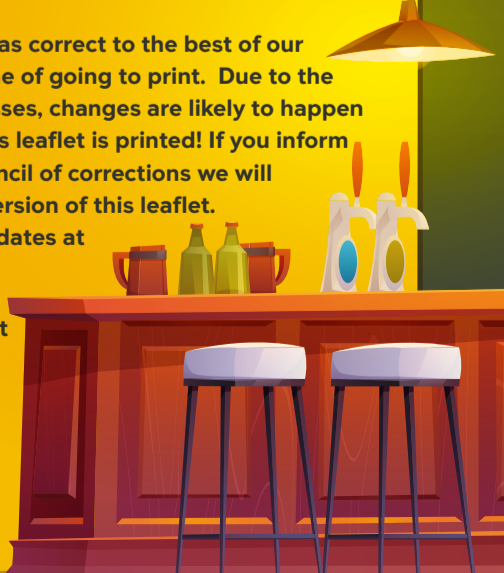
ON THE MAP inside you can see the location of pubs in Congleton Town. We have also included a simple key to show if the pubs sell real ale, lunchtime meals, evening meals, are family-friendly and dog friendly.

Find out more about real ale establishments in Congleton with the Congleton Ale Taster as part of the town's 750 Charter celebrations
congleton750.org

Visit at least 12 real ale establishments and you can purchase an **ALE TASTER TOUR T-SHIRT!**

All the information was correct to the best of our knowledge at the time of going to print. Due to the nature of the businesses, changes are likely to happen almost as soon as this leaflet is printed! If you inform Congleton Town Council of corrections we will change the on-line version of this leaflet. You can check for updates at www.whatpub.com

Note: Some pubs that are family-friendly may have limits on time or location for children. Some pubs that are dog friendly may limit the area or insist on leads.



THE ALE TASTER

In 1272 Congleton was granted the right to appoint an Ale Taster. This was a serious and responsible role. The appointed officer had a duty to check on the goodness of the town's beers and bread, to make sure that they were wholesome and good for the townsfolk! The Ale Taster was able to fine or punish those who produced poor or unhealthy produce, or cheated on the ingredients.

Beer at the time was the main drink for most people, including children as the water was often not very palatable.

In April 2022,

Benedict Goodale,

aka Paul Boswell, was appointed as Congleton's Ale Taster. This is a ceremonial role, with no powers to fine or punish, but the role has created interest nationally and locally with appearances on BBC, ITV and Channel 5 news, the Guardian Newspaper, Cheshire Life and the People's Friend as well as our trusted local media!

As part of the 750 celebrations, the Ale Taster is taking the opportunity to promote the many wonderful ale houses that we have in our town. Benedict hopes that you find this leaflet informative, and it leads you to discover some new great pubs in Congleton, as well as continuing to support your local!



CAMRA



CAMPAIGN FOR REAL ALE

This leaflet has been produced with the support of the Macclesfield and East Cheshire branch of the Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA).

CAMRA is an independent voluntary organisation that promotes 'real' ale, 'real' cider, 'real' perry and traditional British pubs and clubs.

The group manages the website

WhatPub.com

and also produces an annual Good Beer Guide.

GOOD BEER GUIDE

The YOUNG PRETENDER, BEARTOWN TAP and WONKY PEAR are listed in this year's CAMRA GOOD BEER GUIDE.

WHAT IS REAL ALE?

Cask-conditioned beer is brewed and served the traditional way using natural ingredients (mainly malted barley, hops, water and yeast). The brew is allowed to condition and is left un-pasteurised and un-pressurised - no extra nitrogen or carbon dioxide is added, meaning that it can mature naturally - the yeast remains alive, conditioning the beer down to the last pint.

Find out more and help save real ale by joining CAMRA
www.camra.org.uk/join

1 ANTELOPE LAWTON STREET CW12 1RS	2 BARLEY HOPS 6 COCKTAILS ON THE CORNER HIGH STREET CW12 1BG	3 BEARTOWN TAP WILLOW STREET CW12 1RL	4 BULLS HEAD MILL STREET CW12 1AB	5 CHURCH HOUSE BUXTON ROAD CW12 2DY	6 COACH AND HORSES TIMBERSBROOK CW12 3PL
7 COUNTING HOUSE WETHERSPOONS SWAN BANK CW12 1AH	8 CONGLETON CRICKET CLUB BOOTH STREET CW12 4DG	9 CONGLETON RUGBY CLUB PARK STREET CW12 1EG	10 CYGNET CLUB SWAN BANK CW12 1AH	11 FARMERS ARMS WEST STREET CW12 1LE	12 HEATH FARM PADGBURY LANE CW12 4LR
13 LION & SWAN / RADLEYS SWAN BANK CW12 1AH	14 LITTLE STREET CELLAR BAR LITTLE STREET CW12 1AR	15 LORD MOUNTBATTEN MILL STREET CW12 1AG	16 OLDE KINGS ARMS HIGH STREET CW12 1BN	17 PRINCE OF WALES LAWTON STREET CW12 1RP	18 QUEENS HEAD PARK LANE CW12 3DE
19 RAILWAY INN BIDDULPH ROAD CW12 3JS	20 RAMS HEAD DERBY STREET CW12 1LG	21 REUBENS 46 LAWTON STREET CW12 1RS	22 STOCK AT THE PAVILION CONGLETON PARK CW12 1JG	23 THE DEN BEARTOWN BREWERY SPINDLE STREET CW12 1QN	24 UNICORN HOLMES CHAPEL ROAD CW12 4NB
25 VALE CLUB CANAL STREET CW12 3AE	26 WHARF INN CANAL STREET CW12 3AP	27 WONKY PEAR CROSS LANE CW12 3JU	28 YOUNG PRETENDER LAWTON STREET CW12 1RS	29 YE OLDE WHITE LION HIGH STREET CW12 1BD	ALE TRAIL GLOSSARY CAMRA GBG '22 AWARD SERVES REAL ALE LUNCHTIME FOOD EVENING FOOD FAMILY FRIENDLY DOG FRIENDLY

- A** **ARRIBA SLAMMER BAR**
WEST STREET CW12 1JR
- B** **BEAR GRILLS**
MARKET STREET CW12 1BP
- C** **CAPITAL WALK**
COLLECTION OF EATERIES AND BARS
HIGH STREET CW12 1WB
- D** **CRAZY MOOSE SKI SHACK**
LAWTON STREET CW12 1RP
- E** **DV8**
LITTLE STREET CW12 1AR
- F** **GATHER**
HIGH STREET CW12 1BF
- G** **HIGHER GROUND**
HIGH STREET CW12 1BA
- H** **NO 15 BAR AND GRILL**
WEST STREET CW12 1JN
- I** **RUMBA**
SWAN BANK CW12 1AH
- J** **BLUEY'S TOWN HALL**
HIGH STREET CW12 1BN

