

# Bath's movie map

This guide shows you the range of places used by film makers and helps you spot those locations in Bath you may have seen on screen.

#### **On Location**

Bath is much sought after by film makers. The city is a great mix of amazing 18th century architecture and contemporary lifestyles with cutting edge shops, bars and restaurants which attract visitors from across the world. And the reason Bath is popular is it is very unspoilt and uncluttered. Filming is easy and a great backdrop is assured for any shot. Bath and the surrounding area continue to attract film makers. 2008 saw productions of 'Tess of the D'Urbervilles' at Dyrham Park and Great Chalfield Manor, and 'The Wolfman' at Lacock and Castle Combe. Enquiries from production companies continue to flood into Bath's Film Office.

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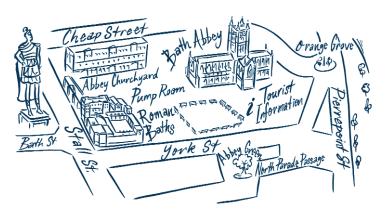
The wonderful buildings are a fabulous setting for dramas, documentaries and advertisements. The stars have fallen in love with Bath too – Anthony Head of Buffy the Vampire Slayer fame lives in Bath, and Johnny Depp loved staying in the city while filming Chocolat nearby with Judi Dench and Juliette Binoche.



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Keira Knightley in the BAFTA and Oscar winning film, 'The Duchess'

## Abbey Churchyard



**Abbey Churchyard** is the beating heart of Bath. It is an attractive and lively square dominated by the Abbey, a beautiful building whose fan vaulted ceiling is much noted. So too is the west front whose ladders depict a dream that prompted the re-building of this great church in 1499.

Persuasion (1994), Other People's Children (2000), Bertie & Elizabeth (2001), Persuasion (2006).

At the east end of the Abbey is Orange Grove and Kingston Parade which were locations in the Bollywood movie, **Cheeni Kum** (2006).

**The Roman Baths** are situated over Bath's famous hot springs and were the centre of the Roman town, Aquae Sulis. Today, visitors see the incredible skill of the Roman engineers who built these baths 2000 years ago.

Bonekickers (2008).

Above the Roman Baths is the **Pump Room**, a graceful 18th century room and the main meeting place in Bath. Jane Austen describes a visit here to take the waters, and to see if there was anyone of interest newly arrived in the city.

The Music Lovers (1969), Persuasion (1994), Persuasion (2006), Bonekickers (2008).

**Abbey Green** is an attractive cobbled square and the nearby alleyways, such as North Parade Passage, have a variety of shops and excellent restaurants.

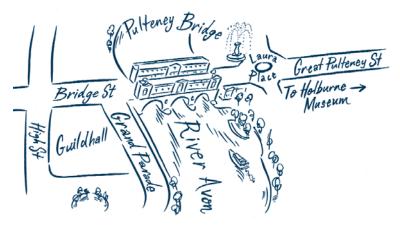
**Persuasion** (1994), **Dracula** (2006). North Parade Buildings was a location in **A Respectable Trade** (1997) and **Dracula** (2006).

**Bath Street** is an elegant colonnaded street that links the Roman Baths with the Thermae Bath Spa. It is unadorned by shop signs so lends itself well to filming as little has to be changed to capture Bath of the 18th century.

Persuasion (1994), Persuasion (2006)

**Beauford Square** is found behind the Theatre Royal. Seemingly untouched by modern development, this pretty square is a quiet retreat from the commercial centre of Bath. **Vanity Fair** (2004)

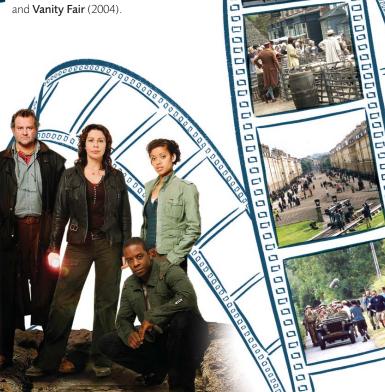
### Great Pulteney Street



**Great Pulteney Street** is perhaps the most stately street in Bath. It can be found just across Pulteney Bridge, and is approached through graceful Laura Place. At 1100 feet long, the street is straight and broad and was designed for a carriage to turn in one swoop. It is a superb view from Laura Place to the Holburne Museum, with its handsome portico, which marks the far end of the street. The building was originally the Sydney Hotel, and Sydney Gardens behind it were a favourite place for Jane Austen to walk. The houses in Great Pulteney Street have always been sought after and Jane Austen set part of her novel Northanger Abbey here. French and British royalty took houses here as did the social reformer William Wilberforce, and William Smith, the father of geology who created the 'map that changed the world'. Today Great Pulteney Street marks the finishing line for the Bath Half Marathon.

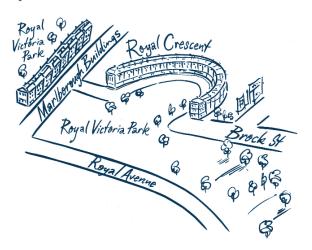
Vanity Fair (2004), Cheeni Kum (2006). The Duchess (2007) was filmed at the Holburne Museum.

Just off Great Pulteney Street is **Sydney Place** where, at No 4, Jane Austen lived. Sydney Place was used during the filming of both **Persuasion** (1994) and **Vanity Fair** (2004).



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## Royal Crescent



The **Royal Crescent** is the grandest of the elegant crescents, squares and parades that gained Bath the status of a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It is a handsome sweep of 30 houses and the view as you approach from Brock Street is one of the most famous streetscapes in Europe. It was built by John Wood the Younger who had completed the Circus after his father's death before embarking on the Royal Crescent, his own masterpiece. Now its central houses make up the Royal Crescent Hotel, and No 1 Royal Crescent is a recreated town house showing the type of lodgings fashionable, and wealthy, visitors to Georgian Bath would have taken.

Vanity Fair (1967), Joseph Andrews (1976), Northanger Abbey (1987), Inspector Morse (1997), Persuasion (2006), The Duchess (2007)

Royal Victoria Park was opened in 1830. It is Bath's largest park and includes the Botanic Gardens. The area in front of the Royal Crescent were known as the Crescent Fields in Jane Austen's day and were a popular open space for Bath's residents to relax and enjoy the fresh air. They remain so today.

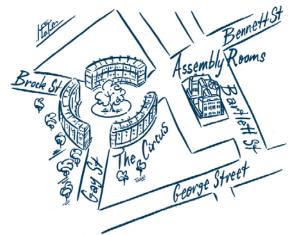
Persuasion (2006)

## And Outside Bath

#### West

- Newton St Loe: Casualty (2001 & 2005), Ten Days to D-Day (2003)
- Horseworld, Whitchurch: Casualty (2000)
- Publow: Casualty (2000)
- Chew Valley Lakes: Casualty (2007)
- Cheddar Gorge: Other People's Children (2000) South
- Midford: Titfield Thunderbolt (1952)
- Monkton Combe: Titfield Thunderbolt (1952)
- Freshford: Titfield Thunderbolt (1952), Ten Days to D-Day (2003)
- Limpley Stoke: Remains of the Day (1993), Ten Days to D-Day (2003)
- Iford Manor: He Knew He Was Right (2003)
- Norton St Philip: Remains of the Day (1993), Persuasion (1994), Moll Flanders (1996)
- Camerton Station: The Ghost Train (1931)
- Wells: Hot Fuzz (2004), The Other Boleyn Girl (2008)
- Longleat: Bertie & Elizabeth (2001), Servants (2002-03)

## Around the Circus



Intriguing in its design and undoubtedly one of the highlights of Bath, the Circus was begun in 1754 by John Wood the Elder, the principal architect of Georgian Bath. Having completed Queen Square, Wood embarked on a more complicated project on Bath's slopes. His first task was to level the land which was no small undertaking. Then to have the vision to construct such an unusual streetscape was bold in the extreme. No surprise then that it attracted the famous residents of the day including artist Thomas Gainsborough, and statesman William Pitt. Today it remains as popular and awe inspiring to visitors and film makers alike.

A Respectable Trade (1997), Persuasion (2006)

Bennett Street leads from the Circus to Lansdown Hill and is lined with Georgian townhouses. It was laid out from 1769 by John Wood the Younger at the time the Assembly Rooms were built. At No 19 lived Vice-Admiral Arthur Phillip, the first governor of New South Wales and founder of the city of Sydney. Persuasion (2006)

The Assembly Rooms were built by Wood the Younger between 1769-71 and soon became the centre of fashionable society. The rooms include the Ball Room which at 105 feet long is the largest Georgian room in Bath. The Tea Room and the pretty Octagon complete the Rooms and in the basement is the Fashion Museum, which charts the history of fashion from the 18th century to the present day.

Northanger Abbey (1987), Persuasion (1994), Bertie & Elizabeth (2001), Persuasion (2006), The Duchess (2007), Bonekickers (2008)

#### North

- Castle Combe: Dr Dolittle (1967)
- Dyrham Park: Remains of the Day (1993), Servants (2002-03), Persuasion (2006), Sense & Sensibility (2007)
- Marshfield: Wives and Daughters (1999)

East

- Lacock: Pride & Prejudice (1995), Moll Flanders (1996), Harry Potter & the Philosopher's Stone (2001), Harry Potter & the Chamber of Secrets (2002), Harry Potter & the Half-Blood Prince (2007), Cranford Chronicles (2007), The Other Boleyn Girl (2008)
- Box: Lark Rise to Candleford (2008)
- Great Chalfield Manor: Persuasion (2006), The Other Boleyn Girl (2008)
- Sheldon Manor: Persuasion (1994), Persuasion (2006)
- Corsham Court: Remains of the Day (1993)

# On Location

## Productions filmed in and around Bath 1931-2008



**01. The Ghost Train** (1931) Director: Walter Forde. Stars: Jack Hulbert, Cicely Courtnidge and Arnold Ridley. Synopsis: Passengers stranded in a haunted waiting room learn about a phantom train. Locations: Camerton Station was 'The Station'

02. The Titfield Thunderbolt (1952)

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Director: Charles Crichton. Stars: Stanley Holloway, John Gregson, George Relph, Sid James. Synopsis: An Ealing Comedy, the Titfield villagers fight the closure of their local branch line. Locations: Midford, Monkton



Combe, Limpley Stoke and Freshford

**03. 80,000 Suspects** (1963) Director: Val Guest. Stars: Clare Bloom, Richard Johnson, Cyril Cusack, Ray Barrett. Synopsis: A smallpox epidemic terrorises the city of Bath. Locations: various locations in Bath



**04. Dr Dolittle** (1967) Director: Richard Fleischer. Stars: Rex Harrison, Anthony Newley, Richard Attenborough. Synopsis: The adventures of the man who could 'talk to the animals' and his friends. Locations: Castle Combe

**05. Vanity Fair** (1967) Director: David Giles. Stars: Susan Hampshire, Roy Marsden. Synopsis: BBC series, the story of Becky Sharp and her climb through 19th century London society. Locations: Sion Hill, Royal Crescent

**06. The Music Lovers** (1970) Director: Ken Russell. Stars: Richard Chamberlain, Glenda Jackson. Synopsis: Based on a book by Melvyn Bragg about the life of Tchaikovsky. Locations: The Pump Room was the Moscow Conservatoire

**07. Bequest to a Nation** (1973) Director: James Cellan Jones. Stars: Peter Finch, Glenda Jackson, Anthony Quayle. Synopsis: The story of Nelson's long affair with Lady Hamilton. Locations: Lansdown Crescent

**08. Barry Lyndon** (1975) Director: Stanley Kubrick. Stars: Ryan O'Neill, Marisa Berenson. Synopsis: Adaptation of Thackeray's story about an Irish rogue's rise and fall in 18th century society. Locations: Royal Victoria Park, Corsham Court, Longleat



**09. Joseph Andrews** (1976) Director: Tony Richardson. Stars: Peter Firth, Ann-Margret, Michael Horden, Jim Dale, Wendy Craig, Timothy West, Peggy Ashcroft, Ronald Pickup. Synopsis: Adaptation of Henry Fielding's novel about the adventures of a naïve 18th century footman Locations: Royal Crescent, Roman Baths

**10. Northanger Abbey** (1987) Director: Giles Foster. Stars: Peter Firth, Robert Hardy. Synopsis: BBC production of Jane Austen's satire of gothicromantic novel. Locations: Assembly Rooms, No 1 Royal Crescent, Abbey **11. The Remains of the Day** (1993) Director: James Ivory. Stars: Anthony Hopkins, Emma Thompson, Christopher Reeve, James Fox, Hugh Grant. Synopsis: A dedicated butler reflects on the personal sacrifices he has made in the name of duty. Locations: Dyrham Park, Corsham Court, Hop Pole Inn and former Post Office at Limpley Stoke, George Inn at Norton St Philip



**12. Persuasion** (1994) Director: Roger Michel. Stars: Amanda Root, Ciaran Hinds, Samuel West, Corin Redgrave. Synopsis: BBC production of Jane Austen's romantic story of rekindled love between Anne Elliott and Frederick Wentworth. Locations: Sydney Place, Abbey Church Yard, Abbey Green, Pump Room, Assembly Rooms, Old Bond Street, Bath Street, Sheldon Manor near Chippenham, George Inn at Norton St Philip 13. Pride & Prejudice (1995) Director: Simon Langton. Stars: Colin Firth, Jennifer Ehle, Alison Steadman. Synopsis: BBC production of Jane Austen's romantic story about Elizabeth Bennett and Mr Darcy. Locations: Lacock www.bbc.co.uk/drama/prideandprejudice

**14. Moll Flanders** (1996) Director: David Attwood. Stars: Alex Kingston, Diana Rigg, Daniel Craig. Synopsis: The adventures and bed hopping of Moll Flanders as she improves her standing in 18th century Britain. Locations: Lacock, George Inn at Norton St Philip



**15. A Respectable Trade** (1997) Director: Suri Krishnamma. Stars: Warren Clarke, Jenny Agutter, Richard Briers. Synopsis: BBC Production, a story of love, greed and ambition and Bristol's part in the African slave trade. Locations: North Parade Buildings, The Circus



16. Inspector Morse (1997) Director: Charles Beeson. Stars: John Thaw, Kevin Whately. Synopsis: An episode entitled 'Death is now my neighbour' of the acclaimed detective series. Locations: Royal Crescent www.inspectormorse.co.uk

**17. Wives and Daughters** (1999) Director: Nicholas Renton. Stars: Francesca Annis, Michael Gambon, Justine Wadell, Keely Hawes. Synopsis: BBC production of Elizabeth Gaskell's tale of two single women seeking romance in 19th century England. Locations: Dyrham Park, Corsham Court, Marshfield **18. Other People's Children** (2000) Director: Pete Travis. Stars: Lesley Manville, Emma Fielding, Serena Gordon, Denis Lawson, Emilia Fox. Synopsis: BBC production of Joanna Trollope's novel about the intertwined relationships of three families. Locations: Abbey Churchyard, Park Street, St James's Square, Cheddar Gorge



**19. Casualty** (2000-2007) Various episodes of the long running BBC medical drama. Locations: Royal United Hospital in Bath, Publow, Horseworld at Whitchurch, Newton St Loe, Twerton, Chew Valley Lakes **www.bbc.co.uk/drama/casualty** 

20. Bertie & Elizabeth (2001) Director: Giles Foster. Stars: James Wilby, Juliet Aubrey, Alan Bates, Eileen Atkins. Synopsis: Produced for Carlton TV, the story of the reluctant royal, George VI and Queen Elizabeth. Locations: Abbey, Assembly Rooms, Sion Hill, Bath Racecourse, Longleat, Hartham Park near Corsham www.itv.com/BestofITV/perioddrama/Bertiean dElizabeth.html

21. Harry Potter & the Philosopher's Stone (2001) 22. Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets (2002) Director: Christopher Columbus. Stars: Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson, Rupert Grint, Richard Harries, Maggie Smith, Robbie Coltrane. Synopsis: JK Rowling's adventures of the boy wizard, Harry Potter, while at Hogwarts School for Wizardry. Locations: Lacock Abbey www.harrypotter.warnerbros.com

**23. Servants** (2002-03) Directors: Tim Whitby, Hettie MacDonald. Stars: Christopher Fulford, Joe Absolom, Orla Brady. Synopsis: BBC series set in the 1850's observing the servants who make a great household work. Locations: Dyrham Park, Longleat. www.bbc.co.uk/drama/servants

24. Vanity Fair (2003) Director: Mira Nair. Stars: Reese Witherspoon, Gabriel Byrne, Bob Hoskins, Jim Broadbent, Eileen Atkins. Synopsis: Becky Sharp's guile enables her to climb the social ladders of 19th century London. Locations: Beauford Square, Great Pulteney Street, Holbourne Museum, Sydney Place www.vanityfairmovie.com/home.html



25. He Knew He Was Right (2003) Director: Tom Vaughan. Stars: Bill Nighy, Joanna David, Geoffrey Palmer, Geraldine James, John Alderton, James Bolam, David Tennant. Synopsis: BBC serial of Anthony Trollope's novel about a young husband's jealousy and the breakdown of a marriage. Locations: Iford Manor, Wells www.bbc.co.uk/drama/heknew



26. Ten Days to D-Day (2003) Director: Marion Milne. Stars: Ralph Fiennes (narrator), Callum O'Neill. Synopsis: Docudrama about the Normandy landings from letters and diaries of those involved. Locations: Newton St Loe, Freshford Mill, Colerne airfield, Hop Pole at Limpley Stoke, Hartham Park near Corsham www.channel4.com/ history/microsites/H/history/t-z/tendays.html



27. Dracula (2006) Director: Bill Eagles. Stars: Marc Warren, David Suchet. Synopsis: Produced for the BBC, a version of Bram Stoker's vampire classic with a modern twist. Locations: Abbey Green, North Parade Buildings www.bbc.co.uk/drama/dracula



28. Persuasion (2006) Director: Adrian Shergold. Stars: Sally Hawkins, Rupert Penry-Evans, Anthony Head, Julia Davis. Synopsis: Made for ITV, an adaptation of Jane Austen's last novel. Locations: Royal Crescent, The Circus, Assembly Rooms, Bennett Street, Royal Victoria Park, Pump Room, Abbey Churchyard, Bath Street, Dyrham Park, Sheldon Manor, Great Chalfield Manor



**29. Cheeni Kum** ("Sugarless") (2006) Director: R. Balki. Stars: Amitabh Bachchan, Tabu. Synopsis: A Bollywood movie about the owner of a restaurant who falls in love with one of his customers. Locations: Kingston Parade, Grand Parade, Orange Grove, Great Pulteney Street, Prior Park

**30. Hot Fuzz** (2006) Director: Edgar Wright. Stars: Bill Nighy, Simon Pegg, Bill Frost, Billie Whitelaw, Edward Woodward, Timothy Dalton. Synopsis: Police spoof about a top London cop who finds himself relocated to the sleepy West Country Locations: Wells. www.hotfuzz.com

**31. Sense & Sensibility** (2007) Director: John Alexander. Stars: David Morrissey, Dominic Cooper, Dan Stevens, Mark Williams, Janet McTeer and Mark Gatiss. Synopsis: BBC production of Jane Austen's novel about sisters Elinor and Marianne Dashwood. Locations: Dyrham Park

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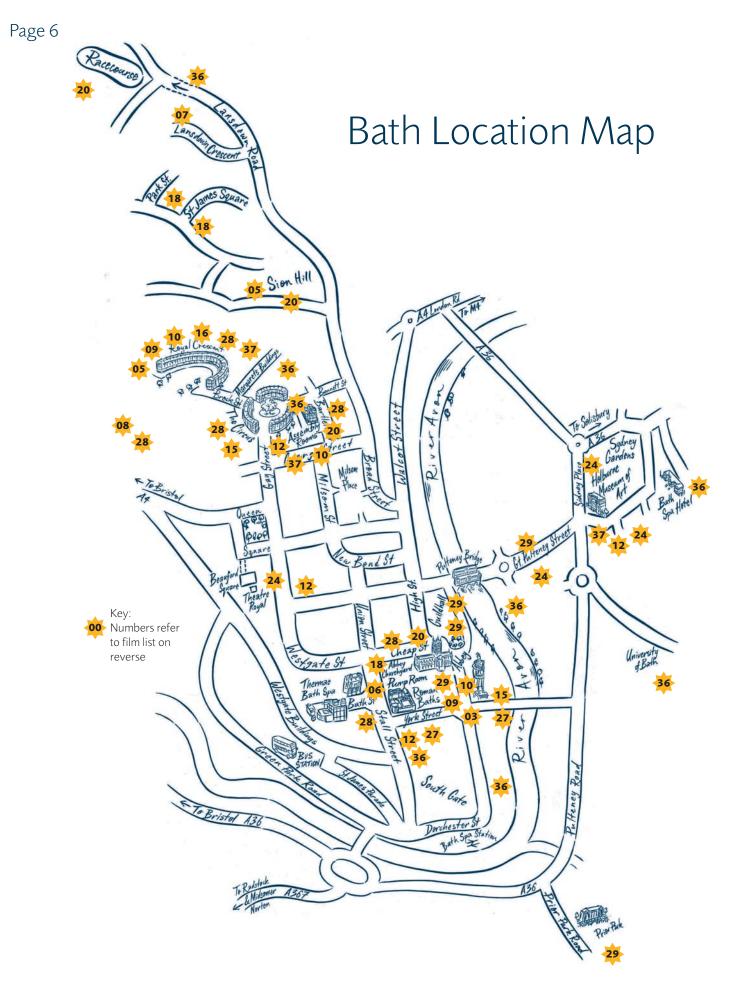
**32. Cranford Chronicles** (2007) Director: Simon Curtis. Stars: Judi Dench, Eileen Atkins, Philip Glenister, Michael Gambon, Francesca Annis, Barbara Flynn. Synopsis: BBC production of Elizabeth Gaskell's story of a small Cheshire town on the cusp of great change. Locations: Lacock www.bbc.co.uk/drama/cranford

**33. Harry Potter & the Half Blood Prince** (2007) Director: David Yates. Stars: Daniel Radcliffe, Helena Bonham Carter, Timothy Spall, Julie Walters, Michael Gambon, Maggie Smith. Synopsis: Adventures of Harry Potter and his friends as they explore the past of evil wizard Lord Voldemort. Locations: Lacock, Lacock Abbey www.harrypotter.warnerbros.com

**34. Larkrise to Candleford** (2007) Director: Stars: Julia Sawalha, Ben Miles and Olivia Hallinan, Dawn French. Synopsis: BBC drama series of the books by Flora Thompson. Locations: various locations near Box www.bbc.co.uk/drama/larkrise **35. The Other Boleyn Girl** (2008) Director: Justin Chadwick. Stars: Natalie Portman, Eric Bana, Scarlett Johannson. Synopsis: Anne and Mary Boleyn, driven by their family's ambition, compete for the love of King Henry VIII. Locations: Great Chalfield Manor, Lacock, Wells Cathedral www.sonypictures.com/movies/theotherboleyngirl

36. Bonekickers (2008) Director: Sarah O'Gorman, James Strong, Nick Hurran. Stars: Julie Graham, Hugh Bonneville, Anthony Green, Shauna Macdonald, Tamzin Merchant and Sam Spiegel. Synopsis: BBC drama series about a team of archaeologists and the mysteries they unearth. Locations: Roman Baths, Pump Room, Assembly Rooms, Kingston Parade, University of Bath, Pulteney Weir, St Saviours Road in Larkhall, Hare & Hounds Pub at Lansdown, Margarets Buildings, George Baytun's Bookshop, Bath Spa Hotel, Clutton, Farleigh Rise, Rocks East near Colerne

**37. The Duchess** (2008) Director: Saul Dibb. Stars: Keira Knightley, Ralph Fiennes, Charlotte Rampling. Synopsis: The scandalous life of the 18th Century aristocrat, Georgiana Cavendish, the Duchess of Devonshire. Locations: Assembly Rooms, Royal Crescent, Holburne Museum

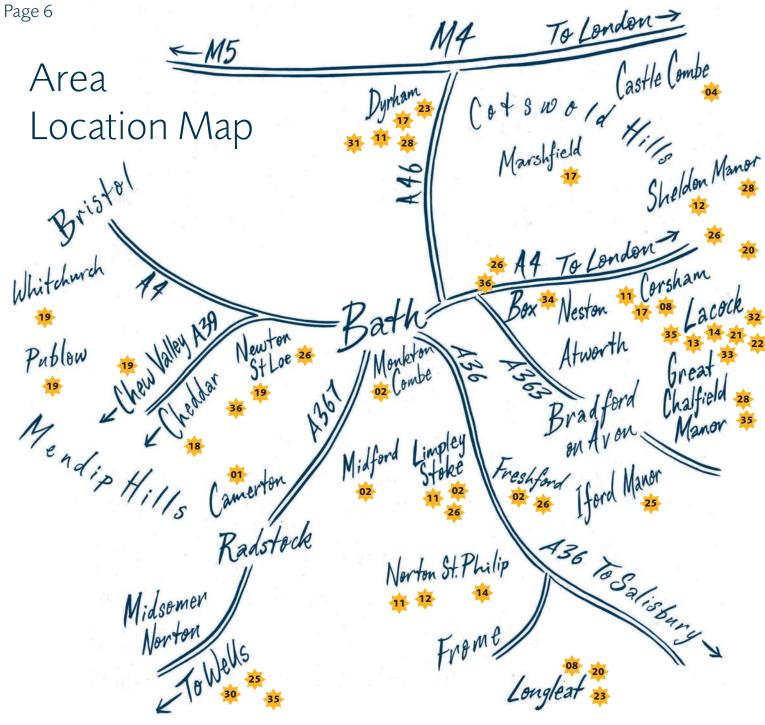


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Side 2 – APJAC Productions: Dr Dolittle Bath Film Office: Cheeni Kum BBC: Persuasion (1994) BFI Still Posters & Designs: Joseph Andrews Big Talk Productions: Hot Fuzz Carlos Chinca: A Respectable Trade, Inspector Morse Granada Films: Vanity Fair (2003) Maggie Ainley: Bertie & Elizabeth, Casualty, Dracula, He Knew He Was Right, Ten Days to D-Day Rank Films: The Titfield Thunderbolt Ronald Grant Archive: The Ghost Train Sheard&Hudson: Cranford Chronicles, Philip Glenister, BBC: Bonekickers.



## Getting Here

#### By Rail:

There are regular train services direct from London Paddington with a journey time of 90 minutes. Bristol Temple Meads, just 15 minutes away by train is also a major hub for travel to all other parts of the country. For further information visit www.nationalrail.co.uk

#### By Coach:

National Express links Bath to all major towns and cities in the UK. For further information visit www.gobycoach.co.uk

#### By Car:

Bath is located just 10 miles from junction 18 of the M4. There are also excellent motorway links via the M5. If you arrive in Bath by car use the Park and Ride service for quick and easy access to the city centre. For further information on Park and Ride bus services visit www.traveline.org.uk

#### By Bus:

Once you arrive in the city travelling around couldn't be easier by bus. For information about bus times and stops visit www.firstgroup.com

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