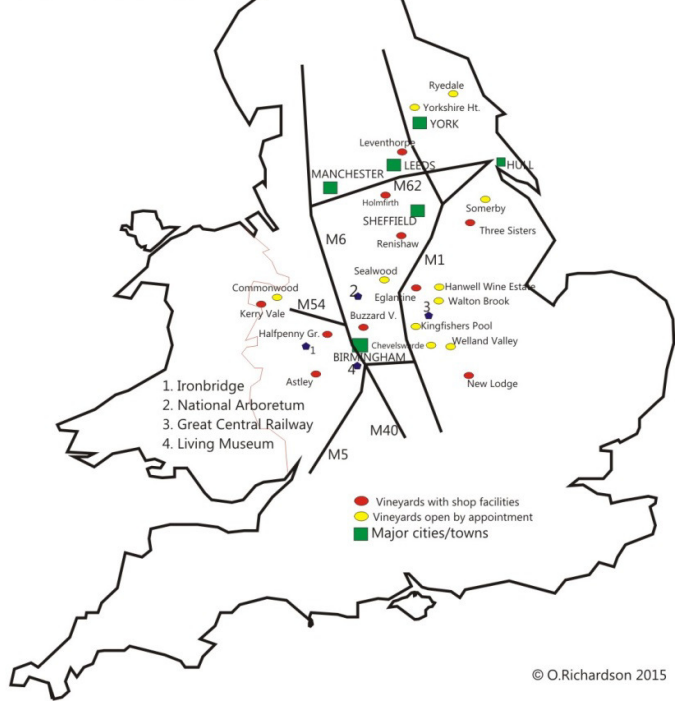


Tourist Vineyards in the North and Midlands



NORTHERN VINEYARDS TO VISIT

Vineyards have spread ever northwards. At one time in the 1960's, Renishaw was listed as the most northerly in the world! Now, there are vineyards just about everywhere in England apart from Lancashire, Durham and Northumbria, and these will no doubt appear with climate change. The vineyards are well worth a visit as part of a day out, and some of the wines beat anything available at the same price in supermarkets - and you can taste them first! Several produce sparkling wines that are far more interesting than imported equivalents. Some vineyards have shops, but those shown in yellow on the map would appreciate a phone call first as they may not have an on-site shop or may lack full facilities- see their websites before visiting. A selection of places to visit in conjunction with a vineyard tour are included. Enjoy!

<p>Astley. Long established vineyard open most days. Speciality in sparkling and high quality white wines. Convenient for Ironbridge Gorge.</p>	<p>Holmfirth Vineyard in the heart of tourist country with holiday cottages and restaurant, and stunning views over the town. Holmfirth hosts a 'Last of the Summer Wine' exhibition</p>	<p>New Lodge. Small and friendly vineyard open for wine sales on Saturday afternoon.</p>
<p>Buzzards Valley. Website at buzzardvalley.co.uk. Drayton Basset, Tamworth just off M42. Wide range of products in shop.</p>	<p>Kerry Vale. On A489 between Church Stretton and Newtown (Powys) Shop and Café. Website at kerryvalevineyard.co.uk</p>	<p>Renishaw Hall. Website at renishaw-hall.co.uk. Ancestral home of the Sitwell Family with museum, shop, café, plant sales and vineyard.</p>
<p>Eglantine. Costock, (A60 just north of Loughborough. (Jct 21 off M1) Open most daylight hours but best to ring – see website at EglantineVineyard.co.uk. Specialises in Sweet wines.</p>	<p>Kingfishers Pool. Rothley on A6 just north of Leicester. Website at rothleywine.com. Shop under development. Watch this space!</p>	<p>Three Sisters. Claxby, just north of Market Rasen (Lincs) which is on A46 Lincoln to Grimsby road. Website at three-sisters-vineyard.co.uk</p>
<p>Halfpenny Green. Between Bridgnorth and Dudley. Café and Large shop with wide range of vineyard and other local products. Website at halfpenny-green-vineyards.co.uk. Open normal shop hours</p>	<p>Leventhorpe. Long-established vineyard with wide range of wines. Open most daylight hours but best to ring first 0113-2889088 Just off J30 of M62 going north.</p>	<p>Several other vineyards are open by appointment. These include Sealwood Cottage (which also has a holiday cottage), Yorkshire Heart, Wroxeter, Ryedale and Welland Valley, all of whom cater for vineyard tours.</p>