



The CAAR GB Spring 2025 Rally is planned to explore the Architecture and Landscape of the County of Northumberland. With over 70 standing Castles, the Northumberland National Park, and two national landscapes, the Northumberland Coast and part of the North Pennines there is much to see and enjoy. Northumberland is also the least populated County in England.

Owing to the distance to reach Northumberland for the majority of CAAR GB Members it is proposed the Rally will begin in South Yorkshire for one night Monday 7th April, at the 4-star EARL of DONCASTER HOTEL, Doncaster, an Art Deco time warp close to Doncaster town centre and racecourse.

Postcode DN2 6AD theearl.co.uk

The following day Tuesday 8th we head North to our second Hotel enroute to Northumberland, the 4-star LUMLEY CASTLE HOTEL, Chester-Le-Street for one night.

Postcode DH3 4NX lumleycastle.com

With a journey of 122miles and 2hrs 50mins driving avoiding the A1there are many, places of interest for stops on the way as we route through York, the North York Moors, and the cathedral town Durham.

Wednesday 9th the rally enters bandit country as we cross the Tyne and follow the famous Northumberland coast for approximately 66miles 1hr 50mins up to Alnwick for two nights at the 4star DOXFORD HALL HOTEL, Chathill, Alnwick.

Postcode DE67 5DN doxford.com

Thursday 10th is a free day to explore. Alnwick Castle and Gardens, Alnmouth Beach.

After two nights at Alnwick, Friday 11th we continue North following the coast to the Scottish Borders at Berwick on Tweed for 2nights at the 4-star MARSHALL MEADOWS MANOR HOUSE HOTEL Berwick on Tweed.

Postcode TD15 1UT marshallmeadowsmanor.co.uk

On the way to Berwick, we pass Seahouses, Bamburgh Castle and the RNLI Grace Darling Museum, Further North is Holy Island, well worth a visit, tides permitting of course. Only 33miles and 53mins allows plenty of time for sightseeing.

Another free a day to explore: Berwick on Tweed town and Port. The Tweed River. Norham village with its 12th Century Castle, besieged at least 13 times. Chain Bridge Honey Farm and Museum, don't forget to cross the unique chain link suspension bridge over the River Tweed. Flodden fields sight of a famous English victory against an overwhelming Scottish Army, Coldstream, Kelso, and Jedburgh are all worth a visit.

Sunday 13th leaving Berwick we head inland following the Tweed to Coldstream before turning South towards our next Hotel for one night at the OTTERBURN CASTLE COUNTRY HOTEL, Otterburn, just inside the Northumberland National Park. As we journey South for approximately 63miles 1hr 45mins we have an opportunity to visit the town of Rothbury and the marvel of Victorian engineering, which is Cragside, designed and built by Sir William Armstrong as his home.

Postcode NE19 1NS otterburncastle.com

From Otterburn on Monday 14th, we head Northwest through the Kielder Forrest, after a short incursion into Scotland we skirt the Cheviot Hills turning Southeast alongside Kielder Water before reaching our next hotel the 4-star LANGLEY CASTLE, Hexham for our final two nights.

A free day is a chance to explore Hadrians Wall, and the wonders of Roman engineering in preserved constructions such as Chesters and Housesteads Forts.



The guide price for the Rally is £2350 per couple, Including superior rooms and dinner bed & breakfast at all hotels. a deposit of £250 is requested to confirm bookings with hotels and determine final prices. A deduction will be made for members not requiring the first hotel in Doncaster.

Please email jshawbrowne@gmail.com & carolshawbrowne@icloud.com

Deposit to CAAR GB Sort Code 40-19-66 Acc No 50004995