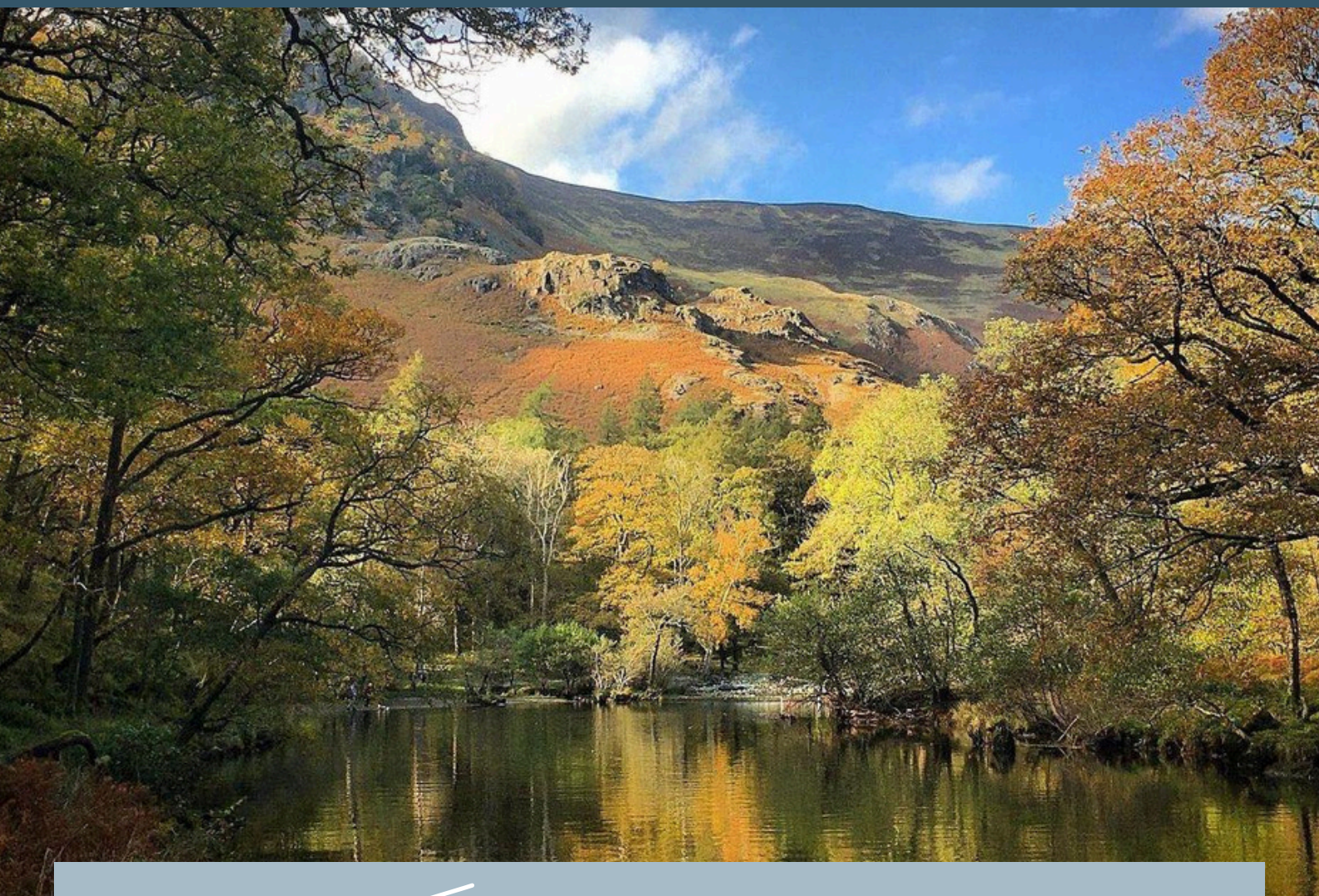




The Royal Oak
HOTEL

Borrowdale, Keswick

WELCOME TO OUR
OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

The leaves are falling and so are our prices!

WHERE IS YOUR SECRET SPACE?

Discover some of Borrowdale Valley's best-kept secrets. One of the wonderful things about staying at the Royal Oak in Rosthwaite is having the beautiful Borrowdale Valley right on your doorstep.

We all know the famous sights, Derwentwater, the Bowder Stone, Castle Crag and the dramatic fells, but what about the places that are a little quieter? The paths less travelled, the hidden corners and the spots where you can simply stop, breathe and enjoy the scenery. We've put together a few of our favourite Borrowdale secrets for you to discover during your stay.

WATENDLATH

Tucked away high above the valley, Watendlath feels like another world. This peaceful little hamlet sits beside Watendlath Tarn, surrounded by woodland, crags and traditional fields. It's a wonderful destination for a walk and a great place to escape the busier parts of the Lakes.



THE RIVER DERWENT AT GRANGE

For a gentle stroll, head towards Grange and follow the path alongside the River Derwent. Away from the main road, the wooded riverbanks offer a wonderfully peaceful walk, with plenty of opportunities to stop and enjoy the sound of the water.



MILLICAN DALTON'S CAVE

For something a little different, seek out Millican Dalton's Cave near Rosthwaite. It's associated with the colourful character Millican Dalton, who famously styled himself as the "Professor of Adventure". It makes a great little discovery for those who enjoy finding something unusual along the way.



GALLENY FORCE

If waterfalls are your thing, keep an eye out for Galleny Force. Tucked away amongst the woodland and rocks, it's one of those places where the journey is as enjoyable as the destination.

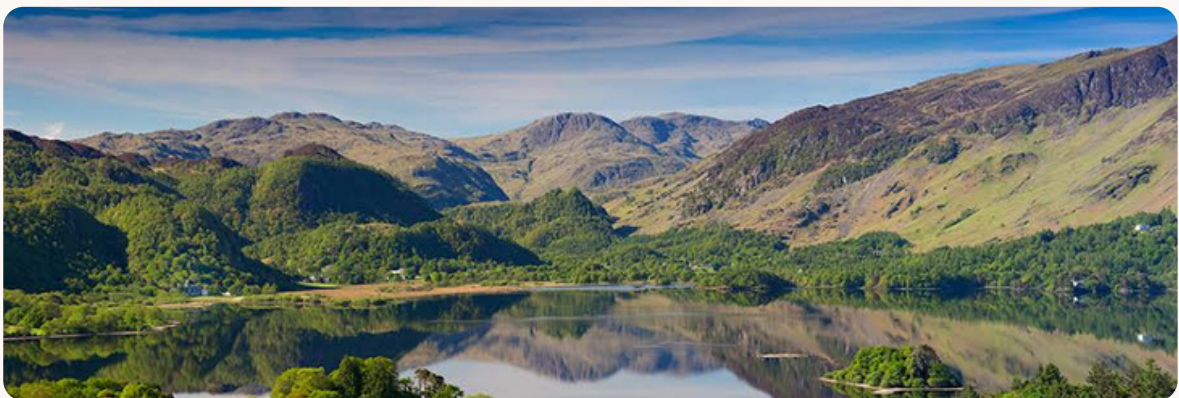


THE JAWS OF BORROWDALE

You may have driven through this dramatic section of the valley without realising quite how special it is. Between Grange and the upper valley, the road passes through the narrow gorge known as the Jaws of Borrowdale, with steep crags and ancient woodland rising on either side. It's one of the valley's most atmospheric stretches.

And then there's your secret...Perhaps the best secret of Borrowdale is the one you discover yourself. It could be a particular bench with a view, a quiet riverside spot, a favourite walking route or simply a place where you can sit with a flask of tea and watch the clouds move across the fells.

That's the magic of Borrowdale. Where will your secret space be?



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COSY OCTOBER

Cosy up with us this October and stay for just £189 per night, including breakfast and evening dinner for two, in a standard double or twin room

Fall in love with a colourful Autumn; there's probably no better time to walk in the North Lake District with the beautiful displays of colour that Autumn yields.

After a day's adventures, receive a warm welcome, spoil yourself with complimentary afternoon tea and scones, get toasty by the log fire, enjoy ales and wines in our bar or snug, and indulge in a sumptuous two-course evening dinner you will be talking about long after you've gone home. Then have a relaxing night's sleep and in the morning fuel yourself with a hearty Cumbrian breakfast.

NIFTY NOVEMBER

As we reach the height of the Autumn season just before we transition into Winter, the scenery here is unique and picturesque. Cooler days are the perfect excuse to throw on those fleeces and scarves; there's adventure all around. Local businesses are preparing for the festive season and with the lights switched on the 18th of November, there's a certain buzz around. We've got a great deal, choose our £149 Nifty November Package, which includes hearty Cumbrian breakfast, a two-course evening dinner and a complimentary welcome G&T or pint of Local Ale. Plus afternoon tea and homemade scones.

Prices are per night for two guests in a standard double/twin room.



NEED A BREAK? COME AND FEEL REVIVED FOR £125

Sun-Thur throughout Dec & Jan & 1-11 Feb (excludes festive dates 24 Dec-3 Jan)

This is an unbeatable deal: stay for only £125 a night with breakfast and a two-course dinner for two- yes, you heard that right £125!

Feel Revived is our perfect winter escape at the Royal Oak Rothwaite, just £125 for a cosy stay designed to help you slow down, recharge, and embrace the beauty of the fells in their most peaceful season.

After a day of crisp walks and fresh mountain air, return to warmth, comfort, and a well-earned sense of relaxation. We've even got a log fire, drying room and boot warmers, plus a free car park with its very own electric car charging station.



EVERY ROOM TELLS A STORY

What if the walls of the Royal Oak could talk? Every room at the Royal Oak has a story to tell. Today, they are comfortable bedrooms where guests come to escape, relax and enjoy the beauty of Borrowdale. But it wasn't always this way.

Some were once cowsheds. Some were pigsties. Others were part of a bustling pub serving the slate miners who worked in the valley. In fact, almost every room in the Royal Oak has been something else at some point in its history.

From miners to travellers, nobody knows exactly when the first building appeared on this site, but the main hotel we see today was rebuilt sometime between 1740 and 1780, around the time slate was discovered in the valley and the mining industry began bringing new money and new people to Borrowdale.

It wasn't called the Royal Oak then; the building was known as Rosthwaite House, although the locals knew it as the Miners Arms, a place where the men working in the slate mines could come for a drink, a chat and perhaps to forget about the day's work for a while.

Then, in 1832, Sarah Simpson came along and saw the potential in the old miners' pub. She renamed it the Royal Oak Inn, created eight letting rooms and began advertising the inn to visitors who wanted to discover the beauty of Borrowdale.

And people certainly came; among them was the poet William Wordsworth, who spent a night beneath this very roof. The old records reveal one particularly charming detail, he shared his bed with a Scottish pedlar who happened to be passing through.

It makes you wonder about all the other people who have crossed the threshold over the years. How many stories have these walls witnessed?

Look a little closer...The first-floor rooms in the main hotel building are part of this long history, but the story continues across the courtyard.



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The twelve rooms overlooking the Beck began life as part of the farm. The four rooms on the right — now Rooms 21–24, were once the farmer's cottage.

The four rooms in the centre, now Rooms 18, 19, 20 and 25 were once a barn for cows. And then there are the rooms with perhaps the most unexpected past of all. The four rooms on the left were once a pigsty. Yes, a pigsty!

Formerly known as Merrybreeches, these buildings were converted into bedrooms as recently as 1999. The conversion was carried out sympathetically, retaining the character of the original buildings while giving them a completely new purpose.

Today, they are our Becksides Rooms 15–18, overlooking the water and surrounded by the very landscape that has drawn visitors to Borrowdale for generations.

It's easy to look at a comfortable hotel bedroom and imagine that it has always been a bedroom. At the Royal Oak, that's rarely the case. Behind the doors are traces of farm life, slate mining, local characters, travellers and generations of visitors. So next time you stay with us, take a moment to look around.

You might be sleeping where a cow once slept; you might be staying in a former pigsty. You might even be lying beneath the same roof where William Wordsworth once spent the night. And suddenly, your bedroom becomes more than just a room. It's another chapter in the story of the Royal Oak.



LOOK OUT FOR OFFERS ON THE DISPLAY SCREEN IN THE BAR

New for this year, check out the screen in our bar showing you all the latest special offers available for this Autumn and Winter.



DISCOVER OUR BRAND-NEW WEBSITE – AND BOOK FOR LESS

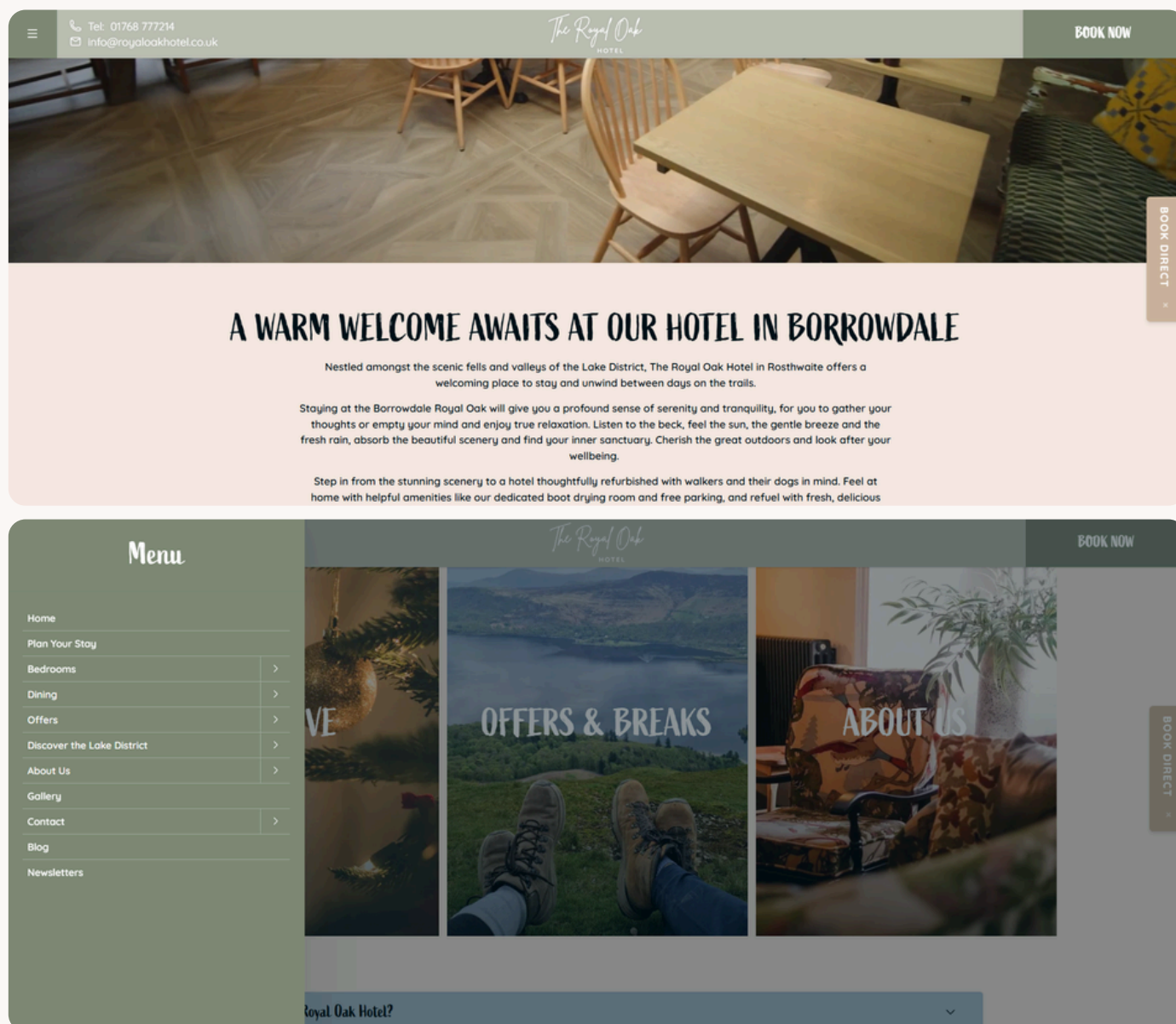
We're excited to announce the launch of the brand-new website for the Royal Oak Hotel and we can't wait for you to explore it.

Designed with our guests in mind, the new site is fresh, easy to navigate, and filled with beautiful photography that truly captures the comfort and character of our hotel. You'll find everything you need in one convenient place, from detailed information about our rooms and dining experiences to outdoor activities in the area, information about the area and exclusive special offers.

Lock in your stay and book direct on our website for the best prices and cancellation policy, with no deposit to pay. Why would you use an Online Travel Agent? You can even book a package with evening dinner, a packed lunch and your dog.

Whether you're planning a relaxing country break, a walking holiday or want to spend some time in the wonderful area for a well-earned getaway, our new website makes it simple and secure to arrange your stay.

Take a look today and discover just how easy it is to plan your next visit for less. We look forward to welcoming you soon!



LOOKING FOR THE PERFECT CHRISTMAS GIFT?

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NEW MENU – MORE CHOICE, MORE FLEXIBILITY

We listen carefully to our guests' feedback, and customer satisfaction and retention are incredibly important to us. Following requests for greater choice, we've made some exciting improvements to our dining experience.

Our new menu will offer more options across each course, along with a one-course option for guests who prefer a lighter meal or don't wish to dine on multiple courses.

We have moved towards a seasonally changing menu, rather than changing the menu every day. This will allow our chefs to make the most of the finest seasonal produce while continuing to deliver the high-quality dishes our guests have come to expect.

Every dish will be thoughtfully created and beautifully presented, using fresh, quality ingredients and the best seasonal produce available.

Our new menus are now available to view on our new website.

