

## Amber Valley

- Sir Barnes Wallis – inventor of the ingenious ‘bouncing bomb’ that was used in raids by the RAF’s ‘Dambusters’ 617 Squadron and tested on the Peak District’s Derwent Reservoir – was born in Ripley in 1889.
- The Queen’s Rolls Royce, which was ordered in 1948 and delivered in 1950, was made at Belper.
- Folklore has it that King Alfred burnt the cakes in Alfreton, hence the pub on High Street was named The King Alfred for many years. The names Alfred Terrace and King Street still hark back to the legend.
- Some of the world’s best toffee and chocolate is manufactured at Swanwick by Thorntons.
- D H Lawrence is said to have set his novel *Lady Chatterley’s Lover* in Shipley Park, near Heanor.
- St Pancras Station in London, one of the biggest single span buildings in the world for many years, was built by the Butterley Company of Ripley.
- Spare parts for Norton racing motorcycles – which dominated the motorcycle racing scene during the 1930s, 1940s and early 1950s – are still made in Somercotes.
- Belper North Mill is the second oldest iron framed and fireproof mill in the world and was the blueprint for millions of similar buildings worldwide. It is regarded as one of the world’s most important industrial monuments.
- Crich Stand, a striking memorial to dead soldiers of the Worcester and Sherwood Foresters Regiment, was built in 1921. It is the third tower on the site and some say that on a clear day you can see as far as the Humber Bridge, around 70 miles away.
- Six-sailed Heage Windmill – known locally as Ned’s Mill – is the only working, stone towered, multi-sailed windmill in England.