

In and Around Wearhead



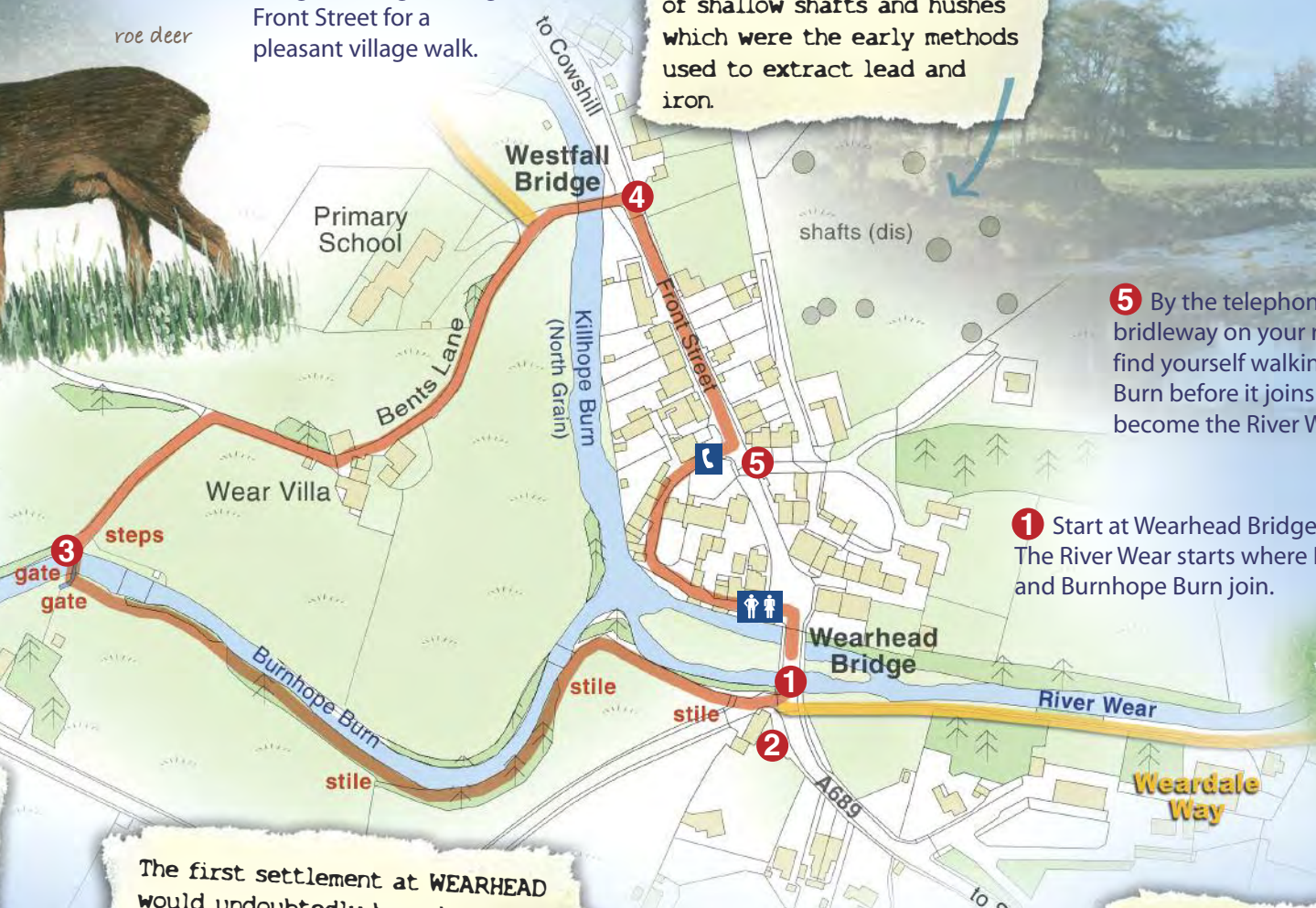
3 At the northern end of the footbridge, which crosses Burnhope Burn, bear right and follow the green lane footpath past the school.

4 After crossing the Killhope Burn at Westfall Bridge, turn right along Front Street for a pleasant village walk.

If you look to the steep hillside to the east of the village you will see evidence of shallow shafts and hushes which were the early methods used to extract lead and iron.

5 By the telephone box, take the brideway on your right and you will find yourself walking along Killhope Burn before it joins Burnhope Burn to become the River Wear.

1 Start at Wearhead Bridge and look west. The River Wear starts where Killhope Burn and Burnhope Burn join.



As more meadow and grazing land was cleared, farming spread and, combined with the discovery of lead veins, the population increased.

The first settlement at WEARHEAD would undoubtedly have been a farmstead, possibly a summer base for the Bishop's cattle which would then be taken to lower ground to over winter.

2 Take the footpath to the south of the bridge and follow Burnhope Burn in a westerly direction.

Wearhead stands at the head of the River Wear. The village is 1104 feet above sea-level and lies to the south west of BURNHOPE SEAT which is 2452 feet above sea level.



KEY:
— village walk — Weardale Way Toilets Telephone

SCALE:
 0 — 50m — 100m — 150m
 0 — 50yds — 100yds — 150yds



Follow the Mineral Valleys Walk signs.

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