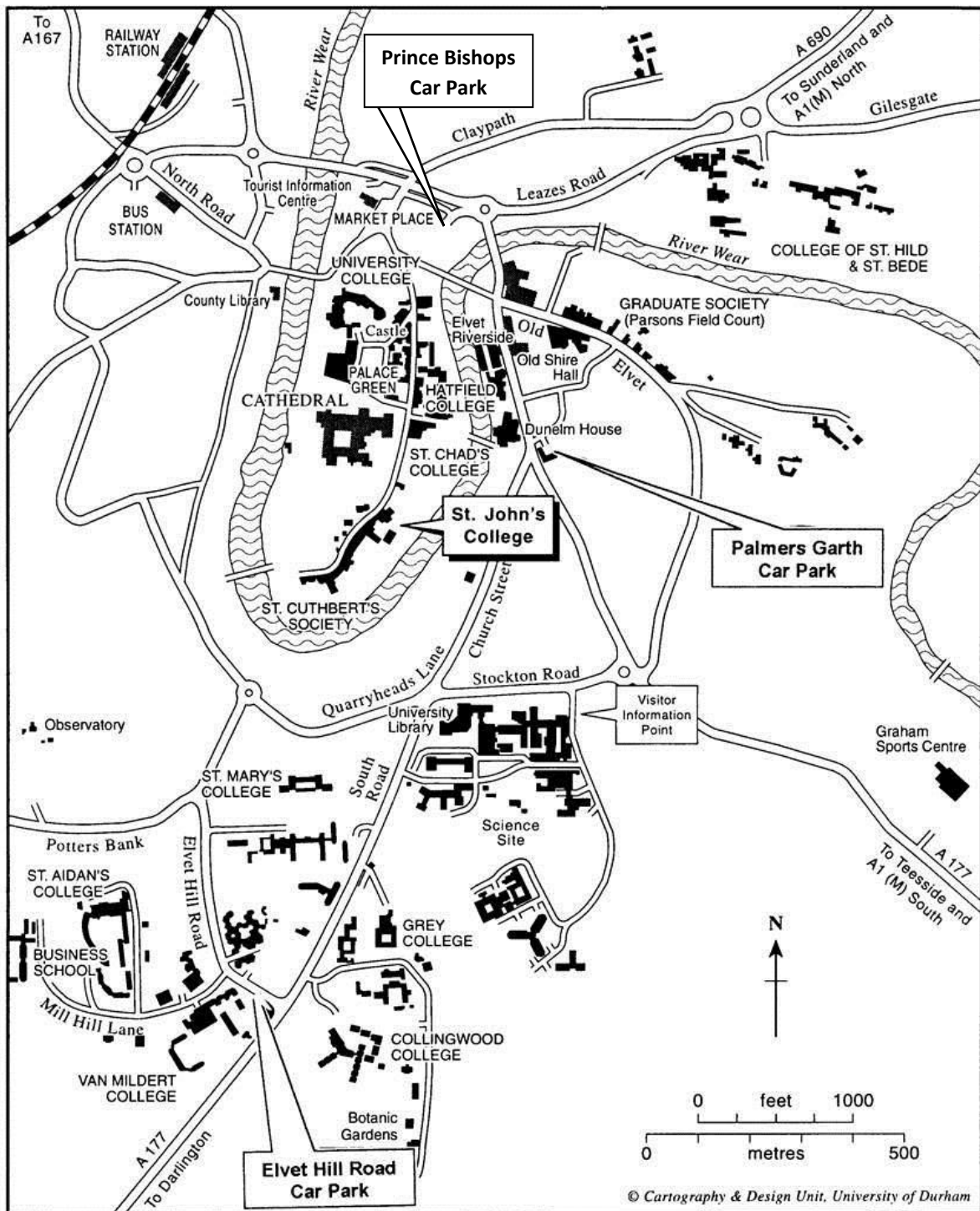


Travel Directions for SOTS Summer Meeting in Durham, 16-19 July 2018

How to get to St John's College



St John's College recommends using **public transport**. The College is a twenty-minute walk from the Railway Station, which is at the top of a steep hill. Alternatively, there is a regular **bus** from just below the station all the way to Palace Green by the Cathedral (St John's is just a two-minute walk further down the road from Palace Green). The bus to Palace Green costs 50p for a single journey. A **taxi** from the station would cost around £5.00.

Parking on the Bailey

There is no parking available on the Bailey (i.e. the Peninsula), only loading bays or disabled bays that allow for three hours at a time. Parking otherwise will incur tickets. All cars entering the Bailey need to give their car registration number to St John's reception (phone 01913-343500) in order to avoid having to pay a congestion charge.

Up to six parking permits are available from St John's on request, but these would be in University car parks, off the Bailey on the other side of the river, a ten-minute walk away from St John's. Those with these permits would therefore be able to offload luggage at the college and then return to the car park. For these permits, the College will need the driver's name, car registration and make of car. Please **contact the Hospitality Secretary** if you wish to have one of the six available SOTS parking permits.

The only parking available even off the Bailey would be on-road parking beyond the river. Alternatively, the NCP car park at the bottom of the Bailey (a ten-minute walk) gets costly if parking for three nights. For more information about parking at Prince Bishops Car Park, see their website <www.princebishops.co.uk/parking> for prices and times. This car park is closed between midnight and 6am.

More information about car parks in Durham can be found on the council's website <www.durham.gov.uk/article/3486/Durham-City-car-parks>. The Park & Ride car parks do not permit overnight parking at all.

How to get to Durham

By road

Durham city centre is only two miles from the A1(M). Leave the motorway at Junction 62 on the A690 Durham - Sunderland road and follow signs to Durham city centre. Durham is 264 miles from London, 187 miles from Birmingham, 125 miles from Edinburgh and 67 miles from York.

There are several express coach services daily from most major cities. Durham is well served by both regional express services and the local bus network. From the city bus station – a short walk from the railway station – a bus service runs every 15 minutes past the Colleges on South Road.

By rail

60 InterCity trains from most major centres in the country call at Durham daily including 14 trains from London. The National Express high-speed service takes under 3 hours from London King's Cross on the main East Coast line. First Transpennine Express offers frequent links to Manchester, Sheffield and Leeds, while Cross Country links Durham directly with Scotland, the Midlands, and the South West. Durham is just over 3 hours from Birmingham, 2½ hours from Manchester, 1½ hours from Edinburgh and 45 minutes from York. A taxi will take you from the station to any College in about 5 minutes and you can walk to the city centre in 10 minutes.

By air

Durham is 30 minutes' drive from Newcastle Airport <www.newcastleairport.com> and about 40 minutes from Durham Tees Valley <www.teessideairport.com>. Both have regular domestic and international flights. Durham is linked to Newcastle Airport by rail and metro. Travellers into Durham Tees Valley can take advantage of the free Sky Express bus service that links the airport to Darlington railway station, with regular connections to Durham.