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MOODS OF STAFFORDSHIRE

Van Greaves

Staffordshire is a large county with boundaries impinging on northern England and the Midlands. With Cheshire and Derbyshire in the north and bounded by the rivers Dane and Dove, it includes large parts of the Peak District National Park. These are the limestone area known as the White Peak, defined by glorious hills and dales, and the darker, more brooding gritstone Dark Peak, whose outcrops include the Roaches, near Leek.

Adjoining this, the Staffordshire Moor-lands present hills, but their dales are usually wooded and contain large estates. Alton Towers and the Churnet Valley Railway are among the tourist attractions. Westward, Staffordshire encompasses the Potteries, which still support some famous names in ceramics.

Staffordshire has many ancient towns, with the cathedral city of Lichfield and Tamworth probably the best examples. Nearby, the heaths of Cannock Chase gives countryside recreation to thousands. Its southern boundaries border the Black Country, and offer historic, industrial and rural landscapes. Van Greaves's stunning photography in this beautiful book will undoubtedly lure many more to this deserving region.



Van Greaves' first book for Halsgrove was *Portrait of Birmingham*, published in 2004. He has since produced *Moods of Shropshire and The Marches* and *Moods of Worcestershire & Elgar Country* in 2005.

Van Greaves' previous illustrated books include *Discovering The Pennines*, *Snowdonia to The Gower*, with John Gillham, and he has contributed to several more, including *Classic Walks* and *High Mountains of Britain & Ireland*.



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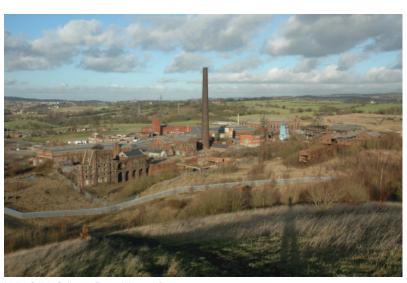




Narrowboat at the Black Lion, (Cauldon Canal) Churnet Valley

Tudor House, Lichfield





Whitfield Colliery, Fegg Hayes, Potteries.



Winter dawn, the Roaches looking towards Shutlingsloe.

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