

# Help your museum!

Abbey Pumping Station is part of a family of museums run by Leicester City Council. First opened as a museum in 1972, Abbey Pumping Station has gone from abandoned industrial site to thriving heritage attraction thanks to the support of a dedicated group of volunteers - the Leicester Museums Technology Association (the LMTA). The Leicester Museums Technology Association has around 140 members with a wide ranging skills and interests. Why not join us and:

- Care and maintain the working collections
- Help run the special event days
- Support improvements to the museum
- Raise money to fund working collections
- Help shape the future of the museum.

If you would like to join the association or to find out more about how you can become involved, please contact: The Membership Secretary, Abbey Pumping Station, Corporation Road, Leicester LE4 5PX or at [membership@abbeypumpingstation.org](mailto:membership@abbeypumpingstation.org). The Leicester Museums Technology Association is a registered charity (No. 1052391)

## Join a winning team!

LMTA are proud to announce they were regional winners for the East Midlands in the national Marsh Trust Awards for 'Volunteers in Museums' 2016.

## A venue with a difference!

If you are looking for a venue with a difference for a function, whether it's a wedding, product launch, party, celebration or meeting space, the Abbey Pumping Station has just the room for you.

The Electric Switch Room can accommodate up to 60 people (with kitchen facilities) and the marquee can accommodate 220 people. Both venues can be hired by the hour, weekly or monthly - regular bookings may attract a discount.

For further information or to make a booking please contact 0116 299 5111 or email [operations@abbeypumpingstation.org](mailto:operations@abbeypumpingstation.org)

# How to get to APS

The Abbey Pumping Station, Leicester LE4 5PX (Grid reference SK588067) is about 1 mile north of Leicester city centre near Beaumont Leys. Situated on the Riverside Walk and Sustrans cycleway, it is adjacent to the National Space Centre.

For further information about events at the Abbey Pumping Station: call 0116 299 5111; or visit either [www.abbeypumpingstation.org](http://www.abbeypumpingstation.org) or [www.leicester.gov.uk/museums](http://www.leicester.gov.uk/museums); or write to the Operations Officer, The Abbey Pumping Station Museum, Corporation Road, Leicester LE4 5PX.



Bus 54, 54A leave from Charles Street, currently stands HX and HY.

Outer city centre circular route number 40 clockwise/anti-clockwise. Nearest stop Thurcaston Road/Abbey Lane junction. Not on Sundays.

'Skylink' service from Leicester, Loughborough and Derby, will drop off and pickup at the junction of Corporation Road and Abbey Lane. Visit <https://www.kinchbus.co.uk/services/skylink-derby> for details.

Follow the Riverside Walk or Abbey Lane (A6). An 8 minute walk from Abbey Lane bus stop.

Parking (including Disabled parking) is available on the museum site. On special event days, parking is available at the National Space Centre.

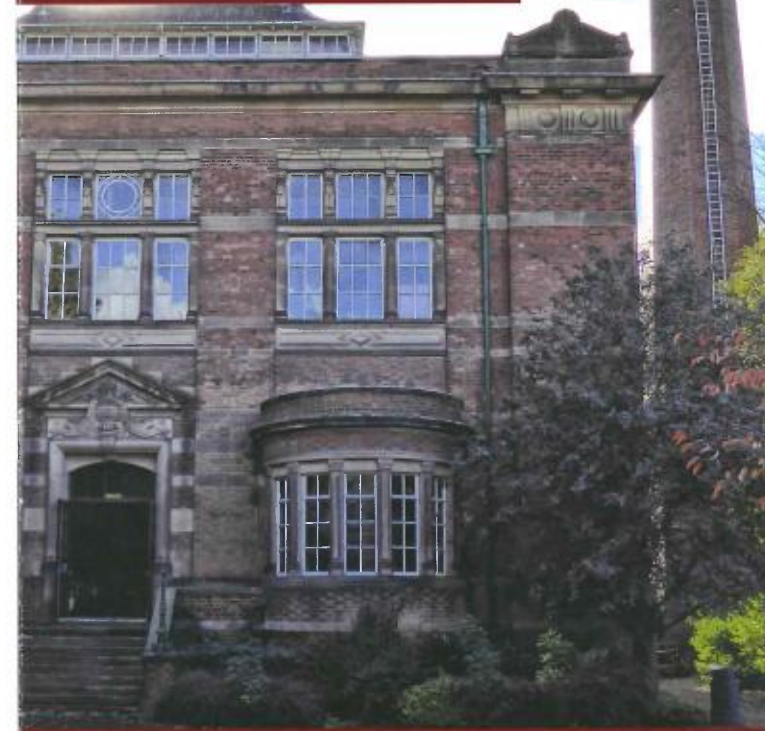
Follow Sustrans cycle route No. 6 along Riverside Walk.

Change at Leicester Station for local bus services available from Railway Station or Haymarket Bus Station. Leicester North Station on the preserved Great Central Railway is a short walk (¾ mile).

For details of bus times please telephone Travelline on 0871 200 2233 (24 hours). For mainline railway train times telephone 08457 48 49 50 (24 hours). Visit <http://www.travelineeastmidlands.co.uk/> for details.

# ABBEY PUMPING STATION

## Special Events Diary Feb 2017 - Feb 2018



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# ABBEY PUMPING STATION MUSEUM OF TECHNOLOGY, LEICESTER

## Special Events Diary 2017

Abbey Pumping Station was first built by Leicester Corporation in 1891. Designed to pump sewage from the city using four huge Leicester-built beam engines, it made Victorian Leicester a healthier place and saved countless lives.



Closed in 1964, the beam engines were saved and the site transformed into a museum of local industry and technology. Situated next to the National Space Centre, the two sites tell a story of over 150 years of technological change, from steam power to space exploration.

[www.abbeypumpingstation.org](http://www.abbeypumpingstation.org)

[www.visitleicester.info/things-to-see-and-do/arts-museums/](http://www.visitleicester.info/things-to-see-and-do/arts-museums/)

## Changes for 2017

ABBEY PUMPING STATION CONTINUES TO GET BETTER!

The famous steam shovel is due for a new coat of paint and some behind-the-scenes moving around is creating space within the vehicle shed to better show off our fantastic collection of historic vehicles.

We also have a very special new addition to the collection - a Leicester-built 1908 Clyde Car, thought to be one of only three in existence and now returned home to pride of place in the museum galleries.

This year we also welcome back both Leonard, the Bagnall narrow gauge engine, and the steam road roller. Both have both passed their boiler inspections and will be in steam this year at most of the events.

Thanks to support from Arts Council England, part of the site has been landscaped and now features a dedicated marquee for wedding hire and display functions.

# APS DIARY 2017



## Picking up Steam Week

Monday 13th February, Wednesday 15th to Sunday 20th February 2017 11am - 4pm

Join us for our re-opening event. Self-guided activities will be available to purchase. Our activity room is open for you to spend as little or as long as you like creating your own masterpiece. Free Admission (£1.50 for an activity bag)

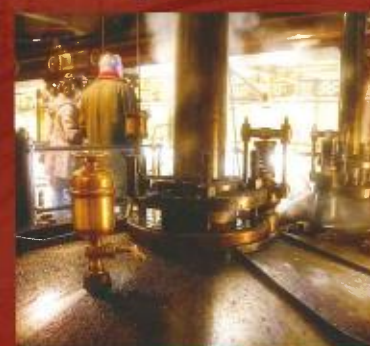
## Crafty Cars

Tuesday 14th February 2017 11am - 4pm

Toot toot, we're celebrating the arrival of Leicester's first car with lots of crafts and a special 'car' themed trail. Free Admission (£2.50 for activities) Small charge for train rides, Café.



## Steam with the Team: Tours whilst the Engines are in Steam



Saturday 4th March 2017  
12 Noon - 4pm

Take a timed tour of our magnificent Beam Engine House including areas usually inaccessible. Our Beam Engines will be in Steam. £2.50 (tickets in advance from all Leicester Museum sites), Café.

# BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK ACTIVITIES

Saturday 11th March 2017 11am - 3pm

This year British Science Week is all about 'Change'. Join us for a day of activities thinking about and investigating changes happening in the world around us; from seasons and climate, to materials and energy.

Free Admission (£2.50 for activities), Café.





# APS DIARY 2017

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## Model Railway Day & Craft Activities

Saturday 1st April 2017 11am – 4pm  
Railway layouts in the marquee. Railway inspired crafts  
Free Admission, (£2.50 for activities)  
Small charge for train rides, Cafe.

## Edible Engineering

Tuesday 18th April 2017 11am – 3pm  
Fun with food; make soup engines to take home, build bridges from spaghetti and marshmallows  
Free admission, (£2.50 for activities)  
Small charge for train rides, Cafe.



## Blue Lights Day

Saturday 29th April 2017 11am – 4pm  
Railway running day with the emergency services  
Free admission. Small charge for train rides, Cafe.



## Print & Ride Railway Day

Saturday 1st July 2017 11am to 4pm  
Print your own ticket to ride on our railway  
Free admission. Small charge for train rides, Cafe.

## All the Fun of the Fair

Tuesday 18th July 2017 11am – 3pm  
Come along and make your own moving fairground rides and ride on our vintage fair  
Free admission, (£2.50 for activities)



## Victorian Faeries

25th July 2017 11am – 3pm  
Come along to Abbey Pumping Station for faerie crafts, games & trails  
Free admission, (£2.50 for activities)



## Steam Stories

1st August 2017 11am to 3pm  
All aboard for story time; so grab a pencil and enjoy a day of story writing, book binding and character themed trails  
Free admission, (£2.50 for activities)

## Pump Car Railway Gala day

Saturday 5th August 2017 11am to 4pm  
Come and see our display of 'people-powered' railway locos  
Free Admission  
Small charge for train rides, Café.

## Steam Punk Crafts

Tuesday 8th August 2017 11am to 3pm  
Get dressed up and ready to make 'Steam punk' accessories and take a 'selfie' among the steam engines. Free admission, (£2.50 for activities)  
Small charge for train rides, Cafe.



## Up, Up and Away

Tuesday 15th August 2017 11am to 3pm  
Hot Air Balloon and Plane making activities  
Free admission, (£2.50 for activities)



## Heritage Open days

9th September 2017 11am, 1pm, 3pm  
Tour of the Beam Engine House  
Free Admission. Limited numbers ticketed event see our website for details.

## Seaside Fun Day

Sunday 10th September 12 Noon to 5pm  
Enjoy the Sun, Sea and Sand once again before Autumn comes along. Experience all the sights and sounds of a traditional British seaside without leaving Leicester.  
Adult £3.50; Children/Concessions £2.50; family £8.00  
Small charge for train rides, Cafe.



## Autumn Railway Day

Saturday 7th October 2017 11am to 4pm  
Railway running day  
Free admission. Small charge for train rides, Cafe.

## Halloween Children's Day

Tuesday 17th October 2017 11am to 3pm  
Halloween crafts, traditions & trails.  
Free admission, (£2.50 for activities)  
Small charge for train rides, Cafe.



# MUSEUMS AT NIGHT: THE GHOSTLY ENGINEER AND OTHER STORIES



Saturday 28th October 2017 7 – 10.30pm

Come along to an evening of chilling story telling in our Engine House. Discover the Ghostly Engineer and other chilling tales whilst the Beam Engines turn above your head and below your feet.  
Admission £3.50, Cafe



## Coming in November 2017

### Alternative Wedding Fair

New to Abbey Pumping Station and The National Space Centre. A niche wedding fair for lovers of all things Steam Punk. Look out for more details on our website  
Admission £2.50  
In partnership with the National Space Centre.

## CHRISTMAS STEAM DAY



Sunday 3rd December 2017 1pm to 5pm

Start the festive season with a visit to the museum. Enjoy listening to Christmas music whilst taking in the festive atmosphere. Take a ride on our train and enjoy a warming mince pie in our café.  
Adult £3.50; Children/Concessions £2.50; family £8.00  
Small charge for train rides, Cafe.

## Steam Toys in Action

Sunday 4th February 2018

1pm to 5pm  
This is the 28th year of our popular event. See our engines in steam and enjoy the many steam engines, boats and trains on display.  
Admission Adults £3.00; Accompanied children free  
Small charge for train rides, Cafe.

## Museum Tours

Tours of the museum with an entertaining and informative guide can be booked for groups of all kinds. Tours can also be tailored to meet your specific requirements.

For further information or to make a booking, please telephone 0116 299 5111 or email [operations@abbeypumpingstation.org](mailto:operations@abbeypumpingstation.org)

## The Abbey Pumping Station opening hours

February to October: Open every day 11.00am – 4.30pm.

1st November to 31st January: Closed except for special events and group visits. If you would like to arrange a group visit, please contact the Operations Officer on-site.

Opening information correct at time of print. To assist with your journey or for any other information, please ring 0116 299 5111 before your visit.



During those events marked with this icon the massive Gimson beam engines will be in steam along with other preserved steam engines on the site.



## Holiday Fun Day

All special activities marked by the icon are supported by the Abbey Ward fund.

## Special Needs Access

Level access is available in the grounds, museum displays and railway. Wheelchair loan is available on request and audio interpretation hands-on displays are featured throughout the exhibitions. A staff assisted lift allows access to the beam engine house. There is an accessible toilet and baby changing facilities.

This leaflet is available in large print. To receive a copy please telephone

0116 299 5111



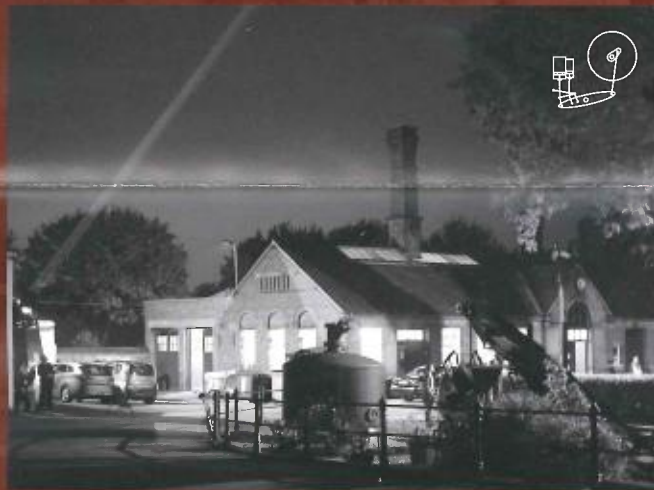
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# MUSEUMS AT NIGHT: ONE NIGHT, TWO SITES AND FOUR TOURS

Saturday 20th May 2017 7 – 10.30pm

Take a tour of Abbey Pumping Station with an early 20th Century worker and discover what it was like to work here. Then join our 'WalkShop' to take a guided tour along the river towards Belgrave Hall to learn the history of Leicester's riverside area. Finish your evening with a tour of Belgrave Hall with one of the Hall's former residents before joining our guide for the return walk to Abbey Pumping Station.

A joint Belgrave Hall & Abbey Pumping Station Museum event  
Admission £3.50 per person Pre-book to avoid disappointment



## Alice in Wonderland Craft Day

Tuesday 30th May 2017 11am – 3pm  
Alice inspired crafts, games & trails  
Free admission, (£2.50 for activities)  
Small charge for train rides, Cafe.



## Teddy Bears Picnic Railway Day

Saturday 3rd June 2017 11am – 4pm  
Free ride on the railway if you bring your teddy bear  
Free admission. Small charge for train rides, Cafe.

## BBC Antiques Road Show

Thursday 15th June 2017 9.30am to 4.30pm  
We're delighted to share the exciting news that the Antiques Roadshow will be visiting The Abbey Pumping Station as part of their 40th series. Free Admission.



ANTIQUES ROADSHOW

# LEICESTER'S VINTAGE FESTIVAL

Saturday 24th 1pm to 5pm &  
Sunday 25th June 2017 12pm to 5pm

The return of our popular event featuring steam traction engines, road rollers, vintage vehicles, live music, craft tent and our magnificent Gimson beam engines in steam  
Admission Adults £3.50; Children Free.  
Small charge for train rides, Cafe.

