

ABBEY PUMPING STATION

museum, leicester

Leicester City's Museum of Science & Technology and home to 4 massive Wolf Compound Beam Engines built by Gimson of Leicester in the 1890's.

This is an abbreviated list of the events at The Abbey Pumping Station when one or more of the beam engines will be in steam and available for public viewing. Please refer to the full events list for more details of each event and as to whether you need to pre-book for a full tour of the Beam Engine House. Due to fire Safety issues the numbers of visitors allowed into the Beam Engine House at any one time is restricted.

To help cover the cost of running the massive beam engines there is an admission charge to the museum on these running days. Please see the full events list for the actual charge for any given event.

Steam with the team

Saturday 29th February, Saturday 28th March, Saturday 25th April, Saturday 31st October and again on Saturday 28th November 2020.

Tours start at 11.00am, 12.15noon, 2.00pm and 3.15pm. This includes a full tour of the Beam Engine house, (limited numbers per tour) so pre-booked tickets (£6.00 per person) are essential. Tours last approximately 1 hour. Contact aps@leicester.gov.uk or telephone 0116 299 5111 any Leicester City museum or the "Visit Leicester" shop in Leicester.

Steam Toys in Action

Sunday 2nd February 2020 12.00 noon to 5.00pm. Admission to the Beam Engine ground floor only. Limited numbers.

Emergency Services Day.

Sunday 3rd May 2020 1.00pm to 4.30pm Admission to the beam engine ground floor only.

Urban Steam Festival.

Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th June 2020 1.00pm to 5.00pm on Saturday & 12.00pm to 4.00pm on Sunday. Admission to the beam engine ground floor only. Limited numbers.

Christmas Steam Day with Meccano.

Sunday 6th December 2020 1.00pm to 4.30pm Admission to the Beam engine ground floor only. Limited numbers.

Steam Toys in Action

Sunday 7th February 2021 1.00pm to 4.30pm. Admission to the Beam Engine ground floor only. Limited numbers.

Subject to availability, Tours of the Beam engine house and possibly the running of the beam engines can be arranged for private parties which ideally should consist of at least 20 people. Email contact is enquiries@abbeypumpingstation.org for further details.

Please note: These engines date from 1890's and are over 128 years old and therefore the running of the beam engines is subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed on any selected date due to circumstances beyond our control. The volunteer organisation which looks after and runs these engines will always do its best to not disappoint the visitors.