

Hello Heritage...

1 - 30 September 2026

Now in it's 9th year, Hello Heritage is a celebration of the rich heritage and culture of NW Leicestershire. During this festival you can find out more about the villages, towns and buildings within these areas for FREE. There are places to visit such as museums and buildings with exhibitions on show. There are also heritage boards to find and guided walks for anyone to enjoy.

Heritage on your doorstep

Heritage boards are on display in many villages and towns throughout the festival from 1 to 30 September, find out interesting facts and information whilst enjoying a nice walk!



Appleby Magna | Ashby de la Zouch* | Belton | Coalville* | Coleorton
Diseworth | Donington le Heath* | Grace Dieu Priory | Griffydam | Ibstock
Measham | Moira Furnace and Country Park | Newbold Coleorton
Osgathorpe | Snarestone Wharf* | Thringstone | Snibston*
Whitwick | Worthington

* Ashby de la Zouch - St Helen's Church,
Church Yard | Ashby Museum, North Street

* Coalville - Christ Church, London Road

* Donington le Heath - 1620's House

* Ashby Canal Association

* Snibston - Century Theatre

There are a number of special events, attractions and exhibitions for you to enjoy during Hello Heritage, all for **FREE**, take a look at what is happening!

Date / time	What's happening?	Location and contact
Throughout Sept	Newbold Heritage Group will be placing Heritage boards around the village. Go for a leisurely stroll and learn about the fascinating history of Newbold.	Newbold   
Throughout Sept	Belton History Group will display up to 18 Heritage boards sited around the village, together with over 50 interactive mosaic plaques with QR codes that will take you to the internet for more information on each plaque.	Belton LE12 9XD   
Throughout Sept	Osgathorpe Heritage Group will be placing 10 heritage boards strategically around the village. The pub 'The New Storey' will have Osgathorpe Heritage Trail maps on a board outside the pub (the maps indicate 31 points of heritage interest around the village and provide a brief resume of their importance).	Osgathorpe Heritage Group   
Throughout Sept	Griffydam History Group will be placing Heritage Boards around the village providing visitors with a glimpse into Griffydam's social and industrial past	Griffydam History Group   
Sun 1 Sept 2pm – 3pm	George Stephenson, Snibston Collieries and the beginning of Coalville. Illustrated talk by Stuart Warburton (Snibston Heritage Trust and Coalville Heritage Society) Admission: £4	Hugglescote Community Centre, Grange Road, Coalville LE67 2BR Janet Thrower 07764 584672 Free: tea or coffee and biscuits. Limited free parking at the Centre.   
Sat 5 September 10am to 2pm	Join the Ibstock Historical Society in Wesleyan Reform Church where there will be a display of photographs and artefacts about the Village Chapels Past and Present.	Wesleyan Reform Church Melbourne Road Ibstock  

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Sat 5 Sept 10am - 3pm	Lots to see in Worthington, peep inside our 'Lock Up,' follow the trail around the village to discover more about the buildings (four listed buildings) and some of the people. Call into St Matthew's Church for light refreshments, old photographs and more. To mark the centenary of Worthington school a model of the village, as it was, in 1926 and a display of photographs of past pupils will be on display in the school hall, along with artifacts from that era.	Worthington School Main Street    
Sat 5 and Sun 6 Sept 10am - 6pm	Join the Ashby Canal Association for their Diamond Gathering. This year will be the celebration of the ACA's 60th year at the headquarters at Snarestone Wharf, where there will be heritage boats and trade boats, boat trips, and an all-day BBQ. You will also be able to see information of the restoration plans of the canal back to Measham.	Snarestone Wharf Quarry Lane, Snarestone Swadlincote DE12 7DD    
Sat 5 and Sun 6 Sept 10am – 4pm	Visit Moira Furnace Museum and Country Park and experience an American Civil War re-enactment.	Moira Furnace, Furnace Lane, Moira DE12 6AT    
Sun 6 Sept 10am - 4.30pm	Snibston Historic Bus Festival Following the successful '100 Years of Midland Red in Coalville' Bus Festival in 2025, Leicester Transport Heritage Trust will once again showcase preserved buses and cars . Free classic bus trips during the day. FREE EVENT Snibston Heritage Trust will be guiding a Snibston Colliery tours at 11am and 1.30pm £8 per person, children under 14 free book via Eventbrite: A Coal Miner's Story.	Snibston Colliery Park, Ashby Road, Coalville LE67 3LN Snibston Heritage Trust 07709957921 snibstonheritagetrust@ outlook.com www.snibstoncolliery.org.uk Leicester Transport Heritage Trust www.ltht.org.uk in partnership with Leicestershire County Council    

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Sun 6 Sept 2pm - 5pm	The lovingly restored Hough Mill is open to visitors and our enthusiastic and knowledgeable guides will be able to answer all your mill related questions! This wonderful windmill, dating back to 1800, is a 'must see hidden gem'. You can have a go at making flour. Entry is free although donations are always welcome.	Hough Mill, Off St Georges Hill, Swannington Leicestershire LE67 8QW 07779 275762    only the ground floor accessible
Wed 9 Sept 6.30pm – 7.30pm	A Shopping Trip Through Time. A guided walk through Coalville pointing out shops of yesteryear and how shopping in the town has changed over the last 150 years. FREE guided walk (Those attending will receive a free copy of A Shopping Trip Through Time booklet).	Meet at Stenson House Car Park, London Road, Coalville LE67 3EP. The walk will be along pavements. Length: about a ½ mile. Comfortable footwear advised. The walk led by Steve Duckworth (Coalville Heritage Society Booking essential 07870 345781 Steve.duckworth.uk@gmail.com   
Thurs 10 Sept 5.30pm	Come join a Heritage Walk in the village of Osgathorpe and seek out our hidden gems with an optional 'puzzle trail'. Meet outside The New Storey Arms – we can enjoy a beverage there upon our return	The New Storey Arms Osgathorpe   
Sat 12 Sept 10am to 3pm	"A rare chance to see ..." Display of 18th century bibles and our 19th century bell ringers' peal book in church, with interpretation. Book related activities and refreshments in Heritage Centre. Mini tours of church.	St Helen's Church and Heritage Centre 4 Church Yard, Ashby LE65 1AA   
Sat 12 Sept 11am – 3pm	Visit St Denys' Church where the Ibstock Historical Society have created a display about the Land Army as part of the St Denys' Church fayre.	St Denys Church, High Street, Ibstock   
Sat 12 Sept 10am – 2pm	Measham Museum opens its doors for free and welcomes visitors to the museum to view their teapot collection and new display on household objects from the 1950's. There will also be the Measham History books and other items for sale.	Measham Museum, The Station, off Mannings Terrace, High Street, Measham DE12 7HU   

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Sat 12 Sept 10am to 6pm	Come and join us at Christ Church in Coalville for an open day and the annual Ride and Stride event.	Christ Church London Road, Coalville LE67 3JA 
Sat 12 Sept 10am - 3pm	A second chance to see the model village on display in Worthington Church along with ad hoc posters and photos. Light refreshments and toilets.	Worthington Church, Church Street LE65 1RE 
Sun 13 Sept 12pm to 3pm	Join us at the Sir John Moore Foundation Museum where we are have: • Guided tours of the museum every hour • A new exhibition about the building of the school in 1697 A new exhibition about some of the pupils who came to the school during Victorian times, and left their graffiti on the walls of the hall	Sir John Moore Foundation Museum, 101 Top Street, Appleby Magna DE12 7AR. Sally 07789 238945 

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Sun 13 Sept 10am and 1pm	Join the Century Theatre for backstage tours of the oldest remaining mobile theatre in the UK.	Snibston Colliery Park Century Theatre, Ashby Road, Coalville, LE67 3LN  
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Fri 18 Sept 12pm – 4pm Sat 19 Sept 11am - 3pm	Coleorton Heritage Group and St Mary's Church welcome you to an open day to see the church, its stain-glass windows, memorials and displays inc. a wedding and family theme. Please contact us in advance for wheelchair or disabled access. www.coleortonheritage.org.uk enquiries@coleortonheritage.org.uk	St Mary's Church Ashby Road Coleorton LE67 8FB    
Sat 19 Sept 10am – 3pm	Ashby Museum opens its doors to visitors to view what the museum has to offer - a large range of exhibits, objects, pictures and words - telling the story of our town and surrounding villages, with a children's area, touch screen video displays and a huge photo archive.	Ashby Museum, North Street, Ashby de la Zouch LE65 1HU 01530 587530   
Sat 19 Sept 10am – 4pm	Moira Furnace Wood Festival with stalls, activities and entertainment. There will be lots to engage all the family including boat rides, storytelling, craft activities, chain saw carving, musicians and much more!	Moira Furnace, Furnace Lane, Moira DE12 6AT    
Sat 19 Sept 10.30am – 4pm	Visit the 1620s House and Gardens and enjoy various activities showcasing the history of the manor house. Activities will include Guided House and Garden Tours, 17th Century Objects, and more!	1620s House and Garden, Donington le Heath, LE67 2FW    

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Sun 20 Sept 2pm to 5pm	The lovingly restored Hough Mill is open to visitors and our enthusiastic and knowledgeable guides will be able to answer all your mill related questions! This wonderful windmill, dating back to 1800, is a 'must see hidden gem'. You can have a go at making flour. Entry is free although donations are always welcome.	Hough Mill, Off St Georges Hill, Swannington Leicestershire LE67 8QW 07779 275762   only the ground floor accessible
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Sun 20 Sept 10am - 4.30pm	Snibston Colliery Open Day A special day to celebrate the story of Snibston, Whitwick and South Leicester collieries with exhibitions and displays. FREE EVENT Snibston Colliery tours at 11am and 1.30pm £8 per person, children under 14 free book via Eventbrite: A Coal Miner's Story.	Snibston Colliery Park, Ashby Road, Coalville LE67 3LN Snibston Heritage Trust in partnership with Leicestershire County Council For further information; www.snibstoncolliery.org.uk snibstonheritagetrust@outlook.com 07709 957921    
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Sun 20 Sept 10.30am	Swannington Incline walk This is a 1.25 mile walking tour. Illustrated by photos from the Trust's archives, the route includes walking down and back up the half mile, 1 in 17 Incline slope on an unsurfaced woodland track and covers the history of the railway and how the Trust restored the derelict site to the lovely woodland walk it is today.	Starting from the parking area immediately opposite the top of the Swannington Incline on Spring Lane, LE67 8QR, Places are limited and must be booked at www.swanningtonwalks.co.uk or on 07474 610112 (by text preferred).   
Thurs 24 Sept 7pm	Join the Whitwick Historical Group for a presentation about Whitwick's cinema, 1914-1982, which provided entertainment with films, variety acts and eventually Bingo. A chance to share memories of the Saturday "rush" and other happy times. The slide show will be inside the Old Station in Whitwick, home of Whitwick Historical Group. Book online: whitwickhistoricalgroup83@gmail.com	The Old Station North Street Whitwick LE67 5HA Susan Calcutt 07905 656451  
Sat 26 Sep 11am – 3pm	The Griffydam History Group will be hosting an exhibition on 'Education In Griffydam' from the mid 19th Century, including Griffydam Primary School 90th Anniversary Celebrations There will also be heritage trail boards on display around the village.	Griffydam Primary School Top Road Griffydam LE67 8HU  
Sat 26 September 1pm – 5.30pm	An exhibition of archive materials and scrapbooks of information connected to Thringstone and its history. This year's theme is school days. There will be books for sale, cakes and refreshments available. Also Whitwick Historical Group will be in attendance.	Charles Booth Centre, The Green, Thringstone, LE67 8NR   
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Sat 26 Sept 10am – 12pm	Ibstock Historical Society are hosting an archive and conversation morning at David Taylor Memorial Hall. Join us to view the archive and tell us a story.	David Taylor Memorial Hall Sweepstone Road Heather   
Sun 27 Sept 2pm to 5pm	The lovingly restored Hough Mill is open to visitors and our enthusiastic and knowledgeable guides will be able to answer all your mill related questions! This wonderful windmill, dating back to 1800, is a 'must see hidden gem'. You can have a go at making flour. Entry is free although donations are always welcome.	Hough Mill, Off St Georges Hill, Swannington Leicestershire LE67 8QW 07779 275762    only the ground floor accessible
Sun 27 Sept 2pm to 5pm	Take Teddy to the Mill - bring your favourite teddy to explore Hough Mill. Children can winch their brave teddies to the top of the top of the mill! There will be an exciting teddy and heritage themed activity trail plus craft activities, Lego, games and refreshments.	Hough Mill, Off St Georges Hill, Swannington Leicestershire LE67 8QW 07779 275762     only the ground floor accessible
Sun 27 Sept 2pm - 3.30pm	The Birth of Coalville – the creation of a town. 200 years ago Coalville didn't exist but through the work of Willam Stenson and George Stephenson the town was born. This guided walk takes you back to the 1830s/40s to witness the beginning of a new industrial town and community. FREE Guided walk	Meet at Stenson House Car Park, London Road, Coalville LE67 3EP. (Parking fee: Up to two hours - £1.05 Up to three hours - £1.60) The walk led by Stuart Warburton (Coalville Heritage Society) will be along pavements. Length: about 1 mile. Comfortable footwear advised. Coalville Heritage Society Booking essential - contact: Steve Duckworth 07870 345781 Steve.duckworth.uk@gmail.com   

Information correct at time of printing, please check websites / social media for up to date information. All events are subject to volunteer availability therefore may change at short notice.



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Snibston Historical Bus Festival

Sunday 6 September 2026

10am to 4pm

Snibston Colliery Park

Ashby Road, Coalville, LE67 3JX

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- The background image shows a historical bus festival at Snibston Colliery Park. In the foreground, a red vintage bus with 'MIDLAND' and 'C69' is visible. To its right, a blue double-decker bus with 'COLLIERY SERVICE' and 'EXPRESSO COFFEE HOUSE' signs is parked. In the background, there are brick buildings, a tall crane, and a few people walking around. A semi-transparent white box containing text is overlaid on the bottom half of the image.
- Free heritage bus rides around Coalville and the surrounding area
 - Static display of buses, sales stands, catering facilities, Free entry
 - Limited car parking on site please use town centre car parks

Ashby Canal Association DIAMOND GATHERING

Saturday 5 and Sunday 6 September | 10am - 6pm
Snarestone Wharf, Quarry Lane, Snarestone DE12 7DD

FREE ENTRY AND PARKING

- Trade and working boats
- Boat trips
- Trade stalls
- Ice cream
- All day BBQ
- Hot and cold drinks

