



Claymills Victorian Pumping Station

Access Statement

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Introduction

Claymills Victorian Pumping Station is situated on the outskirts of Burton upon Trent off the A5121 and approximately ½ mile from the A38.

The pumping station was completed in 1885 and originally pumped sewage from Burton upon Trent to farmland about 3 miles away. There are 4 large beam engines and many auxiliary steam engines. More than 30 engines are operational on steaming days. There have been very few changes to the engines and machinery since the pumping station was opened so it retains its essential character as a masterpiece of Victorian industrial achievement.

The museum provides an all-weather venue.

Claymills Victorian Pumping Station is VAQAS accredited.

The only areas of the museum that cannot be accessed by wheelchairs are the upper floors of the engine houses.

We look forward to welcoming you. If you have any queries or require any assistance please telephone 01283 509929 or email enquiries@claymills.org.uk

Pre-arrival

For full details and a map of how to find us, please see the Location section of our website (www.claymills.org.uk) or alternatively you can plan your journey by car or public transport using www.transportdirect.info : simply enter your postcode and ours, which is DE13 0DA.

The nearest railway station is Burton upon Trent, which is approximately 2½ miles away.

The X38 (Burton to Derby) direct bus service passes the end of Meadow Lane in both directions every 15mins. The nearest stops are the Beech Hotel and the A38 junction. Both are approximately 15mins walk to the pumping station.

Roads in the vicinity are level and paved. There is a railway level crossing on Meadow Lane which must be traversed by all modes of transport and pedestrians.

Car Parking and Arrival

From the A38, take the north Burton (CLAY MILLS) exit and follow the A5121 towards Burton.

When approaching from the south, take care - the exit slip has a sharp 180° bend. Meadow Lane is approximately ½ mile from the junction.

Look for the brown signs at the A38 junction and again at Meadow Lane.

From Burton town centre, follow signs for Derby (A38).

After passing Arnold Clark's motorstore, watch out for the brown sign at Meadow Lane.

On steaming days, free parking is available approximately 50m from the site. Blue badge holders may park on the road between the car park and entrance gate.



On non-steaming days, free parking is available on-site; please park and come straight to the Stokers Rest Café.

Main Entrance and Reception Area

The gate house is only used on steaming days when there is an admission charge. The doors are double width and the reception desk has a lowered section. A volunteer will come out to you if you require any assistance.



The Site

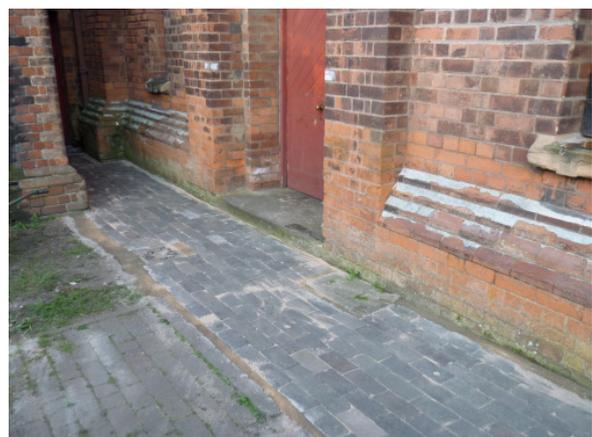
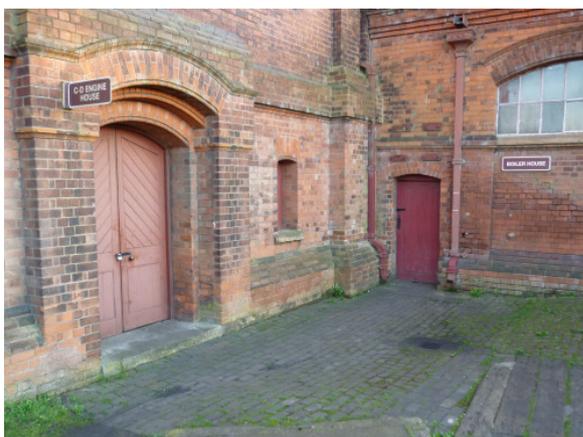
The surfacing of the grounds is mostly level, but uneven in places.

Both AB and CD engine houses have a step into the entrance lobbies. Access to the upper levels are via either a spiral staircase or a staircase with a 90° turn halfway up.

Entrances to the workshop, boiler house and E engine house are level access. There is a short ramp into the 130 House, which is a multipurpose room used for functions, talks and displays etc.

Information around the site is displayed on portable lecterns which may be moved to provide uncluttered photographic opportunities. On steaming days, additional videos and rolling photo displays are shown in the 130 House.

Volunteers can assist and answer any questions in all locations.



Public Toilets

The male toilet is located adjacent to the Stokers Rest Café and has a single step. The female and wheelchair accessible toilets are accessed from within the café.

Shop and Visitor Centre

The Stokers' Rest Café has a short ramp up to the double width doors and is always open during normal museum opening times.

Hot and cold drinks and cold snacks are available in addition to a variety of books, clothing & memorabilia.

On steaming days, a selection of snacks, sandwiches, cakes etc. are also available.

A wide variety of books, magazines, videos etc are available in our bookshop.

The shop is in the Stokers' Rest Café next to the serving counter. Next to the shop is a doorway into our Visitor Centre where you can see a number of exhibits. An 8 minute video presentation showing the site in operation can be viewed on request.

Additional Information

Dogs are welcome and water is provided.

We have one wheelchair available if required. Please ask any volunteer.

Introductory talks are presented according to a timetable on steaming days.

On non-steaming days, guided tours are available on request.

For details of local accommodation, please contact East Staffordshire Tourist Information Centre.

Future plans

We are planning to build a new visitor entrance and also improve the surface of the yard.

Contact information

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Opening Hours:

Thursdays and Saturdays 10am to 5pm.

For steaming days and other special open days, please see the Events section of our website (www.claymills.org.uk)

This access statement does not contain personal opinions as to our suitability for those with access needs, but aims to accurately describe the facilities and services that we offer all our visitors.