

MUSEUMS AND HERITAGE

Sharing our community heritage



1. AVON VALLEY RAILWAY

Bitton Station, Bath Road, Bitton, Bristol BS30 6HD

The Avon Valley Railway is returning steam to the former Midland Railway branch line between Bristol and Bath. See the beautifully restored Victorian station, take a ride in a heritage carriage behind one of the steam or diesel locomotives, enjoy lunch or afternoon tea in the station buffet and pick up a railway-themed souvenir in the gift shop.

Opening times:

The station site and buffet is open daily except Christmas Day. For steam days please see timetable.

Entry to the station site is free but there is a charge for train rides.

Telephone: **0117 932 5538**

Website: www.avonvalleyrailway.org



2. FRENCHAY VILLAGE MUSEUM



Begbrook Park/Frenchay Park Road, BS16 1SZ - Entrance 'B' of former Frenchay Hospital

Exhibits include a bar of chocolate exhibited at the Great Exhibition of 1851 by JS Fry & Sons; the Bristol Riots of 1831; the 90-year story of Frenchay Hospital; 18th century porcelain made by Richard Champion; children's display with hands-on wooden toys; a quiz; visiting exhibitions. A study area has many local records and local history books are for sale.

Opening times:

Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holiday Monday 2-5pm; Wednesday 1-4pm

Closed throughout December.

Telephone: **0117 957 0942**

email: frenchaymuseum@hotmail.com

Website: www.frenchaymuseumarchives.co.uk



3. KINGSWOOD HERITAGE MUSEUM

Tower Lane, Warmley BS30 8XT

The museum is located in the former William Champion 18th century zinc and brass work and features a windmill tower. Permanent exhibits illustrate Kingswood Forest, coal mining, Douglas motorcycles, World War I and II, Kleen-e-ze, non-conformist religion, Edwardian Kingswood, the boot and shoe trade and the Dram Road. There are regular guided walks round Warmley Historic Garden and the Grotto.

Opening times:

1 April - 30 November - Tuesdays, Saturdays and Sundays 2pm - 5pm; Bank Holidays 11am - 5pm.

The Grotto is open on Sunday and Bank Holiday Mondays, but closed at Easter.

Closed 1 December to 31 March.

Telephone: **0117 960 5664**

Website: www.kingswoodmuseum.org.uk



4. THORNBURY AND DISTRICT MUSEUM

Chapel Street, Thornbury BS35 2BJ

This small, independent museum illustrates the history of Thornbury and the Lower Severn Vale through its collections of archaeological, social, domestic and trade items. A special exhibition features the 'Thornbury Roman Coin Hoard' discovered in 2004. Short term exhibitions featuring a wide range of topics are changed regularly. The collection in store can be viewed by arrangement. The shop stocks local publications.

Opening times:

Tuesday - Friday 1-4pm, Saturday 10am-4pm.

Closed Sundays, Monday and Public holidays.

Telephone: **01454 857 774**

email: enquiries@thornburymuseum.org.uk

Website: www.thornburymuseum.org.uk



UNCOVER THE PAST BY VISITING THE RICH AND VARIED MUSEUM AND HERITAGE SITES OF SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE

This leaflet has been created with South Gloucestershire Museums Group to celebrate the museums and heritage of South Gloucestershire.

Explore your heritage through links to organisations and projects by visiting www.southglos.gov.uk/heritage or find the information at your local library.

On the web site you can:

- find out about museums and heritage organisations and sites
- research the history of the area with heritage partners
- discover your past through exciting new HLF funded projects

South Gloucestershire and the First World War

1914-1918: a commemoration project to show the impact of war on local communities.



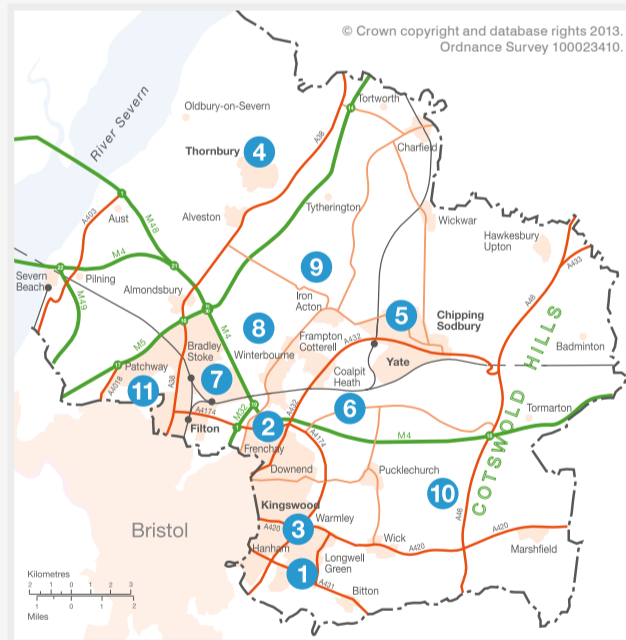
Know Your Place - West of England:

is a digital project to help you to explore your neighbourhood through historic maps, images and linked information.



A Forgotten Landscape:

a project to enhance and restore the natural and historic heritage of the Lower Severn Vale Levels.



MAKE THE MOST OF A DAY OUT IN SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE

For information about heritage trails please visit www.southglos.gov.uk/heritage or find the information at your local library.



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If you would like more information visit www.southglos.gov.uk/heritage or call **01454 868006**.

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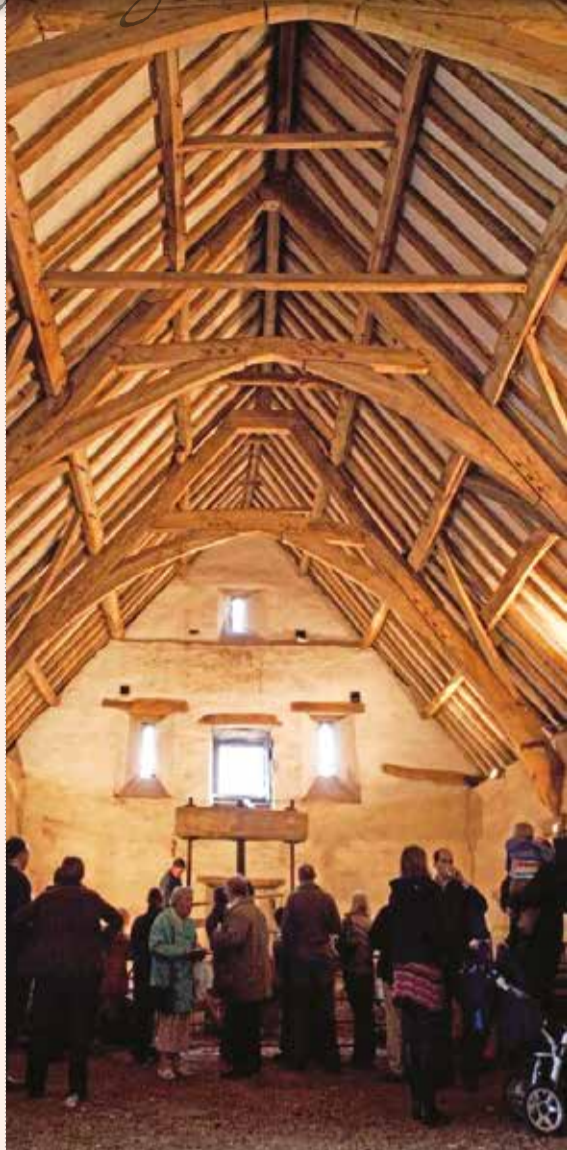


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8. WINTERBOURNE MEDIEVAL BARN TRUST

Church Lane, Winterbourne BS36 1SE (next to St Michael's Church)

The barn, built by Thomas de Bradeston in 1342, is one of the largest and earliest barns in the area. A fine example of raised-cruck construction with walls of local Pennant sandstone, the original 14th century roof structure is largely intact. Resident willow-hurdle maker and working cider mill and cider press.

Opening times:
Open for special events throughout the year, and often from 10-1 on the 3rd Saturday of each month; check website for details.

There are admission charges for some events.

Telephone: **01633 889 019**

Website: www.winterbournebarn.org.uk





10. NATIONAL TRUST DYRHAM PARK

Dyrham, South Gloucestershire SN14 8ER (Just off A46 between M4 Jct 18 and Bath)


A 17th-century house nestled within an ancient deer park. Built by civil servant William Blathwayt, the house is home to some exquisite Dutch-influenced paintings and ceramics. 2015/16 sees the property undergo a massive conservation project to replace the leaking roof.

Opening times:
Daily 10am-5pm, last entry one hour before close.

Telephone: **0117 937 2501**

email: dryhampark@nationaltrust.org.uk

Website: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/dyrhampark



5. YATE AND DISTRICT HERITAGE CENTRE

Yate & District Heritage Centre, St Mary's Green, Church Road, Yate BS37 5BG

The Heritage Centre provides a full heritage service for the Yate and Sodbury areas. The centre provides changing local history displays, space for community art exhibitions, history and community events. A free education service and regular holiday activities are offered. The local history collections, including artefacts, documents and electronic images, are available for research. The building was formerly Victorian stables.

Opening times:

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays 10.30am to 4.30pm

Telephone: **01454 862 200**

email: yate.heritage@southglos.co.uk

Website: www.yateheritage.co.uk



6. RAM HILL COLLIERY

Near Coalpit Heath, The site is in a private road off Broad Lane, Ram Hill (nearest postcode is BS36 2TY).

The coal mine was operated from the 1820's to the 1860s by the Coalpit Heath Colliery Company. The site contains the top of the shaft, remains of the horse gin, steam engine house, storage bunkers and the terminus of the Dramway, which transported the coal to the River Avon at Keynsham.

These remains are set in an attractive woodland area.

Opening times:

Open at all times. Partial disabled access.

Telephone: **0117 923 6595**

Website: www.ramhillcolliery.org.uk



9. ACTON COURT

Latteridge Road, Iron Acton, Bristol BS37 9TJ

Acton Court's remaining east wing was built in 1535 for a visit by Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn. This unique Grade 1 listed Tudor building has been preserved largely intact; both house and grounds are scheduled monuments. The house is open to the public for a limited period during the summer. Professional guides give tours of the house and grounds.

Opening times:

Please contact us for opening details.

Group tours must pre-book.

Telephone: **01454 227 257**

Website: www.actoncourt.com



7. ROLLS-ROYCE HERITAGE TRUST

Building 165B, PO Box 3 Filton, Bristol BS34 7QE. For Satnav use BS34 6QA

The Heritage Trust maintains the aero engineering heritage of Rolls-Royce and



its local predecessors. Over 50 engines are on show from the Bristol Jupiter of 1920, Cherub and Lucifer through the Mercury, Hercules and Proteus to Concorde's Olympus, the Harrier's Pegasus and the RB.199. An extensive archive of books, technical manuals, photographs, paintings, videos, films, sales literature and models is available to researchers.

Opening times:

Visits are by appointment only; R-R Security requires names in advance. Children (aged 9 – 15) must have adult escort.

Telephone: **01332 823 888**

email: heritage.trust@rolls-royce.com



11. BRISTOL AEROSPACE COLLECTION

Building 15F, Northway, Filton, Bristol BS34 7QH

The Bristol Aerospace Centre is an exciting new heritage museum and learning centre due to open in Summer 2017. Planned for Filton in Bristol, it will tell the story of the regions aviation history, spanning over 100 years. The new showcase for Concorde 216, it will be a first-class museum with learning at its heart.

Opening times:

The Bristol Aerospace Centre is scheduled to open in Summer 2017

Telephone: **0117 936 5350**

Website: www.bristolaero.org

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