

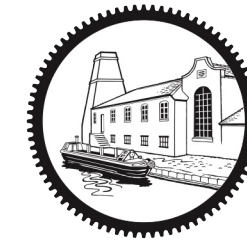
# OPEN WEEKENDS AND EVENTS 2026

Museum open from 10:30 to 16:30. Mill planned to be in steam 12:30 to 16:30.

- 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> May** Etruria Canals Festival
- 19<sup>th</sup> September** Vintage Stationary Engine Rally
- 20<sup>th</sup> September** Classic Vehicle Rally



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# ETRURIA INDUSTRIAL MUSEUM & HERITAGE CENTRE

**HOME OF THE WORLD'S ONLY OPERATIONAL STEAM POWERED POTTERS' MILL**  
A scheduled monument



For other events see website [www.etruriamuseum.org.uk](http://www.etruriamuseum.org.uk)

On the above dates, Jesse Shirley's Bone and Flint Mill will be in steam and operating, guided tours available without pre-booking, the museum and visitor centre open and special events held.

## HOW TO FIND US

### BY CAR FROM THE M6 MOTORWAY

Exit at J15 or J16. Take the A500 towards Stoke-on-Trent. Exit for Hanley onto the A53. At the first roundabout take the fourth exit on to the B5046 towards Shelton. The museum entrance is ½ mile on the right.

### BY BUS OR TRAIN

From Hanley bus station or Stoke-on-Trent railway station ask for directions or see <http://www.etruriamuseum.org.uk/tovisit/>

## OPENING TIMES & ADMISSION

The museum will be open (not in steam) on most Fridays from March to October between 11.00 and 15.30.

Please check our website [www.etruriamuseum.org.uk](http://www.etruriamuseum.org.uk) before travelling.



# ETRURIA INDUSTRIAL MUSEUM & HERITAGE CENTRE

### CAR PARK AND ENTRANCE

Accessible car park via Lower Bedford Street ST4 7AF

Etruria Industrial Museum,  
Kilndown Close, Etruria Vale Road,  
Etruria, Stoke-on-Trent ST1 4RB  
E: [info@etruriamuseum.org.uk](mailto:info@etruriamuseum.org.uk)  
[www.etruriamuseum.org.uk/tovisit/](http://www.etruriamuseum.org.uk/tovisit/)



### ADMISSION

#### Admission to the Museum and Mill on Open Days

| FARE TYPE   | NON STEAMING DAYS | STEAMING WEEKEND |
|---|-------------------|------------------|
| Adults  | £6.00             | £10.00           |
| Young people<br>15 and under when accompanied by a paying adult | FREE              | FREE             |
| Guided Tours<br>(subject to availability)                       | £10.00            | £15.00           |

For group bookings contact [info@etruriamuseum.org.uk](mailto:info@etruriamuseum.org.uk)

[www.etruriamuseum.org.uk](http://www.etruriamuseum.org.uk)

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Limited access to the Mill for those with mobility difficulties

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Immerse yourself in Stoke-on-Trent's industrial history at the attractive junction of the Caldron and Trent & Mersey canals

SHIRLEY'S BONE & FLINT MILL MUSEUM  
VISITOR CENTRE  
TEA ROOM

*Staffordshire's Hidden Gem*



## WHAT TO SEE

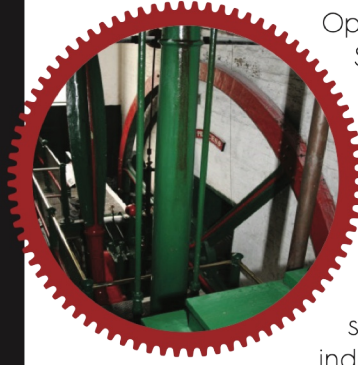
From the 1770s the canal side location, now occupied by the Etruria Industrial Museum, provided an ideal location for various industries due to ease of transporting raw material in and finished goods out, not only to many places in the UK but via Liverpool and Hull to many parts of the world.

### COME AND SEE: -

- ✿ **A unique operational 1857 Bone and Flint Mill scheduled as an ancient monument**
- ✿ **Beam Engine built in the 1820s and installed in 1857 to drive the mill**
- ✿ **Cornish Boiler built locally in 1903 used to raise steam**
- ✿ **Calcining kiln, crusher, gear room, settling room and grinding room with 10 large pans**
- ✿ **19th century canal office and warehouse**
- ✿ **Historic canals' junction and locks**
- ✿ **Blacksmith's Forge worked by an artist blacksmith**



## JESSE SHIRLEY'S BONE AND FLINT MILL



Opened in 1857, Jesse Shirley's Bone and Flint Mill is the only remaining operational steam driven potters' mill in the world. It operated commercially until 1972 producing ground bone, flint and Cornish stone used by the pottery industry to produce English porcelain better known as bone china.

It also produced bone meal used by the agricultural industry to improve soil. Fully restored between 1978 and 1990 the mill is driven by a rare 1820s Boulton and Watt pattern rotative beam engine. It is one of the oldest still working and may be the oldest still driving the machinery for which it was installed. Steam is raised by a rare hand stoked Cornish boiler built at nearby Cliff Vale in 1903.

The visitor centre and mill are staffed and maintained by local volunteers who operate the mill during 'steaming' weekends. They also organise the events, conduct guided tours, give educational talks and offer outreach activities.



## BOOKINGS AND TOURS

In addition to the steaming weekends other events are organised, groups hosted and the site used for education and specialist society events. Recently visitors were:

- ✿ Cultural Tour Groups
- ✿ Schools & Colleges
- ✿ Social Clubs
- ✿ History Societies
- ✿ Professional Institutions
- ✿ Networking Groups
- ✿ TV and Film Companies



### FOR BOOKINGS CONTACT

The Etruria Industrial Museum  
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DUE TO ITS HISTORICAL NATURE THERE IS LIMITED ACCESS TO THE MILL FOR THOSE WITH MOBILITY DIFFICULTIES