

WHY NOT VISIT OUR OTHER SITES?



Worsbrough Mill Museum and Country Park

Set in a tranquil country park, Worsbrough Mill Museum is an amazing place to visit, have fun and see history come to life.

T: 01226 774527



Cannon Hall Museum, Park & Gardens

An elegant Georgian stately hall set in 70 acres of parkland and gardens. Year-round events and exhibitions make it a memorable place to visit.

T: 01226 790270



Cooper Gallery

The Cooper Gallery is an incredible hidden gem – a vibrant creative arts space situated at the heart of Barnsley town centre.

T: 01226 242905

Opening times

The Elsecar Heritage Centre site is open from 10am to 5pm, 7 days-a-week

Please note that the individual attractions, craft shops and businesses on site have their own opening/closing days and times.

Admission times to special events may vary, please contact the Centre.

Contact details

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Location

Leave M1 Junction 36, and follow the brown 'Elsecar Heritage' signs.

Site facilities



Toilets



Restaurant



Parking



Induction loop



Picnic area



Partial disabled facilities



Baby changing

Conference and events facilities available for hire.
For transport details please contact Traveline on 01709 515151



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ELSECAR HERITAGE CENTRE

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AT THE FOREFRONT OF INDUSTRIAL INNOVATION



The attractive conservation village of Elsecar, formed in the 18th century to take advantage of local coal resources, was once at the forefront of industrial innovation. At the centre of this historical mining community stand the former ironworks and colliery workshops of the 4th Earl Fitzwilliam's Wentworth Estate, which during the 1790s held a position of high regard across the land.



The Elsecar Ironworks opened in 1795 near the head of the Elsecar branch of the Dearne and Dove Canal, and crafted pig iron made from locally-mined ore into wrought iron for domestic ranges, rails for colliery tramways, window frames and arches, some of which can still be seen in the workshop buildings.

That same year, Elsecar New Colliery sank the area's first deep shaft and a Newcomen Beam Engine was built to extract water from the mine. Elsecar's beam engine is one of the finest surviving legacies of the Industrial Revolution and is the only one of its kind in the world to have remained in its original location.

For almost one hundred years trade prospered at the Ironworks until, with the decline of the coal industry, demand for

iron products dwindled and the workshops were closed. The Coal Board acquired the site in 1947 following the nationalisation of the industry, and in 1986 most of the buildings were listed as being of special architectural or historic interest.

Barnsley MBC purchased the workshops along with the Newcomen Beam Engine in 1988, and began a programme of conservation. The restored historical buildings now house an eclectic mix of shops, galleries and craft workshops. Stroll around the cobbled streets, under the gas lamps and iron columns, to discover today's craftsmen and women breathing new life into this landmark industrial centre.