



Welcome to Our Group Tour Visitor Pack

Thank-you for your interest in booking a group tour with us!
This pack contains all the information you'll need to plan and
organise a successful visit to the Bellfoundry.



GROUP GUIDE



On the following pages you will find details on pricing, accessibility, what to expect during the tour, and tips to help your group get the most from the experience.

We look forward to welcoming you and sharing the sights, sounds and stories of our historic foundry.



What is included in a Group Tour?

Our Classic Group Tour

Join our expert guides for an immersive tour of Taylor's Bellfoundry. Witness skilled crafts people at work and discover the fascinating bellfounding process.

Your tour begins with a short introduction to John Taylor & Co.'s history before stepping inside our Victorian factory. Visit the covered yard, where bells arrive for repairs and depart for new homes. See the joinery shop, where crafts people create essential components like bell wheels and carillon clavier. In the tuning shop, experience how the iconic Taylor's bell sound is perfected. You'll also access the casting hall viewing platform and watch a short video on the bellfounding process.



Group Size

Groups of 10 – 35 people qualify for our group rate. Groups of over 15 will be split into smaller groups for the foundry tour to ensure everyone can hear and see.



Ticket Cost

The tour price is **£17.50 per person which includes entry to our museum.** 50% is payable in advance to confirm the booking. Balance payable on the day of tour, based on final numbers.





What You Should Know



Travel & Parking

Free on-street parking is available in front of the museum or in nearby residential streets. Small car parks (also free) are available opposite John Taylor & Co. on Freehold Street.

Taxis

Loughborough Taxis: 01509 590013
ADT Taxis: 01509 260000

Coaches/Minibuses

Coaches cannot park on-site; passengers must be dropped off at the start of Freehold Street. Coach parking is available at Tesco Extra, Park Rd, Loughborough LE11 2EX (5-minute drive, with toilets and a café).

Minibuses: Parking is not guaranteed, and you may be asked to move during the tour.



Clothing & Footwear

Please wear flat, closed shoes – the foundry has an uneven surface which may have sharp objects from manufacturing. Dress warmly in colder weather, remember the foundry is Victorian!



Accessibility

Wheelchair users are welcome. A lift provides step-free access to the casting hall viewing platform and the foundry has level access but you should be aware that it has uneven surfaces and limited turning space.



Please notify us in advance if you wish to bring an assistance dog.

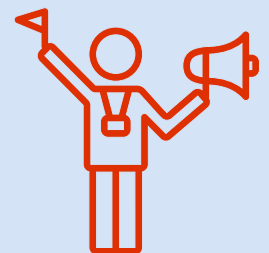
Keeping Safe

The foundry is a working industrial site. Please remember:

- Stay together and follow all staff & volunteer instructions
- Stay within yellow lines
- Do NOT touch or move objects
- Do NOT distract staff using machinery or take photos without permission.

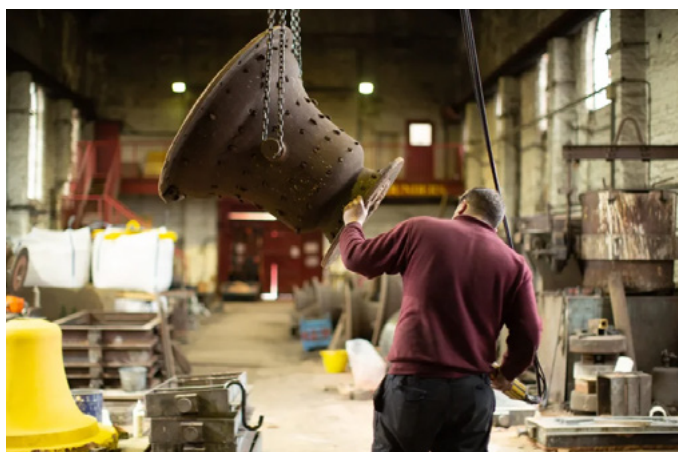
Tours involve 90 minutes of walking and uneven floors.

To discuss how we can accommodate your accessibility needs, call 01509 638 500.





Membership and FAQs



Membership

If you are looking for more ways to support us, a great option is to join our Friends of the Loughborough Bellfoundry Trust programme. For £50 a year you get:

- 15% discount in our gift shop
- Free entry to our Museum – not just for you but for your whole party every time you visit
- Exclusive access to members only casting tour once a year
- Joining gift inspired by the excitement of casting bells.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q Will I see a bell casting?

Not on our classic tour – but you will see where bells are cast and learn about the process.

Q Can I take photographs?

Yes, but:

- No flash photography, especially in the Casting Hall
- Ask staff before taking photos of them (never approach when they are operating machinery).

Q Is there a café?

No, but we offer tea, coffee, and biscuits. You are welcome to arrange to come early to enjoy this. There are cafes within 10 mins walk for lunch and more.

Q Is there a gift shop?

Yes, we have a range of products on offer in our gift shop including unique bell themed gifts.

If you have anymore questions or to book please contact us:

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