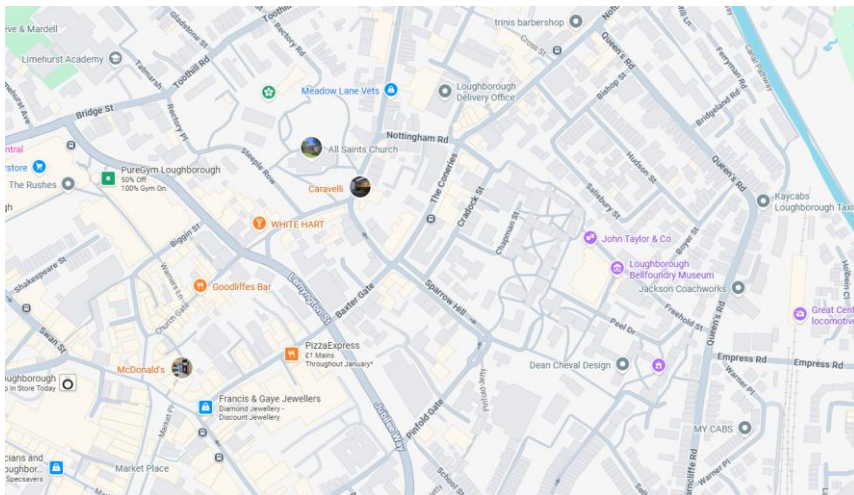




Accessibility – Museum, Gift Shop and Tours



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Map of surrounding area with the Bellfoundry located to the right of the middle centre.

Car Parking & Travel

There is no dedicated car parking however there is free on street parking shared with our local residents which you are more than welcome to use. This includes Freehold Street, Cobden Street and Peel Drive. Visitors can also use one of two small carparks directly opposite the main John Taylor & Co buildings on Freehold Street which is also free to use.

The nearest train station is Loughborough, which is 0.5 miles away (approximately 11 minutes away).

Museum Entrance – Via Cobden Street

The entrance to the museum is via a manual opening door which is 90cm wide but can be extended to 120cm with assistance. The handle is 98cm high and this door opens inward from the street into a small entrance area of 190cm wide by 210cm long. The small entrance area has a set of automatic sliding doors that opens from left to right leaving an opening of 100cm. There is a small lip on the floor of 3cm which is bridged with a rubber ramp. Please note the pavement directly outside the entrance does **not** have a dropped kerb, however we have a mobile kerb ramp (125cm wide) that can be used.



On the left a photo of the museum entrance door. On the right a photo of the small entrance area after the entrance door with automatic doors.

Ground Floor

This space has 120cm turn radius accessibility. There is a lift to the side of the automatic doors that goes to Level 1.

Lift

The lift dimensions are 90cm wide by 140cm long. The height of the lift is 200cm. The weight capacity is x5 people or up to 400kg. There is a refuge point directly opposite the lift on level 1.

Stairs

The stairs width is 120cm. There are 23 steps up in total.

4 steps then a turning to the left.

14 steps then another turning to the left.

5 steps to then complete the full ascension to level 1.



Level 1- Including Toilets, Casting Viewing Platform and Activity Room

Toilets

There are x3 toilet cubicles in total. All situated to the left as you exit the lift or the stairs.

x2 cubicles are 70cm wide by 160cm and each contain a toilet, a sink, paper hand towel dispenser, waste bin and sanitary bin.

x1 toilet is an accessible toilet that contains x1 toilet with handrail to the left and right. Emergency pull cord is to the left of the toilet. x2 sinks at 75cm high (with a grab rail to the left side) and another at 85cm high. Paper towel dispenser at 120cm high. An infant changing facility at 90cm high and 66cm wide (recommended for an infant up to 12 months or 11kg). A waste bin and sanitary bin are both on the floor.

The dimensions of the room itself are 260cm long by 200cm wide with the door being 90cm wide.



x2 photos showing the inside of the accessible toilet from different angles.



Casting Viewing Platform and Activity Room

The Activity Room is accessible via a walkway from the museum that also acts as a viewing platform for the casting hall. Please note that this walkway is approximately 5 metres above the ground and is enclosed up to 110cm high with 10cm gaps between metal bars.



A photo of the viewing platform for the casting hall.

The Activity Room itself is 6.5m by 5m and is where we start our tours. The door is 90cm wide with the handle at 116cm high. There is self-service hot drinks and biscuits available on a counter that is 88cm high. There is a refuge point and fire exit in this room.



x2 photos of inside the activity room from different angles.



Tours

Our guided tours are approximately 90 minutes long and include escorted access to our working factory floor. This is level, ground access which is suitable for patrons who use wheelchairs and walking aids however please be aware that in some areas of the factory and museum there is limited turning space and uneven surfaces. For your safety and that of others we please ask that you stay within the painted yellow lines on the floor – your tour guide will point this out to you on the day. Flash photography is not permitted however photos without flash are allowed).

Assistance dogs are welcome on site, but no other animals are permitted. Please let us know ahead of time if you will be accompanied by a service animal on your visit.

During the tour there are elements of moving from one section of the factory to another, and standing whilst our tour guides discuss certain areas. Walking aids and those that use wheelchairs are permitted and if you wish for us to provide a seat for your comfort during this time, please let us know prior to your arrival.

The factory is a working factory and so occasionally there may be loud sounds and strong smells such as burning fuels. We do have a set of ear defenders if required but also welcome you to bring your own.

Please let us know if you have any questions. We are more than happy to discuss how to make your visit as comfortable and enjoyable as possible.

Many thanks,
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