

MUSEUM OF POWER



We work with volunteer led groups to maintain, enhance and provide public access and education at three of our sites of important historical significance. One of those is the Museum of Power at Langford.

The pumping station is full of history dating back to 1927 and was originally an asset of Southend Waterworks Company. It was designed to provide a daily supply of seven million gallons of drinking water. The steam pumping engines were shut down for the last time in 1963 and our new Langford plant was built on an adjacent site.

In 1996 plans began to take shape to prevent the pumping station from falling in to decay and the go-ahead was given to create a unique power museum. The museum has gone from strength to strength thanks to an enthusiastic group of staff and volunteers. They have worked to preserve the Langford steam pumping station for the community and to develop a power related museum that will entertain and educate.

The museum boasts a 'Lilleshall' triple expansion steam pump, which is now back on steam after 50 years!

Over the course of the year the Museum has welcomed more than 19,000 visitors. This has included two local Ministers; the Rt Hon Priti Patel MP, Minister of State for Employment, and the Rt Hon John Whittingdale, Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport.

There is plenty to do and see at the museum so why not visit with your family and friends? The site has riverside walks, an observation platform or you can enjoy a cream tea in the tearoom.

To find out more please visit www.museumofpower.org.uk.