





Heart of the Forest Heritage

We are a group of volunteers who share an interest in our local heritage. We work together to tell the stories of our past; our industries; the everyday lives of families and the unique story of the landscape change across the Heart of the National Forest.



‘Revealing the stories of peoples lives from Coalpits to **Treetops**’

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Membership:

- **Ashby Canal Trust**
- **Coal Tits**
- **Clay Mills Pumping Station**
- **Donisthorpe History Group**
- **Moira Furnace Museum Trust**
- **Moira Pottery**
- **Overseal History Group**
- **REPLAN Photographic Heritage**
- **Sharpe's Pottery Heritage & Arts Trust**
- **South Derbyshire Miners Preservation**
- **T.G.Green & Co Pottery Archives**
- **The Magic Attic**
- **Youth Landscapers**
- **Local Heritage Enthusiasts**

We hold informal fortnightly 'drop-ins' between our business meetings

We have attracted volunteers who photograph and digitise donated collections

We are members of the:

- NW Leicestershire Heritage Network Group

- Leicestershire Industrial History Society

Key Achievements under the National Forest Black to Green Project

- Developed the virtual ‘Timeline’
- Fact finding visits to museums & record centres
- Purchased MODES and IT equipment
- Provided MODES and Oral History training
- Invested in a Heart of the Forest Trail Orientation & Interpretation project with consultants
- Representation at many heritage events including Hello Heritage & HODs





Our Vision

- Continue to increase vibrant groups of heritage enthusiasts
- Upskill and share volunteers between heritage groups
- Continue to create an exciting calendar of events & activities to engage the community
- Work for the retention and care of collections
- Develop a Heart of the Forest Heritage Centre
- Partnership working for funding bids and projects
- Create a greater online presence for heritage photographs and features



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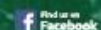
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