



Crofton Pumping Station

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Press Release

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Crofton Celebrates Red Plaque Award

On the 25th June 2016 at 12 noon, Sir William McAlpine, (a former owner of the famous Flying Scotsman steam locomotive), will unveil a Transport Trust Red Wheel Plaque at Crofton Beam Engines . The Red Plaque scheme commemorates Britain's rich global legacy in the development of transport and presents it to a new and wider audience.

The plaque will highlight the importance of Crofton Beam Engines in the story of the nation's industrial past and commemorate the 1812 Boulton and Watt Beam Engine at Crofton as the World's Oldest Beam Engine still on its original site able to fulfill its original job. During the weekend, visitors will be able to see this historic engine in operation pumping water to the summit level on the canal as it did from 1812 to 1958 when it was replaced by modern pumps.

Chairman of the Crofton Branch of the Kennet and Avon Canal Trust, Peter Turvey stated that "*Crofton Pumping Station is one of the most important Industrial Revolution sites in the country. Built to supply water to the summit level of the Kennet & Avon Canal, the Pumping Station is a unique working survivor of the technology which enabled British engineers to drain deep mines, supply water to canals and towns, and build docks and harbours throughout the world.*

For nearly 50 years the Crofton Beam Engines have been kept in working order by teams of dedicated volunteers and the skills needed to run it passed on to new generations. Long may it continue".

Crofton Pumping Station is open to the public from Easter to the end of September, every day except Wednesdays with Steaming Days once a month.

For more information see:

<http://www.croftonbeamengines.org/>

<http://www.transporttrust.com>

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