

Avro 504K Biplane

Aircraft produced at Loughborough's Brush Electrical Engineering Company for the Royal Naval Air Service between 1915 & 1919.



Zeppelin L20

Responsible for an attack on Loughborough in 1916. Four bombs were dropped.

The Oldest Warhorse – Songster

In November 1914 Songster was taken to France to serve in World War One with the Leicestershire Yeomanry. He returned in 1919 and became a local celebrity. He died age 40. There is an archive on Songster at the Carillon War Memorial & Museum in Queen's Park.

Towers Hall

Hall of residence for 310 students. Built 1964/5, the building began to subside due to a marsh, so building work had to be postponed while concrete was pumped into the foundations. This led to the present day myth that the two towers were originally the same height.

Art Deco

Note the Art Deco sunset over Loughborough inspired by the Art Deco buildings in the town. The nearby cinema at 7 Cattle Market is one excellent example.

Queen's Park

Was opened in June 1899 to celebrate Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. This town centre park is well used and has a number of facilities including a bowling green, aviaries, bandstand and children's play areas. The park is also home to the Carillon Tower and Charnwood Museum.

Carillon Tower Memorial and Museum

Was completed in 1923 and contains 47 bells, all cast at John Taylor & Co Bell Foundry in the town. The tower houses a museum with exhibits relating to both World Wars and 138 steps that lead onto a balcony with great views across the town.

The Canal

Is called the River Soar Navigation. It connects with the Grand Union Canal in Leicester. From 1997 to 2014 the canal was the venue for the Loughborough Canal Festival, with celebrations and an illuminated boat parade.

Bell Foundry

John Taylor & Co. continue an unbroken line of bell founding in the area since the middle of the 14th Century. Members of the Taylor family first operated the business in 1784 and now operate the largest bell foundry in the world.

Wildlife

The artist has included wildlife and plants from the area, including ladybirds, a reference to Ladybird Books. The world-famous brand was established in the town in 1915. Ladybird's centenary and connection with Loughborough will be celebrated in 2015.

Charnwood Museum

Based in the former swimming baths in Queen's Park. The museum has a wide range of exhibits reflecting the history, geology, archaeology and industries of Charnwood plus frequent special exhibitions.

Annual Loughborough Fair

Dates back to a charter granted in 1228 by King Henry III. In the second week of November the streets and squares of the town centre are taken over from Wednesday until Saturday night with rides, food stands and games.

History and people

Winter to early Spring

The Outdoors

Early Spring to Summer

On to the Town Centre

Celebrations and attractions

Autumn

Archdeacon Henry Fearon

Campaigned for the first drainage system and supply of clean water for the town. He donated Fearon Fountain to the Market Place in 1870 to celebrate the first clean water being available.

Windmill

This type is called a postmill; previously seen in Loughborough and the villages.

Paula Radcliffe MBE

A long distance runner and world record holder who studied at Loughborough University.



The Budgerigar

In 1955 the Loughborough Budgerigar and Foreign Bird Society opened an aviary in Queen's Park, it is still home to a variety of brightly plumaged birds.

Outdoor activities

Loughborough has easy access to countryside and rural villages with lots of great places to enjoy outdoor activities.

Walking or cycling in Charnwood Forest, visiting The Outwoods and Bluebell Woods, or enjoying the view from Beacon Hill are popular pastimes. Did you know Charnwood is home to some of the best BMX trails in England? There's also a skate park in Southfields Park.



Great Paul Bell

The historic bell casing used by Taylor's Bell Foundry in 1881 to cast the Great Paul Bell that hangs in St Paul's Cathedral, London, is now on permanent display in Queen's Park, Loughborough.

The Great Central Railway

Is the UK's only double track main line heritage railway. Steam and diesel locomotives are run from Loughborough to Leicester, stopping at four stations, each restored to reflect a different era of the lines 109-year history, with an impressive list of film and TV credits.



The Loughborough Mela Festival

An annual community celebration fusing dance, music and culture from South Asia.

Old John Tower

An 18th Century folly on the highest point of Bradgate Park just outside Loughborough. The park is also home to the ruins of Bradgate House, the birthplace and childhood home of Lady Jane Grey, Queen of England for Nine Days in 1553.



Loughborough Market Place

The first mention of a market in Loughborough is in 1221. A large outdoor market is held every Thursday and Saturday. A vintage market is held on Fridays, plus monthly farmers' markets, special seasonal markets and events.

The Fox

This fox has travelled in time to be protected by law from the 'The Quorn' hunt at the other end of the image. The fox is also the symbol of Charnwood Borough Council.

