

Leicestershire**Wednesday 6th August****Coach - Northwick Rd, by Lodge Park @ 8:30am****Cost to members £24**

This trip is being run with the co-operation of the Leicestershire Industrial History Society and the Swannington Heritage Trust. ONLY 30-persons for tunnel trip.

2025 marks the 200th anniversary of the Stockton & Darlington Railway. Although railways existed before it many consider this to be the "first" railway as it was publicly owned, hauled by steam locomotives, required legislation but was proof that railways were the future.

With this connection, we are visiting one of the earliest railway tunnels constructed, the Hanoverian Glenfield tunnel. It was once part of the Leicester & Swannington Railway on a now defunct part of the line that ran into Leicester. The rest of the railway still runs today through Coalville.

FOR the tunnel, we ask that you can walk unaided for 800 metres (½ mile) in 30 mins. Meeting at Railway Inn (coffee if not on tunnel trip) then maybe for lunch.

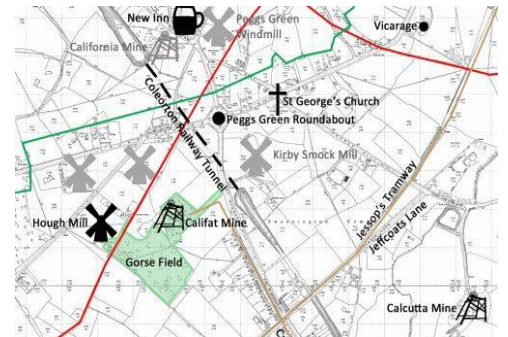
On the continuation of the line westwards, lies the Swannington inclined plane. Swannington has a wonderful heritage of coal mining, horse drawn tramways, the first steam railway in the English midlands Swannington's coal mining history stretches back to 1204 and it became a transport hub. At various times higglers with their pack horses, turnpike

toll roads and horse drawn tramways were the way to move goods. The village became famous when Robert Stephenson's Leicester and Swannington Railway reached Swannington in 1833.

The 1:17 Swannington incline formed the western end of the railway. Swannington thus had a steam railway several years before major cities such as London, Birmingham and Glasgow. The Midland Railway bought the Leicester & Swannington Railway in 1846. By 1849 the railway was extended to Ashby de la Zouch and Burton on Trent. The Incline became a spur off the new main line



We will visit Hough Mill after lunch. Over the centuries there were numerous other windmills in and around Swannington. The Crusaders brought Arab windmill technology back with them from the Holy Land. It was a particularly useful addition in hilly areas where suitable rivers and streams were in short supply. Post Mills where the windmill rotated around a central post came first, such as this one at Avoncroft Outdoor Museum. Smock mills and brick tower mills came later.



Non- WIALHS /SWAG members additional **£4.00** (day membership rate; total **£28**) LIHS do not charge other AIA member societies: We will thus give them a society donation for efforts today. Personal donations welcome.

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