

## Staffordshire Moorlands

- Flash is England's highest village, at more than 1500 feet (463 metres) above sea level. Back in the 17th and 18th centuries, it was a hotbed for making counterfeit money – hence the term ‘flash money’. To this day, flash is slang for something cheap and lacking value or merit. Flash is also famous for its annual Teapot Parade in June.
- Biddulph Moor is the source of the river Trent.
- Cheadle is home to St. Giles' RC Church, one of the finest works of celebrated Victorian architect AWN Pugin, who designed much of the interior of the Houses of Parliament. Known as Pugin's Gem, the church is one of the nation's best examples of the Neo Gothic style.
- Leek has the dubious privilege of being the birthplace of Earl Parker of Macclesfield, the only Lord Chancellor to have been impeached. Other famous figures associated with Leek are engineer James Brindley, Arts and Crafts pioneer William Morris and silk dyer and printer Thomas Wardle.
- Staffordshire Moorlands is home to JCB, dairy produce manufacturer Kerrygold, and Britannia Building Society – the UK's largest mutual society. In April 2009, Britannia merged with the Co-operative Society.
- Leek boasts a unique phenomenon in the form of a double sunset, which can be witnessed from St. Edward's Churchyard on and around the summer solstice in June. The illusion is created by the sun disappearing behind a rocky outcrop called The Cloud, to re-emerge briefly at a lower level before finally setting.
- Staffordshire Moorlands is home to the Alton Towers Resort, one of the UK's top tourist destinations.
- Many thousands of visitors descend on Biddulph every year to enjoy the National Trust's Grange Gardens: the finest surviving example of a Victorian high garden.
- Bonnie Prince Charlie once stayed in Leek en route from Manchester to Derby. His billet for the night was The Red Lion, a coaching inn nestling in the town's 800-year-old Market Place.
- A third of Staffordshire Moorlands lies in the Peak District, the world's second most popular national park.