

Melton's 'brush' with a pot of red paint?

Welcome to Melton Mowbray. We are a thriving market town surrounded by quintessential English countryside. We are proud of our rich heritage, our inseparable links with Stilton Cheese and the famous Melton Mowbray Pork Pies, and excited and confident about our future. History has been made here and there's lots more to come. Like a good story? Well, did you hear the one about ...

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DISCOVER MELTON



Travel Information

Melton Mowbray is nestled within Leicestershire in the East Midlands and is easily accessible from across the UK. For full information, check the website at www.discovermelton.com

EV Charging:
Burton Street LE13 1GH
Chargemaster electric vehicle charge point running on the Polar charging network.

Groups and Coaches:
Wilton Road LE13 0UJ
Six designated coach bays plus additional parking for another six coaches.
www.discovermelton.com/groups

Meet and Greet:
We offer a free meet & greet service at Wilton Road on Tuesdays during the months of April through to October. The service can be pre-booked on other days.
www.discovermelton.com

Sleep and eat:
There's a great choice of places to stay in Melton Mowbray and the surrounding area, from country estate hotels to quaint farmhouse b&bs and deluxe self-catering log cabins.
www.discovermelton.com

Gourmet Holidays:
There's a great selection of mouthwatering experiences to enjoy in our Stay Play Explore gourmet holidays for adults.
www.stayplayexplore.com/gourmet

Public Toilets:
Situating by Wilton Road and St Mary's Way car parks. See map for locations. All toilets have full facilities for baby changing, disabled persons and those with ambulant needs. Changing Places toilets are situated at Melton Mowbray Mencap & Gateway, Chapel Street and Melton Carnegie Museum, Thorpe End.

Who MADE all the pies?



We are big on food in Melton. Our links to Stilton Cheese and the famous Melton Mowbray Pork Pie are legendary. Dickinson & Morris has been baking Melton Mowbray Pork Pies in the town since 1851 and a visit to their shop is a must. There are over 100 establishments in the town involved with food - you won't go hungry. But Melton is also a nationally important base for food research and manufacturing. Did you know that the town is also one of the leading producers of paneer cheese for the Indian restaurant market and one of the leading producers of tofu for the Japanese restaurant market?

The 7th Earl of Cardigan, James Thomas Brudenell 1797-1868, led the Charge of the Light Brigade during the Battle of Balaclava in the Crimean War. Cardigan House at 55 Burton Street (now 'T Denman and Sons) was his home - pop along and take a look!

The Cardigan and the Balaclava? The doynne of cheese

Or, the Anne of Cleves pub as we prefer to call it. From 1538 until his execution in 1540, the famous book and TV series, 'Thomas Cromwell', property belonged to the protagonist of the

The Wolf Hall of Melton



Melton Mowbray Town Estate,
2 Park Lane LE13 0PT
Tel: 01664 564559
www.meltonmowbraytownestate.com
Street markets are held at least three times per week in the centre of Melton Mowbray. There is a general market every Saturday and Tuesday, and an Antiques & Collectors market every Wednesday. Special markets (selling things like craft items, antiques and international foods) are held two or three times per year, including Teenage Markets.

Engine Yard,
Belvoir Castle NG32 1PE
01476 247059
www.engineyardbelvoir.com
At the heart of the Engine Yard is a collection of charming Victorian buildings. Originally used by specialist tradesmen, these workshops produced furniture, windows and doors during the construction of the present Belvoir Castle in the early 1800s. Now these beautiful buildings have been lovingly restored to create a unique rural retail village.

The Kings of King Street



For 300 years from the late 1100s onwards, the Great North Road from London to York and Edinburgh was diverted through Melton Mowbray and so contributed significantly to Melton's early prosperity. During that period, 11 kings visited Melton choosing to stay during their visit with the Lord of the Manor of Melton. The first king was Richard I, the Lionheart in 1194 followed by Kings John, Henry III, Edwards I, II and III, Henry IV and VI, Richard III and finally Henry VI in 1487. The Great North Road crossed the river to the south of the town, ran in front of the Church through the Market Place and then north exiting Melton along King Street.

Markets, Shopping, Events and Festivals - please visit www.discovermelton.com for more information

Gates Garden Centre
Somerby Road, Cold Overton LE15 7QB
Tel: 01664 454309
www.gatesnurseries.co.uk
Gates is a great day out for all of the family. They offer a huge range of plants and garden products over 125,000m² of indoor and outdoor display areas. There's also a large, well-stocked farm shop, indoor and outdoor play areas to keep your children entertained, and the garden restaurant and Courtyard Coffee Shop. Christmas at Gates is legendary!

Melton Livestock Markets,
Scafold Road LE13 1JY
Tel: 01664 562971
www.meltonmowbraymarket.co.uk

Melton Mowbray Market is the largest town centre livestock market in the country and has been in existence for 1,000 years, predating the Domesday Book. The main market has been held on a Tuesday since at least 1324 when it was granted a charter by King Edward II. Events throughout the week include the region's largest fur & feather market, a farmers, antiques and general market, as well as a thriving car boot on Sundays/Bank Holiday Mondays and regular Saturday horse sales.



Additional Information

For more details on attractions and events, information on where to stay, places to eat and drink, group information and to book the Melton meet & greet service for coach groups, please visit www.discovermelton.com. You can also pick up two more guides - the Heritage Trail and Food & Drink Guide - around the town.

Melton Town Guide App
The free 'Melton Town Guide' app that gives you everything that you need to know about the town of Melton Mowbray. The app includes a comprehensive business directory so that you can find anything you want at the touch of a button. It can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play.

Purple Flag Award-Winning Town
Melton Mowbray was first awarded Purple Flag status in 2016 and has achieved the recognition every year since. Purple Flag is a town and city centre award - similar to the Blue Flag for beaches. Areas awarded the Purple Flag are recognised for providing a vibrant and diverse mix of dining, entertainment and culture while promoting the safety and wellbeing of visitors and local residents.

Melton in Bloom
The Melton in Bloom team of volunteers work throughout the year to brighten up the town. They have won two Silver Gilt Awards and now have their eyes firmly set on Gold!

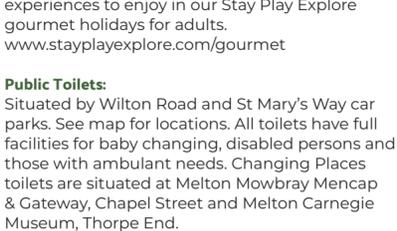
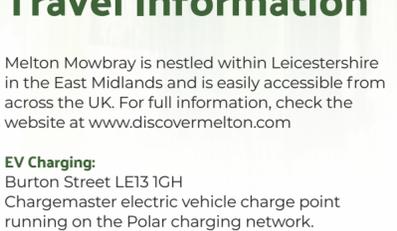
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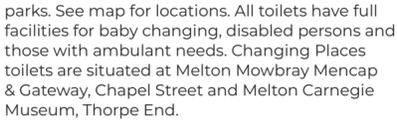
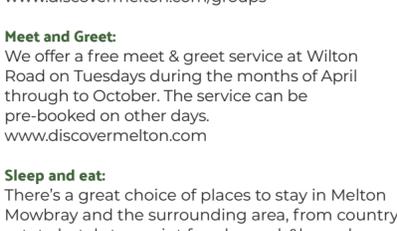
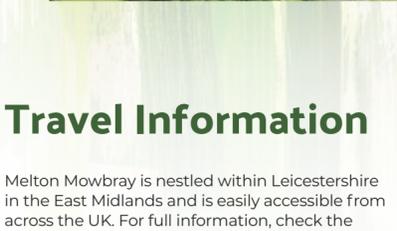
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In the early hours of Thursday, 6 April 1837, Henry Beresford, 3rd Marquess of Waterford and his fox-hunting friends arrived at Thorpe End tollgate. Having been challenged to pay their toll, they seized some paint and proceeded to paint the toll keeper, a local constable and a good deal of the town red! At the Old Swan Inn in the Markeplace, next to what is now the Grapes, the Marquess painted the carved Swan Inn sign red in 1988, traces of red paint were found on the carved swan when it was removed for restoration. Hence, the phrase 'painting the town red'. It was coined when used in relation to having a riotous time!

Time for tea!

The first ever afternoon tea was held inside the rooms of the grand Regency residence, Belvoir (pronounced 'beaver') Castle.



Mrs Frances Pawlett of Wymondham in Leicestershire produced a cream cheese which she sold to Cooper Thornhill, the landlord of the Bell Inn in Stilton on the stagecoach route to London, where it acquired its name. Through Frances' efforts, this cream cheese became the Stilton Cheese that we know today.

Uncover these stories and many more here in Melton.

THINGS TO SEE AND DO

- 1. Belvoir Alehouse**
Station Road, Old Dalby LE14 3NQ
Tel: 01664 823978
www.belvoirbrewery.co.uk
Visit, view and taste local ales that have been brewed using time-honoured brewing methods. The Visitor Centre includes brewery memorabilia, brewery shop, on-site bar and restaurant serving lunch & evening meals. Daily tours include tasting sessions, a tour of the brewery and an educational video (advance booking required.)
- 2. Belvoir Castle**
Belvoir NG32 1PE
Tel: 01476 871002
www.belvoircastle.com
Tel: 01476247059
Ancestral home to the Duke & Duchess of Rutland, the castle stands high on a hill overlooking 16,000 acres of woodland in the beautiful Vale of Belvoir. It houses outstanding collections of art, furniture, tapestries and Italian sculpture. Tours available to pre-book via the website.
- 3. Brentingby Gin**
Main Road, Brentingby LE14 4RX
Tel: 07375 535 728
www.brentingbygin.co.uk
The Brentingby Distillery is nestled in the Leicestershire countryside and all of their gin is made and bottled in Melton Mowbray. They offer (by prior arrangement) a range of exclusive experience days, perfect for parties, corporate events or just a great day out.
- 4. Brockleby's Pie Making Experiences**
Tel: 01664 813200
www.brocklebys.co.uk
Choose from the Pie Making Experience or go for the Ultimate Pie Making workshop which offers you the chance to make your own pie from the raw ingredients, including making your own hot water pastry and gelatin. The workshop lasts for three hours, including a ploughman's lunch or afternoon tea (pre-booking essential.)

- 5. Melton Carnegie Museum**
Thorpe End LE13 1RB
Tel: 01664 569946
www.leicestershire.gov.uk/melton-carnegie-museum
Explore the history and food heritage of Melton Mowbray in the borough's local museum.
- 6. Melton Cheeseboard**
8 Windsor Street LE13 1BU
Tel: 01664 562257
www.meltoncheeseboard.co.uk
The widest range of cheeses in the county with over 150 different varieties to choose from, many of which are sourced locally - from Red Leicester to other great British farmhouse favourites. With a complementary range of continental classics and an ever growing selection of goat and ewes milk cheeses, there's always a treat in store for the cheese lover. Cheese tasting sessions available by appointment.
- 7. Melton Theatre**
Asfordby Road LE13 0HI
Tel: 01664 851111
www.meltontheatre.co.uk
Enjoy a show at Melton Theatre, showcasing the best in community and touring productions - city shows at town prices.
- 8. Midshire Trike Tours**
Tel: 01664 560334
www.midshiretriketours.co.uk
Experience the thrill of the open road and see the sights of 'the Midlands' from the comfort of the specialist-made Family Boom trike! These exclusively-designed tours will take you on a chauffeur driven journey around some of the most beautiful scenery and landmarks that the heart of England has to offer.



- 9. Northfield Farm**
Whissendine Lane, Cold Overton LE15 7QF
Tel: 01664 474271
www.northfieldfarm.com
With its own butchery, this farm shop supplies award-winning meat and game from its own fields, along with local honey, jams and Sloe Gin and Damson Whisky made on the farm. Meet Jimmy the Donkey, Billy the Shetland, and the llamas, Bubba and Lionel, plus a whole array of rare breed cattle, lambs, pigs and chickens. Northfield Farm is an all family attraction that showcases award-winning local produce.
- 10. Old Brickyard Tea Garden, Eastwell Road, Scaford LE14 4ST**
Tel: 07803 206852
www.oldbrickyardteagarden.co.uk
An eco-friendly tearoom, set in the heart of the beautiful Leicestershire countryside. A creative selection of loose leaf teas, homemade cakes, unique tea tasting workshops and art/craft classes - pre-booking required.
- 11. Regal Cinema**
8 King St LE13 1XA
Tel: 01664 500642
www.regalcinema.com
Melton's hidden gem, a stylish art-deco style boutique cinema showing a mix of commercial, classic and cultural films.
- 12. Round Corner Brewing, Melton Mowbray Market, Scaford Road LE13 1JY**
www.roundcornerbrewing.com
The dream of two close friends, decades in the making, Round Corner Brewing is a labour of love. Located in the end shed of Melton Mowbray Market, they make highly drinkable beers inspired by the character of a thriving local agricultural community and the raw, real flavours of the East Midlands.
- 13. St Mary's Church**
8 Burton Street LE13 1AE
Tel: 01664 503530
www.meltonleicester.anglican.org
Over 800 years old, this impressive church is an architectural gem with parts dating back to 1170. This rare example of a parish church with aisled transepts is host to two of the town's most prestigious events: British Pie Awards & the Christmas Tree Festival.
- 14. St Mary's The Virgin Rectory Lane, Bottesford NG13 0DA**
Tel: 01949 842859
www.stmarysbottesford.co.uk
One of the largest churches in England with a fascinating history. The church houses a remarkable collection of tombs including the only UK tomb to record a death by witchcraft.
- 15. Sysonby Acres Asfordby Road LE13 0HW**
Tel: 01664 567846
www.sysonbyacres.co.uk
Hosts to a caravan & camping park, an 18 hole par 3 pitch and putt golf course & footgolf.

- 16. Terminal 1 Indoor Skate Park**
Melton Airfield, Dalby Road LE13 0BL
Tel: 01664 564946
www.trm1.co.uk
Leicestershire's premier indoor BMX, skateboard, roller blade and scooter park.
- 17. Twinlakes Family Theme Park**
Melton Spinney Road LE14 4SB
Tel: 01664 567777
www.twinlakespark.co.uk
The No 1 theme park in the East Midlands with endless family fun adventures providing all weather great days out, where the fun never stops! The Twinlakes Magical Winter Wonderland also opens in November and is the perfect day out for all of the family, where a ride on the Polar Express and a visit to Santa's Grotto is a must.
- 18. Whissendine Windmill**
Melton Road, Whissendine LE15 7EU
Tel: 01664 474172
www.whissendine.net/whissendine-windmill
One of England's few remaining fully operational 19th century windmills, it has towered over the village for more than 200 years. Today, fully restored, the Mill works all year producing bread and pastry flours, spelt and barley flours, rye meal and oatmeal. Visitors are welcome when the Mill is working.
- 19. Wymondham Windmill & Tearooms**
Butt Lane, Wymondham LE14 2BU
Tel: 01572 787304
www.wymondhamwindmill.co.uk
Family-friendly tearooms, wander the wild wood and browse a selection of boutique shops on this 200-year-old Windmill site.
- 20. Ye Olde Pork Pie Shoppe**
8-10 Nottingham Street LE13 1NW
Tel: 01664 482068
www.porkpie.co.uk
Melton's oldest remaining bakers of authentic Melton Mowbray Pork Pies, the shop is indeed a 'shrine to the pork pie'. Demonstrations of the traditional craft of hand raising a pie can be arranged and also evening experiences where visitors are able to raise and bake their own pie.



GREAT OUTDOORS

Explore Melton's countryside including the Vale of Belvoir whilst visiting some top outdoor attractions.

- 21. Belvoir Castle Gardens**
Belvoir, Leicestershire
Tel: 01476 871001
www.belvoircastle.com
Over the centuries, Belvoir's formal gardens have undergone several major changes, with most Duchesses leaving their mark. The roses that you'll see in the garden today were planted by Emma, the current Duchess of Rutland.
- 22. Burrough Hill Country Park**
Somerby Road, Burrough on the Hill LE14 2QZ
Tel: 0116 305 5000
www.leicestershireparks.org.uk
One of the most striking and historic features in the landscape of eastern Leicestershire. The well-preserved Iron Age hill fort dramatically crowns a steep-sided promontory of land reaching 210m (690 ft), with superb views.
- 23. Nature Reserve Brown's Hill Quarry, Holwell, Melton Mowbray**
Tel: 0116 2629968
www.lrw.org.uk/nature-reserves/holwell-reserves
Disused quarries, with a mixture of grassland, woodland, streams, wet woodland and exposed rock faces create a peaceful atmosphere throughout the year. A special place for bats, wildflowers, birds and mammals.
- 24. J&L Garden Centre & Mountain Restaurant**
Asfordby Hill, Melton Mowbray LE14 3QU
Tel: 01664 812012
http://jandl.site
Enjoy the J&L experience with a garden centre, gift shop and caravan park all on site. Relax in the Mountain Restaurant, a French ski lodge inspired restaurant, serving freshly prepared food 365 days of the year, including their renowned MASSIVE scones!

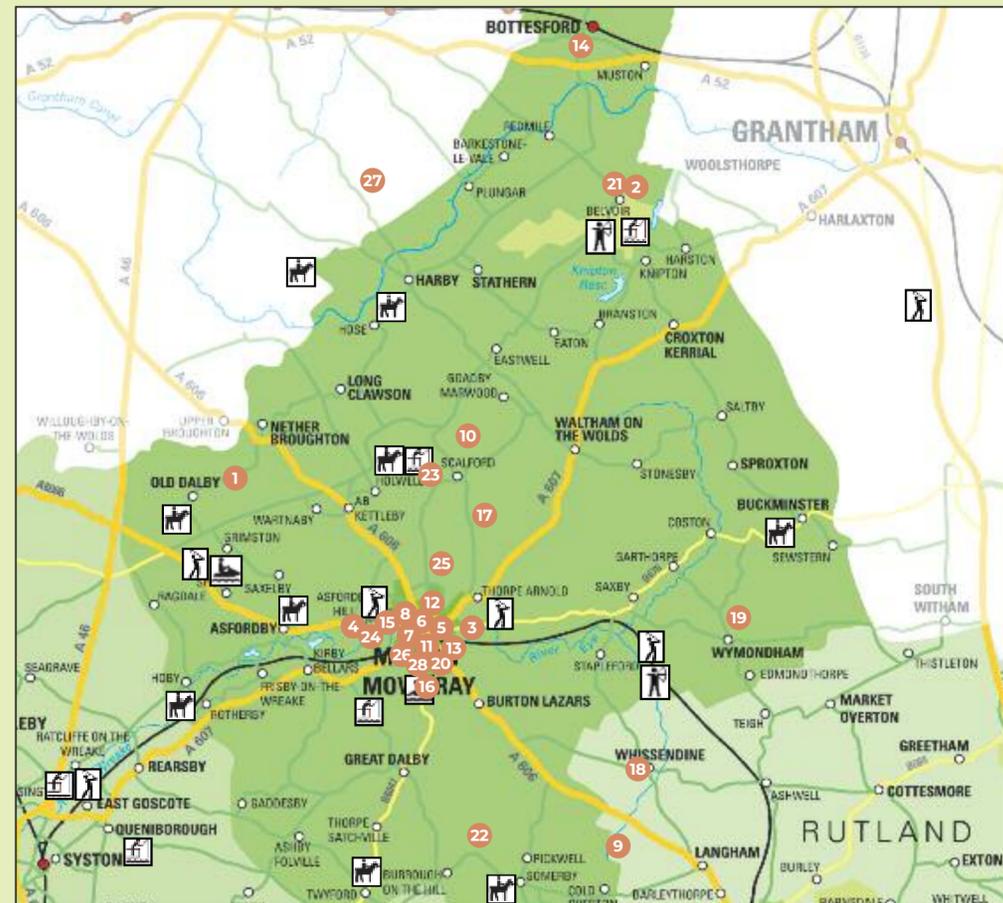
- 25. Melton Country Park & Visitor Centre**
Wymondham Way LE13 1HX
Tel: 01664 502502 / 480122
There is something for everyone at Melton Country Park. Sports facilities, play areas which include a climbing forest and an intelligent play system (IPlay) that uses gaming technology to make exercise fun, and a sensory garden plus a visitor centre with a cafe.
- 27. Naturescape British Wild Flowers**
Maple Farm, Coach Gap Lane, Langar NG13 9HP
Tel: 01949 860592
www.naturescape.co.uk
The wildflower garden is about three acres in size, with a further 40 acres of wildflower fields on site which are crops grown for seed production. Other facilities include a children's play area, two wildlife ponds and tea room.



- 26. Melton Town Parks (including Wilton Park, Play Close and Egerton Park)**
www.meltonmowbraytownestate.co.uk
Melton Mowbray has its own unique qualities and facilities; but between them you will find an outdoor skate park, war memorial, a rose garden, a band stand, outdoor gym & table tennis, tennis courts and play parks.
- 28. Tenth Memorial and Garden**
Burrough on the Hill
www.friendsofthetenth.co.uk
The new Memorial and garden at Burrough on the Hill remembers the 10th Battalion, the Parachute Regiment who were based in and around Somerby, Burrough on the Hill and Twyford during the Second World War.



Melton Mowbray and the surrounding area



Melton Mowbray

Melton Mowbray nestles in the north east of Leicestershire in the East Midlands and is easily accessible from most of the UK.



Melton Mowbray Town Centre



- Map Key - Car Parks**
- P1. Burton Street LE13 1GH
 - P2. Mill Street LE13 1AY
 - P3. Parkside LE13 1GH
 - P4. Scaford Road LE13 1JY
 - P5. Wilton Road LE13 0UJ
 - P6. St Mary's Way LE13 1YE
 - P7. Chapel Street LE13 1LZ