

Where to find us

The museum is located on Morrison's Atlas Mills Supermarket site (next to the petrol station)

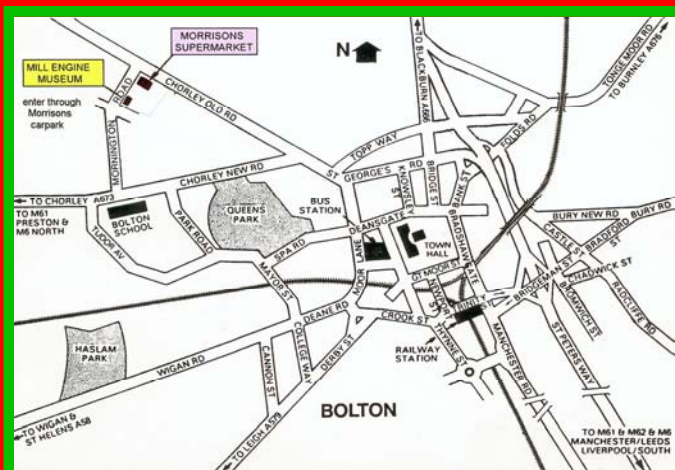
Mornington Road
Off Chorley Old Road
Bolton
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We are situated 1.5 miles north-west of Bolton town centre on bus routes No 125/6 (Stagecoach) & No 519 (First) which run on Chorley Old Road (B6226)

The Society's volunteers are usually working on site on Wednesdays and Sundays and interested visitors are welcome to drop in to view the engines under static conditions. However, if you are coming any distance, other than on a Steam Day, please phone in advance to check

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Further information is available on our website
www.nmes.org



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Bolton Steam Museum



**The largest collection of working
textile mill steam engines
in the country**

IN STEAM - 2010

Sunday & Monday 30 - 31 May
Sunday & Monday 29 - 30 August
Saturday & Sunday 11 - 12 Sept
Sunday & Monday 2 - 3 January
2011

10am - 4pm

Admission Free

Donations to Northern Mill Engine Society

The Northern Mill Engine Society

Bolton Steam museum is operated entirely by volunteers from the Northern Mill Engine Society. Our aim is to preserve some of the stationary steam engines which drove the cotton mills of the North of England. It is housed in an original warehouse which used to store the bales of raw cotton for Atlas Mills.

The collection of 27 engines is now one of the largest in the country. If you visit us, you can see these magnificent machines close-up and appreciate how they once provided the power for the Industrial Revolution.

Our larger engines include a giant 40-ton "McNaughted" beam engine, a very rare 1840 twin-beam engine and a unique "non-dead-centre" vertical engine built by Musgraves of Bolton. A number of smaller engines are also on display, including a special "stenter" engine presented to us by our late President, Fred Dibnah. All of them can be seen in motion on regular steam days.



The twin beam engine, built in about 1840, from a mill in Wardle, near Rochdale



An inverted vertical compound engine built by Scott and Hodgson in 1914, named "Lily"

There is free parking on the Supermarket car-park and a small shop and refreshment stall operates on steam open days. Admission is free but donations are appreciated to help meet the cost of raising steam in the boiler.

The engines can be viewed (static) on Wednesdays and Sundays and group visits can be arranged with advance notice. Some of the engines can be run under electric drive.

We are still working to develop the interior of the museum and the restoration of another unusual type of engine is in progress. Volunteers who would like to help are always welcome, regardless of experience, any Wednesday or Sunday.