



General

Q: What is the **Brewery Heritage Centre**?

A: The **Brewery Heritage Centre** is a shared space used by the National Brewery Heritage Trust and East Staffordshire Borough Council to promote the work of the Trust in preserving brewing heritage and the Council's plans for the redevelopment of Burton upon Trent.

Q: Who are the **National Brewery Heritage Trust**?

A: The **National Brewery Heritage Trust** (NBHT) is a registered charity formed in July 2012 to protect, preserve and make available to the public the archives and artefacts from the National Brewery Centre. The Centre closed in October 2022.

Q: What is **The National Brewery Collection**?

A: This is our name for the collection of artefacts and archives that illustrate the history of British brewing that was initially set up as The Bass Museum in 1977. It subsequently became The Coors Visitor Centre (2001-2010) and more recently operated as The National Brewery Centre (2010-2022). It has grown through donations and loans during this time.

Q: Who runs the **NBHT**?

A: The **NBHT** is run by a small group of volunteer Trustees with backgrounds in the brewing industry. Volunteers with expertise in specific areas including engineering, maintenance and archives help to maintain the collection. Freelance contractors provide the Trust with specialist expertise.

Q: How long will the **Brewery Heritage Centre** be in Station Street?

A: The current thinking is that the **Brewery Heritage Centre** will remain as it is in Station Street for about 3 years while a new brewery heritage attraction is developed in the town. For more information about the **National Brewery Heritage Trust** visit the website: www.breweryheritage.com

Station Street

Q: Is any of the **National Brewery Collection** being stored in Station Street?

A: The archive and library from the former National Brewery Centre site on Guild Street is in the process of being moved to Station Street.

Q: Can members of the public see **the archives**?

A: Once the archives have been relocated to Station Street, it is our intention to offer access for research visits by prior appointment, and a copying service, as was previously available at the National Brewery Centre. Charges will apply as previously. More information will be provided in due course.

Q: How can I find out what is in **the archives**?

A: We are continuing to inventory and catalogue the archive, so this is a work in progress and updated regularly. You can search the existing catalogue online at www.nbcarchives.co.uk Or send an email to info@breweryheritage.com and we will do our best to help.

Guild Street

- Q:** Is the **National Brewery Centre** now closed for good?
- A:** The **National Brewery Centre** was closed to the public in the autumn of 2022. The site is now being redeveloped by Molson Coors Beverage Company as their main UK office, and there is no public access.
- Q:** What has happened to **the artefacts** which were displayed there?
- A:** We are working with Molson Coors (who own the majority of the collection) to inventory and securely store items in the collection, both on and off-site. As part of this process some items which were on loan to the collection have been returned to their owners. Trust staff and volunteers will continue to maintain larger items on site for the foreseeable future, including the vehicles and engines.
- Q:** What is happening to **The Joiners Shop**?
- A:** The former Joiners Shop, which housed the original Bass Museum, is a Grade II listed building and there are no current plans for its development. Molson Coors are currently undertaking repairs to the roof and windows that should protect and preserve the building and its contents for the foreseeable future. Trust staff and volunteers continue to manage and care for artefacts inside, including the working model of Burton's 1921 rail network.
- Q:** What has happened to the **Shire Horses**?
- A:** Although the Shire Horses were stabled at Guild Street, they were privately owned and never part of the collection. Following closure, their owner took the decision to sell them. They have both gone to good homes with other working horses.

The Future

- Q:** What is happening next?
- A:** The **NBHT** will continue to work with the council, Molson Coors and other key stakeholders to ensure the long-term future of **The National Brewery Collection**. Exact details of what will happen next are still being explored, but to date discussions have all been very positive.
- Q:** How can I help?
- A:** There are many ways in which you can help.
- Become a member of the trust - individual membership starts at £25 a year and corporate membership starts at £100 a year
 - Make a donation to help protect and maintain the collection
 - Become a volunteer just a couple of hours a week can help us

Visit our website at www.breweryheritage.com for more details and to keep up to date with our news.

