



Welcome to Richard III country in the fascinating borough of Hinckley and Bosworth. Nestled in the beautiful rural landscape of middle England are idyllic villages and hamlets that gave witness to events which changed English history. Joined today by thriving market towns, award winning attractions, a rich industrial heritage and international organisations developing ground breaking technology, Richard III Country is within easy reach of all and packed full of surprises waiting to be uncovered. Centred on the towns of Market Bosworth, Hinckley and the surrounding area in West Leicestershire, there really is something for everyone.

WELCOME

The story of Richard III, Henry Tudor and the Battle of Bosworth is told across the whole of Richard III Country. Start at the Battle of Bosworth and explore the Tudor and Battle of Bosworth and learn about the death of King Richard III and the unlikely victory of Henry Tudor at Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre and Country Park. You can also find out more about how the King in a car park was discovered in Leicester at the award winning King Richard III Visitor Centre in Leicester. Take a tour of the Triumph Motorcycle factory or watch adrenalin fuelled racing at Mallory Park Circuit. Enjoy watching the boats go by at Sutton Wharf Cafe or take a boat ride on Harry and Sally at Bosworth Marina. Climb aboard a train at The Battlefield Line and you're transported back in time on an historical journey.

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TOP TIPS



Watch the development of the creation of a new landscape of world-class artworks telling the stories of five remarkable places and their role in the incredible story of the Battle of Bosworth. Explore the III Country so explore the Battle of Bosworth and learn about the death of King Richard III and the unlikely victory of Henry Tudor at Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre and Country Park. You can also find out more about how the King in a car park was discovered in Leicester at the award winning King Richard III Visitor Centre in Leicester. Take a tour of the Triumph Motorcycle factory or watch adrenalin fuelled racing at Mallory Park Circuit. Enjoy watching the boats go by at Sutton Wharf Cafe or take a boat ride on Harry and Sally at Bosworth Marina. Climb aboard a train at The Battlefield Line and you're transported back in time on an historical journey.



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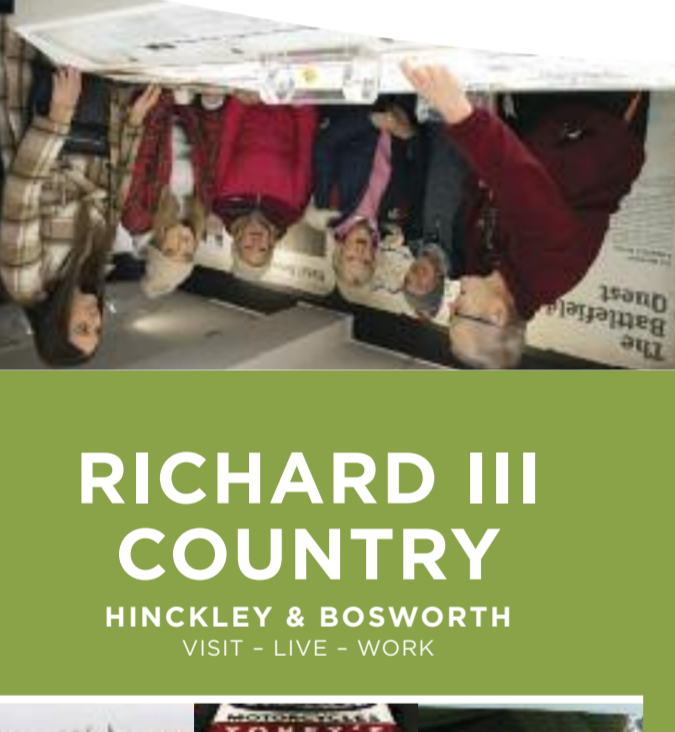
Richard III Country is in the Borough of Hinckley and Bosworth in Leicestershire, just a hop off many major road routes, convenient for the two midlands airports and enjoying great rail and coach connections. With boutique cafés, elegant restaurants and a gin distillery to explore, there's a fantastic range of places and drink and a day is not going to be enough to explore it all. It's easy to build the perfect break for everyone in Richard III Country.

Stay in quality accommodation, play in great attractions and explore fascinating market towns, picture-perfect villages and the finest English landscapes. Whether history buff, adventure seeker, shopaholic, rambler or lover of fine local food and drink, you will be spoilt for choice. Located right at the centre of the country, spend more time holidaying and less time travelling!

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MARKET BOSWORTH

At the heart of Market Bosworth you will find the delightful cobbled market square, surrounded by elegant buildings. Here you will discover small independent shops, pubs, restaurants and cafes, and dining experiences in a historical and picturesque setting. Market Bosworth's year-round festivals and events, including a monthly farmers' market. Market Bosworth Festival sees an exciting calendar of events come to the village, where you can enjoy arts, film, drama and family fun. During the summer months, al fresco cafés and restaurants come alive with the beautiful colours of hanging baskets and floral displays. Market Bosworth has been a regular winner of the national Britain in Bloom competition and garden lovers will delight in wandering through the town, admiring the many stunning floral displays. Don't forget to include the gardens and grounds of the Grade I listed Bosworth Hall Hotel in your explorations - they are a delight in every season.



EVENTS DIARY

Throughout the year there is a great calendar of festivals and events taking place in Hinckley and Market Bosworth. For details of all Hinckley town centre events please visit www.hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk/events or www.hinckleybid.co.uk

For more information on what's on in Market Bosworth please visit: www.marketbosworth.org

MAY
Burbage Common Open Day
This day really does make the most of the outdoors with workshops, demonstrations, Morris dancers, maypole dancing, crafts, outdoor activities and animals.

Burbage Community Arts Festival
Two weeks of festival fun including theatre, music, comedy and children's events.

JUNE
Market Bosworth Festival, Market Bosworth
This festival is a series of events that celebrates the arts, music of all genres, film, theatre, literature, visual arts and crafts.

AUGUST
Bosworth Medieval Festival, Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre
This family friendly event features jousting, living history camps, spectacular battle re-enactments, cannon fire demonstrations, children's medieval games and a fancy dress competition. You can also visit the award-winning heritage centre, browse medieval market stalls, visit the beer tent and head to Tithe Barn for food and drink.

Snappdragon Family Festival
Fun filled three days for all of the family with different themes each day including National Playday.

Feast Hinckley
A two-day food festival full of food and drink vendors with a wealth of local, national and international cuisine.

SEPTEMBER
Hinckley BID's Classic Motor Show, Hinckley
Are you the proud owner of a classic car, bike, scooter or any other interesting vehicle? Bring it along to the popular show where the cream of classic metal comes together for a one-day spectacular!

NOVEMBER
Christmas Lights Switch On, Hinckley
The annual Christmas lights switch-on and Tin Hat Fair starts the festive season. There is lots of entertainment, and attractions for all the family.

DECEMBER
Christmas Lights Switch On, Market Bosworth
Enjoy the Christmas festivities at the Market Bosworth lights switch on.

Festive Feast and Crafts Market
A one day Sunday Christmas Market in Hinckley Town Centre with a wealth of hot foods, crafts, gifts and live music in front of the town centre Christmas tree.

Guided Walks
A series of guided walks take place throughout the year at Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre - visit www.bosworthbattlefield.org.uk to find out more.



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GREAT OUTDOORS

Explore the countryside surrounding Hinckley and Market Bosworth. Situated on the edge of the magnificent National Forest, there's plenty to discover.

The National Forest long distance walking trail explores the highlights of the National Forest, extending over 75 miles from the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire to Beacon Hill Country Park in Leicestershire. Throughout this trail you will see how modern life is threaded through a mosaic of green spaces, towns and villages, all framed by woodland.

Sutton Cheney Wharf, Sutton Lane, Sutton Cheney, CV13 OAL 01455 213 213743
Once an area of heavy industry, this now tranquil stretch of the Ashby Canal is the perfect place for family walks and bike rides. Head to the café where you can enjoy watching the world go by. You can also take a short stroll to the nearby Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre.

Thornton Reservoir, Reservoir Road, Thornton Reservoir, LE67 1AR 01332 865 081
This stunning 75 acre reservoir is set in rural farmland and woodland. There is a fishing lodge with a small catering facility on the edge of the reservoir. Enjoy a 2.5 mile circular walk and discover the nature trail hidden amongst the woodland.

Market Bosworth Country Park, Market Bosworth, CV13 OLP 0116 305 5000
This historic parkland and woodland is located on the eastern edge of Market Bosworth. Explore historic open parkland, fine mature trees and wildflower meadows or discover the spectacular arboretum and brand new children's play area. You can also follow the many paths including those that lead to Bosworth Battlefield and beyond.

Burbage Common Visitor Centre, Hinckley, LE10 3DD 01455 238 141
Enjoy a picnic in this 200 acres of semi natural woodland and unspoilt grassland located on the edge of Hinckley. Whether you want to walk, bird watch, horse ride, go orienteering or simply watch the world go by, this is a great place for a day out.

Billa Barra Country Park, Billa Barra Lane, Markfield, LE67 9PD 01455 291 111
This 20 hectare local nature reserve includes a natural outcrop of pre-Cambrian rocks, Billa Barra Hill, the pools and natural grassland. Ideal for a walk and picnic.

Grobby Pool and Country Park, Between Groby & Newtown Linford 01455 633 712
This large expanse of open water is a rich habitat for wildlife and has a wide variety of breeding and wintering birds, butterflies, insects and reed swamp plants. A footpath along the former mineral railway line to Groby village leads to the Dowry Furlong wildlife area where Medieval ridge and furrows remain. Using the public footpaths, you can walk to Newtown Linford or make a circular route via Groby village.

Bosworth Marina, Carlton Road, Market Bosworth, CV13 6PG 01455 291 111
Bosworth Marina offers luxury moorings in a beautiful setting on the lockless Ashby Canal. The marina offers day boat hire with Harry & Sally, disabled access and has an on-site shop, café and chandlery.

Trinity Marina Wharf Farm, Coventry Road, Hinckley, LE10 ONF 01455 896 820
This 120 berth marina is set on the beautiful Ashby Canal, which provides lock-free cruising through picturesque countryside. After exploring, head to the onsite restaurant with extensive beer gardens and views overlooking the marina. There's also a play area to keep little ones entertained!

HISTORY & HERITAGE

Delve into the area's fascinating past and discover more about the story of King Richard III and the infamous Battle of Bosworth where he lost his battle for the crown and his life. If you're interested in the history of transport, you can also find out more about the legendary Triumph motorbikes, steam trains and Hansom cabs.

Battlefield Line Railway, Shackerstone Station, Shackerstone, CV13 6NW enquiries@battlefieldline.co.uk
The Battlefield Line Railway has three operational stations at Shackerstone, Market Bosworth and Shenton. Relive the golden age of steam on either a steam or diesel train. Enjoy the beautiful views of the countryside between Bosworth and Shackerstone. For further details visit www.battlefieldline.co.uk

Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre and Country Park, Ambion Lane, Sutton Cheney, CV13 OAD 01455 290 429
Enjoy a visit to this multi award-winning attraction where you can find out more about the infamous Battle of Bosworth where King Richard III fought and lost the battle for the crown and his life, making Henry Tudor king. With interactive, hands on displays you can find out more about the War of the Roses, medieval warfare, how the battle unfolded and the impact of the new, powerful Tudor dynasty. Enjoy a walk with the Battlefield Guides and enjoy living history and re-enactment events that take place throughout the year.

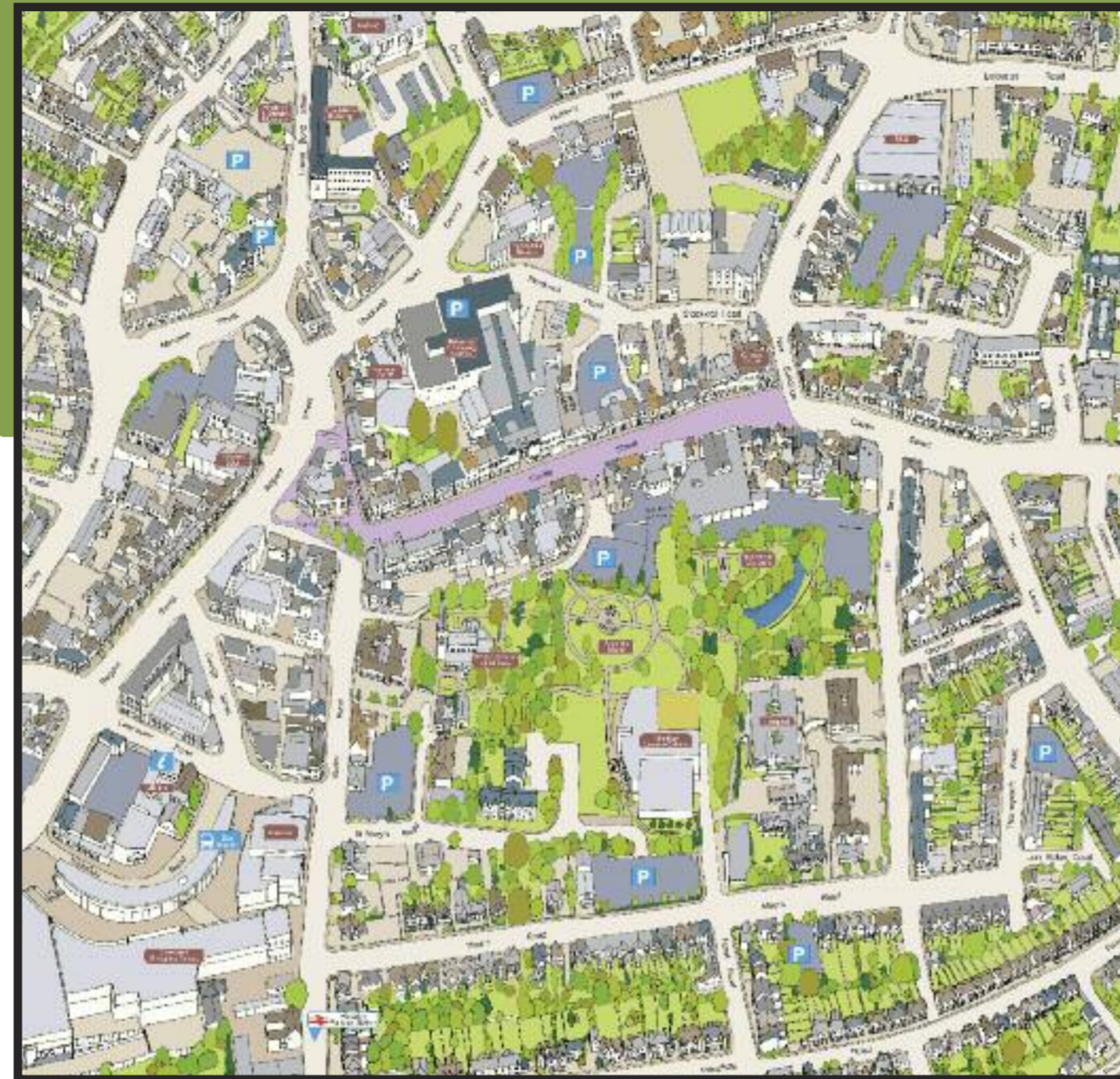
Hinckley & District Museum, Framework Knitters Cottages, Lower Bond Street, Hinckley, LE10 1QU 01455 251 218
Visit the late 17th century thatched cottages to experience the rich cultural heritage of the Hinckley area from Roman times to the present day, illustrated through the lives of local residents. See the framework knitter's cottage room setting with c1740 knitting machine and the Tin Hat from which local residents derive the nickname of 'Tinhaters'.

Market Bosworth Heritage Trails www.marketbosworthsociety.com
There's a selection of walks to choose from between May - September when a local expert will lead you through the history of this early medieval settlement, the Market Place, the parish church, historic houses, pubs, yards and alleyways along with the links to King Richard III.

Shenton Station, Dadlington Lane, Shenton, CV13 6DJ enquiries@battlefieldline.co.uk
Shenton Station stands within the Bosworth Battlefield site and includes a railway ticket office and café. The station itself is not the original building, it was rescued from Humberstone Road, Leicester where it once stood. It was moved brick by brick to its new home at Shenton where it would serve as an information point for the Battlefield and a southern terminus building for the railway.

Triumph Factory Visitor Experience, Dodwells Rd, Hinckley, LE10 3BZ 01455 453 088
The Triumph Visitor Experience is located at the world-famous global headquarters and UK manufacturing base in Hinckley. It features an unmissable, priceless collection of bikes and memorabilia from past and present and the full story of Triumph from the beginning to how motorcycles are designed and built today and why people ride together. Admission to the exhibition is free and it is open along with the café between Wed-Sunday. Pre-booked factory tours are also available, to find out more visit www.triumphmotorcycles.co.uk

HINCKLEY TOWN CENTRE



SHOPPING & LEISURE

Browse quirky boutiques, unique gift shops, markets, independent stores full of vintage gems and a selection of high street favourites.

Hinckley
Award winning Hinckley town centre offers 400+ shops and services including popular high street names and a host of both small and large independent shops and stores. A number of small arcades offer unique shopping experiences and the Crescent and Britannia Shopping centres offer great value. Hinckley Town centre boasts a 5 screen multiplex Cinema, a wonderful Theatre, an amazing Museum and much more - please visit www.hinckleybid.co.uk for full details of these and all of our free popular events.

Market Bosworth
This is the perfect place to browse a fine selection of galleries, antique and gift shops mostly located around the Market Place and Main Street. On the fourth Sunday morning of each month you will find the popular farmers' market which has been upholding tradition since 1285.

Dobbies Stapleton Ashby Road, Stapleton, LE9 8JE 01455 291494
The centre occupies 18 acres of immaculately tended grounds and offers a great day out for all of the family. A vast range of leisure, home, giftware products and cards is complemented by a restaurant selling delicious home-made food.

Michaelmas House, 4 Main Street, Market Bosworth, CV13 0JW 01455 291 303
Michaelmas House has a mix of unique and desirable homewares including many British designers of glassware, textiles and ceramics.

Marmalade Meringue, 82 Castle Street, Hinckley, LE10 1DD 01455 637 470
Marmalade Meringue offers that perfect gift for someone special. Browse unique homewares, gifts, cards and more.

The Crescent, Hinckley Town Centre
The Crescent offers a range of shops and cafés. Alongside Sainsbury's and Cineworld's 5 screen cinema you'll find fantastic eateries such as Tarro Lounge and Prezzo, nestled alongside TK Maxx and other high street favourites.

Squirrel at Wellsborough, The Stables, Manor Farm Cottage, Wellsborough, CV13 6PA
This family owned business is the home of electric experiences and locally made gifts including craft and rural skills alongside vintage furniture, local art and handmade crafts for sale.

Whitemoss Antiques Centre, Main Street, Shenton, CV13 6BZ 01455 212 250
Surrounding the gravelled courtyard car park is a carefully restored collection of buildings, some of which are Grade II listed and date back several centuries. They house various galleries brimming with a selection of contemporary crafts, antiques, curios, fine art, books, and bric-a-brac.



FAMILY FUN

Enjoy fun-packed days out at award-winning attractions.

Mallory Park Circuit, Church Road, Kirby Mallory, LE9 7QE 01455 502 214
Mallory Park is an iconic motor racing circuit with a rich racing heritage offering track experiences and a calendar of exciting events.

Tropical Birdland, Lindridge Road, Desford, LE9 9GN 01455 824 603
This unique visitor attraction is home to over 250 birds with a variety of colourful free-flying parrots from all over the globe. Set in 6.5 acres of countryside, Tropical Birdland houses aviaries, woodlands and a restaurant.

Twycross Zoo, Burton Road, Atherstone, CV9 3PX 01827 880 250
Twycross Zoo is world renowned as a specialist primate zoo and has a wide variety of monkeys and apes, including the UK's only group of Bonobos. There are 400 animals from over 80 species including many endangered species. Head to the Himalaya Centre, where you can enjoy a bite to eat whilst trying to spot the snow leopard or why not take a trip through the deep dark wood and visit Gruffalo Discovery Land?

Hinckley Concordia Theatre, Stockwell Head, Hinckley, LE10 1RE 01455 615 005
Situated in the centre of the town, this historic theatre has a great calendar of events and performances.

The Atkins Building, Lower Bond Street, Hinckley, LE10 1QU 01445 247 070
Within the ex-hosiery setting in The Atkins, the floor to ceiling Victorian windows highlight works of art in a programme of temporary exhibitions that take place throughout the year.

Hinckley Leisure Centre, Argents Mead, St Mary's Road, Hinckley, LE10 1FL 01455 610 011
This state-of-the-art facility includes a fully equipped gym, exercise classes for all ages and abilities, group cycling, swimming pools, steam and sauna rooms and much more. There's also a café to enjoy some well deserved refreshments!

