Derby and Hucknall branch

**The collection in Derby contains over 200 engines and is arguably one of the largest collections of engines on display in the world, with exhibits from before the First World War through to the modern civil giants. We also have an extensive range of technology items**

These exhibits chronicle not only the story of Rolls-Royce, but that of many of the companies which have become part of the Rolls-Royce family such as Armstrong-Siddeley, Bristol de Havilland, Napier Blackburn and associates – PowerJets Whittle), Alvis, MetroVic, Rover and Sunbeam as well as international competition – Allison and BMW, Ford, Renault, Junkers, Mercedes, Pratt and Whitney and Wright.

The Heritage Centre on Osmaston Road, in combination with items also housed from Coventry, Ansty and Bristol Branches, provides a detailed exhibition of the history of Rolls-Royce and our ancestor companies, and is a comprehensive history of power and propulsion in relation to aviation, marine and land use.

Of course, whilst a majority of the exhibits relate to aero engines, reflecting a large part of our current history, there are also examples of vehicle, marine, diesel and industrial/power generation engines, rocketry and their engines, plus a range of key developments in Technology, **including the development of turbine and compressor technology and the manufacturing methods developed to achieve it.**

To enhance and protect this unique collection the Rolls-Royce Power and Propulsion Collection (RRPPC) and Museum (RRPPM) are being developed that will tell the story of the major innovative steps in the history of power for land, sea and air on a global basis.

At the Heritage Centre, there are also workshop facilities for volunteers. Current projects of the Derby Branch include the Phantom III, the Bentley V Corniche motor car and the sectioned Griffon 85 as well as a sectioned Nene engine and Gem build and strip training engine.

The Hucknall branch of the Rolls Royce Heritage Trust is housed in the last remaining purpose built, and grade 2 listed, Wing Hangers in the UK. The Branch houses the Hucknall Flight Test Museum (HUFTM), where key elements of the Rolls Royce Power and Propulsion Collection can be viewed alongside the unique John Housley Model Collection together with the unique history of one of the world’s premier static aero engine development testing sites in the world.

These collections tell the fascinating story of how from 1927 onwards, the company used extensive flight-testing methods and techniques to ensure the reliability and quality of their world re-known aero engine products and develop world leading technologies in the field of aviation propulsion. The Hucknall site itself played host to no less than six world first events during the flight-testing years, which started at Hucknall in late 1934 and ended in 1971.

The public may visit the Hucknall Wing Hangars to view both collections and also tour the building, by prior arrangement.

Please consult [http://huflighttestmuseum.co.uk/index.html](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fhuflighttestmuseum.co.uk%2Findex.html&data=02%7C01%7C%7Cf75d6637b7d84c44c30708d69577f50f%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C636860739770148191&sdata=eUaZj2NjKmb3Wt2paL5Z54wBWgraMFG85lWcuqmcPLA%3D&reserved=0)   to find out how to visit.

The Derby and Hucknall branch are custodians of an extensive archive of documents and drawings, which can be accessed by prior appointment.

Visit to all sites and detailed listing of what is on display at both sites can be found on the contacts page.

**Future Developments**

The Rolls-Royce Power and Propulsion Museum will use Rolls-Royce’s heritage to illustrate the magnificent contribution that past people and products have made to the development of powered flight and other applications on land and sea and to inspire and educate current and future generations to work in the field.  By displaying carefully-selected and restored artefacts not just from the Company’s past but on a global basis, RRPPC will show how advances in technology enabled some of the most significant achievements of the last century.  This display will be presented in an impressive and inspiring facility.  RRPPC will become a much-prized organisation in the development of current Rolls-Royce employees and in the teaching of STEM subjects in schools and colleges and promoting the story to the public to intrigue and inspire and hence continue to demonstrate value to Rolls-Royce plc through the provision of official RR training programmes such as with the Gem, STEM related demonstrations and support to RR Engineering objective of learning from the lessons of the past.

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