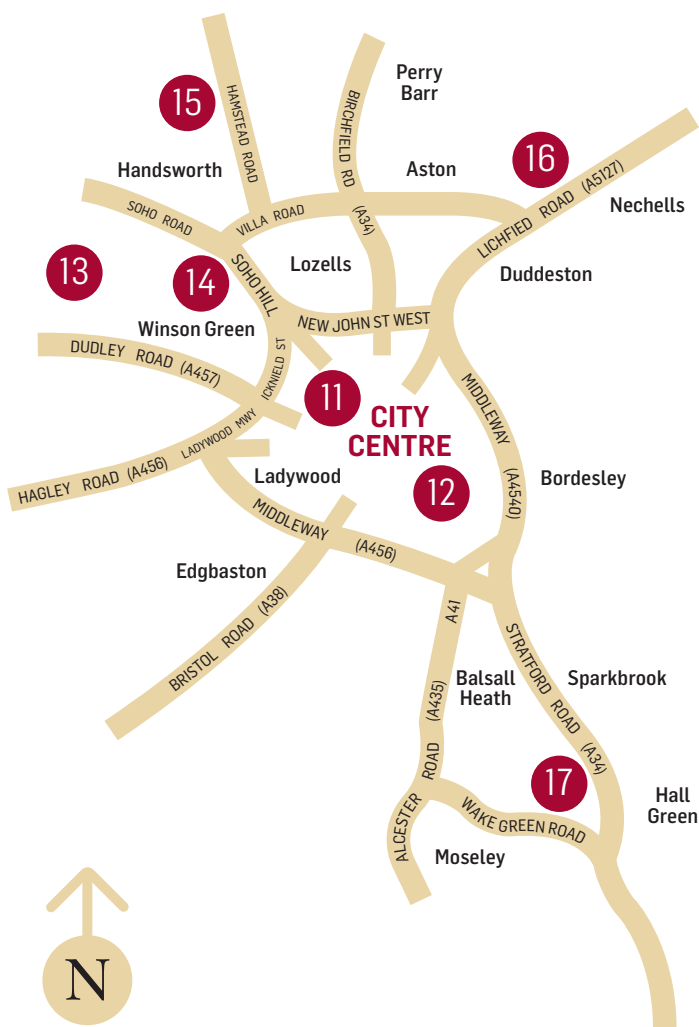


Matthew Boulton Out-of-Town Guide

The out of town trail consists of publicly accessible sites associated with Boulton, the most important of which is his home, Soho House.



Please note: this map is only an approximate guide to the relative sites.
For public transport information contact Traveline on 0871 200 2233
or visit www.networkwestmidlands.com

Museum of the Jewellery Quarter

75-80 Vyse Street, Birmingham B18 6HA

Museum
of the
Jewellery
Quarter



Jewellery demonstration
on the factory floor

Located in the original factory of the jewellery manufacturing firm of Smith & Pepper, the museum tells the story of jewellery and metal-working in Birmingham and features a number of Boulton pieces in its displays.

Many of the metalworking techniques and processes demonstrated on the fascinating factory tour are exactly the same as those used in Boulton's day.

The museum is open all year round, Tuesday to Saturday 10.30am – 4pm, closed Sundays and Mondays except Bank Holidays. Admission free. For more information visit www.bmag.org.uk or telephone 0121 554 3598.

Thinktank, Millennium Point

Curzon Street, Birmingham B4 7XG

Thinktank, Birmingham Science Museum, contains a variety of displays relating to Matthew Boulton. The highlight is the huge Boulton & Watt Smethwick Engine – the oldest working steam engine in the world.

Open daily except 24, 25 and 26 December. Admission charged. For more information visit www.thinktank.ac or telephone 0121 202 2222.



Thinktank at Millennium Point



The Smethwick
Engine in action



Soho Foundry, Smethwick

Foundry Rd, Smethwick B66 2LL

Interior of
the Soho
Foundry



William
Murdock's
cottage



Built for the construction of Boulton & Watt steam engines in 1796, the main part of this huge building still survives. William Murdock lived in one of the cottages nearby.

Please note: the Soho Foundry and Murdock's cottage form part of the Avery Weigh-Tronix works and are only accessible by special appointment. For more information contact: jdoran@awtxglobal.com

Soho House, Handsworth

Soho Avenue, Birmingham B18 5LB

Soho House was the home of Matthew Boulton between 1766 until his death in 1809. The name 'Soho' is said to represent the call of a hunting horn on a local inn-sign.

Soho House is now a museum run by Birmingham Museums & Art Gallery, and contains fine collections of ormolu, silver, furniture and other important material associated with Boulton.

The house is open Easter to the end of October, Tuesday to Sunday 12 noon – 4pm, closed Mondays except Bank Holidays. Admission free. For more information visit www.bmag.org.uk or telephone 0121 554 9122.

Pair of Ormolu & Blue John ewers,
Boulton & Fothergill, c1772



The dining room – a regular venue for meetings of the famous Lunar Society

Soho's elegant exterior was designed by the architect James Wyatt

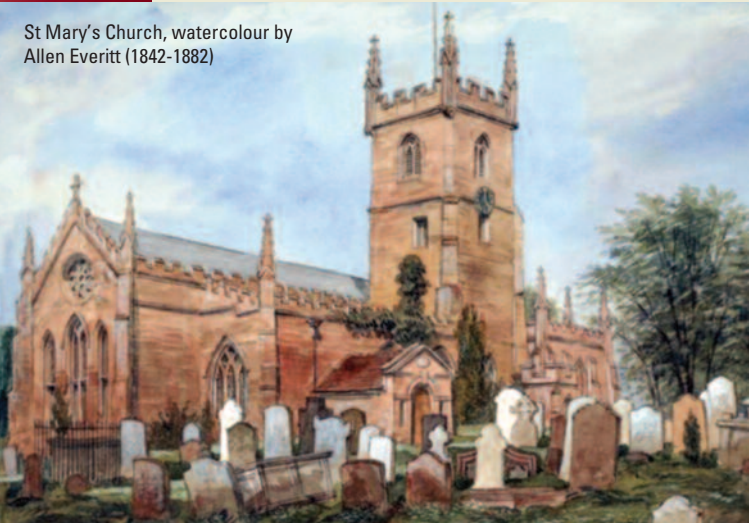


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St Mary's Parish Church, Handsworth

Hamstead Rd, Birmingham B20 2RB

St Mary's Church, watercolour by Allen Everitt (1842-1882)



St Mary's Church today

Boulton memorial by John Flaxman (1755-1826)



Boulton, Watt and Murdock are all buried here. Boulton's memorial was sculpted by John Flaxman, one of the most gifted sculptors of the age.

The church is usually open to the public on Saturdays between 2pm & 4pm. For more information tel 0121 554 3407.

Aston Hall, Aston

Trinity Road, Birmingham B6 6JD

Constructed between 1618 and 1635, Aston Hall is one of the finest Jacobean country houses in the country. In 1817 the Hall was leased by James Watt Junior, business partner of Boulton's son, Matthew Robinson Boulton.

Now a museum run by Birmingham Museums & Art Gallery, the Hall contains significant collections of furniture, silver and other material associated with Watt Junior.

Aston Hall will reopen to the public following a major refurbishment project on 18 July 2009. Open until the end of October, Tuesday to Sunday 12 noon – 4pm. Closed home match days and Mondays, except Bank Holidays. Admission free. For more information visit www.bmag.org.uk or telephone 0121 675 4722.

James Watt
Junior's
elephant
coach badges



The Great Hall

Aston Hall from
Lady Holte's Garden

Sarehole Mill, Hall Green

Cole Bank Road, Birmingham B13 0BD

The attic floor
or garner



View of the mill from
the millpond. The chimney
is a mid 19th century addition

Although better known for its association with the young JRR Tolkien, Sarehole Mill also has a link with Matthew Boulton who leased it between 1756 and 1761.

When Boulton took over the lease of the mill, the family business was still based in Snow Hill in Birmingham town centre. Boulton probably used Sarehole as a rolling mill to produce sheet metal until he moved all production to his new Soho Manufactory in the 1760s.

Today Sarehole is a museum run by Birmingham Museums and Art Gallery, and one of only two surviving working watermills in the city.

The Mill is open Easter to the end of October, Tuesday to Sunday 12 noon – 4pm, closed Mondays except Bank Holidays. For more information visit www.bmag.org.uk or telephone 0121 777 6612.