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Claverton Pumping Station

Bringing cutting edge Georgian technology back to life

Claverton Pumping Station is a waterwheel powered beam engine built in 1813 to raise water from the River Avon to the Kennet and Avon Canal. It has been restored by volunteers and is open to the public.

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The Grade II listed building is a rare surviving example of late Georgian technology.

The canal links Reading with Bristol and was the motorway of its day - a vital trade route carrying goods across country. Claverton was central to keeping water in the canal.

While some changes were made during the early years of operation, much of the original pumping machinery can still be seen.

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Today, separate electric pumps supply water to the canal at Claverton but the historic mechanism still works and can supplement the water supply if required.
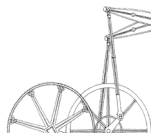
Pumping days 2017 Open 10am to 5pm

Saturday May 27
Saturday 24 June
Saturday 29 July
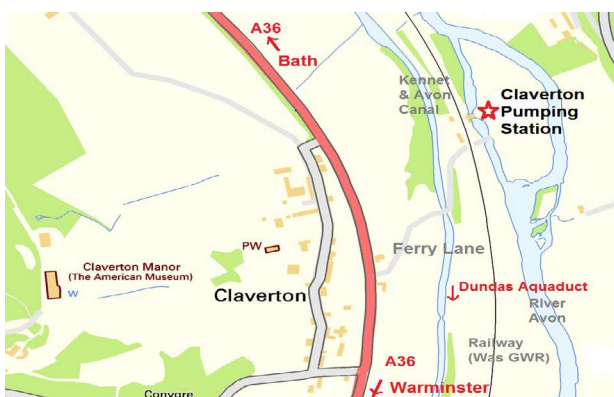Saturday 26 August
Saturday 30 September

Plan your visit

Admission is £6. Children under 16 are free but must be accompanied by an adult.

Special rates are available for group bookings made in advance. We can open the pump house and run the pump on non-public days for group visits. Visit claverton.org for more information or contact us on (01225) 483001
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Claverton Pumping Station
Ferry Lane, Bath, BA2 7BH

Claverton is five miles south of Bath off the A36 Warminster Road. Walk 400 yards (365 metres) down Ferry Lane across an uncontrolled railway level crossing. Please take care and follow the crossing instructions. Alternatively you could park at the Dundas Aqueduct and walk along the towpath. The Pumping Station is a 30 minute walk from the aqueduct through the beautiful Limpley Stoke Valley.

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