

STEAM ON THE LEVELS

Our annual weekend event provides a spectacle of unusual historic and vintage exhibits, trade & craft stands, hot food, bar and refreshments plus kids activities, fun for the whole family!

Entry Valid for Both Days!

16TH - 17TH MAY 2026

WESTONZOYLAND LIGHT RAILWAY

Ride behind one of our vintage industrial locomotives aboard our passenger train! Learn about how these little railways helped maintain rivers, extract peat and operate in almost any industry you can imagine. Take a look around our new Locomotive Shed!

Visit in August for our annual Bank Holiday Railway Gala and see a whole range of visiting exhibitors.

STEAM EVENTS 2026

Easter Steam Up

Monday 6th April, 11am - 4pm

Steam on the Levels 2025

Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th May, 10am - 5pm

Fathers Day Steam Up

Sunday 21st June, 11am - 4pm

Mid Summer Steam Up

Wednesday 29th July, 11am - 4pm

Westonzoyland Light Railway Gala

Bank Holiday Monday 31st August, 10am - 4pm

Heritage Open Day

Sunday 20th September, 11am - 4pm - Free Entry

Halloween Steam Fright Night

Saturday 31st October, from 3pm

See Website for further Information

New Year's Day 2027

Friday 1st January, 11am - 4pm

*Special Events in Red

The Museum is run in-steam with an historic boiler, mechanical failure or other reason may result in the cancellation of an above event. If you are travelling far to visit please check the website or call us to confirm.

RAILWAY DAYS 2026

School Holiday Railway Days

Sunday 9th August, 11am - 4pm

Sunday 16th August, 11am - 4pm

Sunday 23rd August, 11am - 4pm

Sunday 30th August, 11am - 4pm



Free Entry to Museum, All Day Rover Tickets £2.50 ea, Children 5 & Under Free, Cafe Open, Free Kids Trail, Picnic Area, Family Friendly!



MUSEUM OPENING TIMES + ADMISSION

Open Every Sunday

1.00pm - 5.00pm

FREE ADMISSION

In Steam

Adult £12.00 Child FREE

OPENING TIMES AS PER EVENT

Admission fees may vary for special events, highlighted in red, see website for further information. Child 15 or Under Free. Essential helpers assisting disabled visitors Free. Closed Christmas Day & Boxing Day.

Access: Level access to most areas with some steps which do not restrict viewing. Disabled toilet with baby changing facilities. High chairs are available in the Cafe. Dogs are welcome on a lead. Please enquire if you have any specific needs.

Westonzoyland Pumping Station Museum

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2026 WESTONZOYLAND PUMPING STATION MUSEUM

BRIDGWATER - SOMERSET

OF STEAM POWER & LAND DRAINAGE



- GRADE II* LISTED
- FAMILY FRIENDLY
- STEAM ENGINES
- TRAIN RIDES
- KIDS TRAIL
- CAFE

WESTONZOYLAND ENGINE TRUST
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For a great family day out discover one of the largest collections of working steam engines and pumps in England at the home of Somerset's first Steam Powered Land Drainage Machine established in 1830.

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WELCOME...

...to the home of Somerset's first steam-powered land drainage machine. Westonzoiland Pumping Station Museum offers visitors the chance to see one of the largest collections of working steam engines and pumps in England. Established in 1830 the Grade II* listed buildings house a unique 'award winning' 1861 Easton Amos Steam Land Drainage Machine capable of pumping 100 tons of flood water per minute, the equivalent of emptying 7 bath tubs a second!

The Museum displays and operates a large variety of working steam engines, pumps, winches and turbines with the majority having connections to Somerset's industrial heritage. Our engines have driven brickworks, breweries, powered hospitals, hauled milk tankers and pumped creosote to name just a few!

Head for the imposing chimney stack of the pumping station rising out of the marshy Somerset Levels and find out how it has been possible to live and farm here for the past 190 years!



"Absolutely brilliant, would recommend to anyone"
Osborne Family, Hampshire

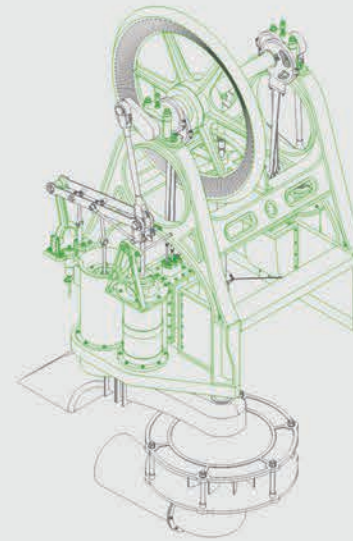
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The original pumping station building dates from 1830 and was the first one to be built on the Somerset Levels, following developments and plans by land-owners to control the flooding and draining of the low-lying fields. Built of brick, it still stands today, the only one surviving (in the area) with its pumping engine still intact and functional. It is a humble design, but English Heritage has listed it Grade II*.

It originally had a beam engine driving a huge scoop wheel to lift water into the River Parrett. This caused the whole area of the moors around the station to sink due to the removal of excess water.

After 30 years a more powerful and efficient Easton & Amos Drainage Machine was installed in 1861, with a centrifugal pump, the impeller of which is of a design perfected by John George Appold. This machine will lift 100 tons of water per minute to a height of between 6 and 10 feet (1.8 to 3 metres) depending on the level of the tide. These installations were so successful that other similar pumping stations were erected along the Parrett.



Volunteer Produced Isometric CAD Drawing of the 1861 Easton Amos Steam Land Drainage Machine [Martin Tedds]

The steam pump was superseded in 1951 by a modern diesel unit which is housed in a building alongside its predecessor, although unsubstantiated stories tell of the pump being run as late as 1960, driven by Clifford Thyer, the last attendant of the pumping station. The majority of the other steam pumps have been dismantled and scrapped in favour of diesel or electric units leaving the Easton & Amos Drainage Machine at Westonzoiland as the only steam pump still in working order in its original position.

Next to the main pump house is a single-storey brick-built section, containing a forge and the old Lancashire boiler. Above the main engine house

three rooms formed the original keepers accommodation. When the pumping station was upgraded in 1861 additional accommodation was built comprising a two storey section alongside the main building. This provided a living room and kitchen and a further two bedrooms upstairs. There have only been three families in the entire lifetime of the pumping station. The attendant and his family were provided the accommodation and a free supply of coal. The attendant was even permitted to carry out other work when not operating the pumping station.

After the last attendant left it fell into disrepair until members from the Somerset Industrial Archaeological Society decided to move in and tackle the repair work in the late 70's, subsequently forming the Westonzoiland Engine Trust.



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CAFE

Whilst you are visiting why not enjoy some light refreshments in our Cafe and browse our Gift Shop. On event days, the Cafe serves hot & cold drinks, light snacks, home-made cakes and appetising treats. The cafe is run by the Trust and proceeds help maintain the Museum.



FEATURES INCLUDE:

- 1861 Easton Amos Steam Pump
- 35+ Stationary Steam Engines
- 'Fred Danks' Lancashire Boiler
- 1938 Marshall Portable Boiler
- Original Attendant's Cottage
- Crossley 31 Litre Diesel Engine
- Lister Startomatic Generator
- Passenger Rides on Railway
- Blacksmith's Forge
- Cafe, Book & Gift Shop
- Free Parking & Picnic Area
- Riverside Setting
- Free Kids Trail

