



7: GAYTON ENGINE PUMPING STATION,
Gayton le Marsh, off Gt Carlton to Theddlethorpe Rd., near Louth, LN12 1PE

The power for pumping was originally steam, but in 1945 a diesel engine was introduced, and this is what survives in working order. The present pumping equipment comprises: Petter "Atomic" 2-cylinder loop-scavenge 2 stroke ex-marine diesel engine, built in 1933, powering a 27" Gwynnes pump.

Open: Occasional days in summer
Contact: Mr T.H. Heys, 01507 338667; <http://www.wmc-idbs.org.uk/>

Heritage in Action

The story of Lincolnshire cannot be told without reference to the draining of the fens and marshes, which made this county what it is today. But in that broad story it is easy to forget the ingenuity, knowledge and sheer hard work of the people who made it happen. Lincolnshire's landscape was transformed by the water engineers who did the planning and the navvies who dug dykes and straightened rivers. This work was not fully effective until the introduction of steam engines in the mid-19th century provided a reliable source of power to drive the pumps necessary to drain the land. Today, the highly productive farmland, the homes and businesses of the county are kept largely flood-free by a network of drains and pumping stations maintained by the locally managed Internal Drainage Boards. Steam power has given way to diesel and now electric power but the work of the pumping stations is still essential.

Of the steam and first-generation diesel engines that once existed in the county, only a handful now remain. They are all different and are spread across the county. What they share is that all the sites are maintained and operated by small bands of dedicated volunteers who like nothing better than sharing their enthusiasm with visitors.



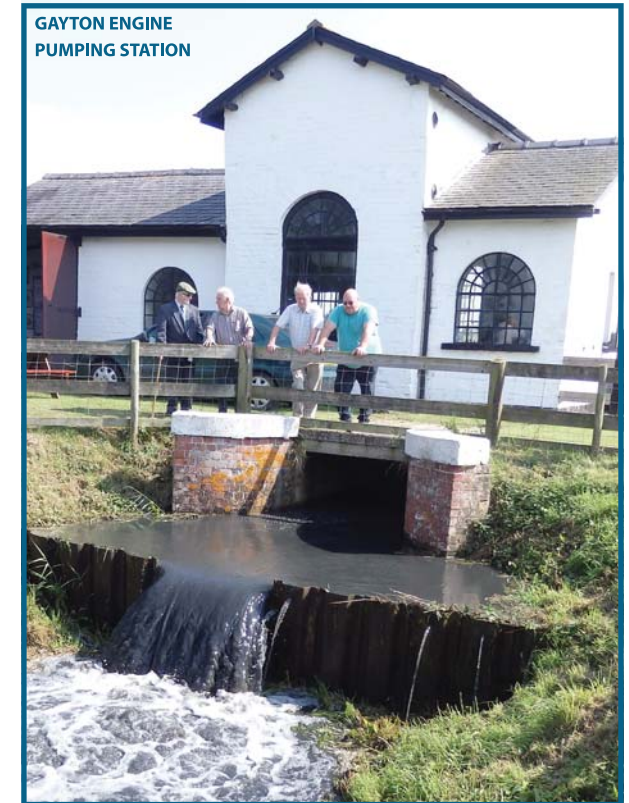
Why not experience a little piece of living history by visiting the sites listed in this leaflet. They all have different opening times and days so do, please, check with the contacts given, to avoid disappointment.

WARNING
Please be aware these sites are near deep water, operating machinery and uneven ground, supervise children at all times.



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Historic Pumping Engines of Lincolnshire



Are you bored with the beach?

Do you fancy something a bit different for your next day out?

Do you like exploring the remoter parts of Lincolnshire?

If so, a trip to a preserved pumping station could well be for you.



1: DOGDYKE PUMPING STATION, Bridge Farm, Tattershall, LN4 4JG

This 1856 beam engine, driving a scoop wheel pump is the last example steaming in Britain. It was superseded by a 1940 Ruston and Hornsby 7 XHR oil engine powering a Gwynnes pump. There is a museum, plant and gift stall and a tea room serving homemade cakes..

Open: First Sunday in the month, May to October, 1.30pm to 4.30pm
Occasional additional steaming days.
Contact: Tel. 01522 683755; E-mail: chrisj.p@ntlworld.com
www.dogdyke.com



2: QUINCEY'S PUMPING STATION,
Culvert Road, Thorpe Culvert, near Wainfleet, PE24 4NJ

Built in 1938 the station houses two Ruston and Hornsby 9XHRC diesel engines driving Gwynnes pumps. The pumps are run on the open days. Visitors are welcome on maintenance days when volunteers are present.

Open: Two open days a year, in April & September, 10am to 4pm.
Maintenance days in other months.
Contact: Andrew Quincey, 07947771667; <http://www.wmc-idbs.org.uk/>



3: OWSTON FERRY PUMPING ENGINE,
South Street, Owston Ferry, DN9 1RF

The 1910 pumping station houses a working 1952 Ruston & Hornsby twin cylinder diesel engine, and a 1910 Marshall & Sons steam engine which can be demonstrated, and a Marshall built Cornish boiler.

Open: Some Sundays and Bank Holidays, March to October, 11am to 4pm.
Contact: John Dawson 0174784964; E-mail: ipdawson50@gmail.com
<http://ofpeps.yolasite.com/>



4: TIMBERLAND PUMPING STATION,
Walcot Bank, Tattershall Bridge, LN4 4JP

The pumping station was built in 1839 with a scoop wheel and steam beam engine manufactured by Tuxford Ltd. of Boston. Present Gwynnes pump which is powered by a Ruston & Hornsby 132 bhp 9X HRC diesel engine, which is operated on open days.

Open: Occasional open days are advertised on the Witham First IDB website,
Contact: www.witham-1st-idb.gov.uk



5: PINCHBECK ENGINE, West Marsh Road, Spalding, PE11 3UW

A Butterley steam beam engine and scoop wheel, housed in the original 1833 building. The beam engine and 22ft scoop wheel can still be seen in operation. Displays show a large selection of tools and machinery used in the draining of the Fens.

Open: Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, June to September, 11am to 4pm.

Contact: Welland and Deepings IDB, tel. 01775 725861
www.wellandidb.org.uk/museum



6: ANDERBY DRAINAGE MUSEUM,
Anderby Creek, Nr Skegness, PE24 5XW

The museum is situated in a 1945 drainage board pumping station which houses two Ruston 10 HRC twin cylinder oil engines. These engines drive Gwynnes 42" centrifugal pumps. The museum contains many interesting exhibits, photographs and documents.

Open: Occasional Sundays, May to September, 2pm to 4pm
Contact: Mrs C. Davies, Tel. 01507 328095; E-mail: enquiries@lmbd.co.uk