

Working for us: about Nottinghamshire



This easy read tells people thinking of working for Nottinghamshire County Council about our county of Nottinghamshire.

History



Nottinghamshire has a rich and varied culture and history.



The legend of Robin Hood and Sherwood Forest have existed for 700 years.



In the 1600s Newark played an important role in the English Civil War.



In 1607 the Pilgrim Fathers left Bassetlaw for Plymouth where they sailed on the Mayflower ship to what is now the United States of America.



They settled in what is now Plymouth, Massachusetts, the oldest continuously lived-in English settlement in the USA.

Celebrities



Lots of famous people come from Nottinghamshire, including:



- **Rebecca Addlington**
Olympic Gold-winning swimmer



- **James Boot**
founder of Boots the Chemists



- **William Booth**
Salvation Army founder



- **Stuart Broad**
cricketer



- **Jake Bugg**
singer-songwriter



- **Lord Byron**
writer



- **Brian Clough**
footballer and football manager

- **Mary Earps**
Euros-winning England Women's
goalkeeper



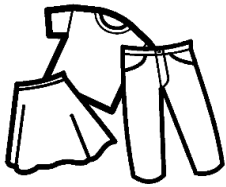
- **D H Lawrence**
writer



- **Vicky McClure**
actor



- **Alan Sillitoe**
writer

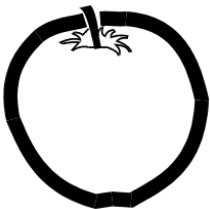


- **Paul Smith**
fashion designer

Made in Nottinghamshire



Some well-known “things” or inventions come from Nottinghamshire, including:



- **Bramley apples**
First grown in Southwell



- **Ibuprofen**
First discovered by Boots’ scientists Stewart Adams and John Nicholson.



- **Raleigh Chopper**
Created by the Raleigh Bicycle Company, based in Eastwood.

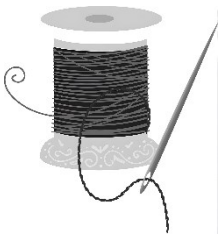


- **MRI scanning**

Developed by Nottingham University
Professor Sir Peter Mansfield.



In the 1700s, the **Industrial Revolution** saw lots of new technology, including canals and railways to transport goods.



In Nottinghamshire, the Industrial Revolution led to the growth of **lace and cotton** industries.



In the 1800s and 1900s, **coal mining** was a big industry. Lots of people had jobs as coal miners across the county.



Today, lots of people in the county work in **health and manufacturing**.



The biggest employers in the county include Boots, the NHS, Inland Revenue, and Nottinghamshire County Council.

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