

## Admission

Daily 1.30 to 4.30

Brown tourism signs from A559 & A556

We do not make a charge but request a donation from visitors.

Car Parking is available for visitors at the rear of the site during opening times. Mooring on the Trent & Mersey Canal.

All exhibitions are on the ground floor.

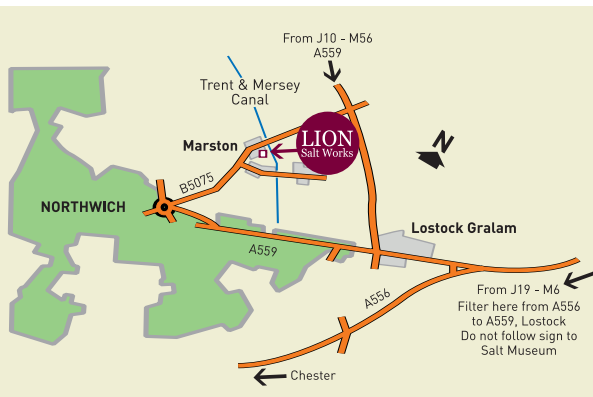
Ramped entrance to the exhibition building.

Guided tours available.  
School parties and group visits available by prior arrangement.

The Lion Salt Works closed in 1986. It was the last producer of block salt. In 1897 a salt arch was constructed across Witton Street, Northwich to celebrate Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. It was made from rock salt and white block salt.

**The Lion Salt Works is now the only surviving open salt works complex.** It dates from 1894 and was built and operated by the Thompson family. Please help to restore it.

**You can 'Sponsor a Salt-block' from the salt arch as part of our fundraising scheme. Contact us for further details about how you can help.**



### How to Find The Lion Salt Works

Follow **A559** from **M56, J10**.  
Follow **A556** from **M6, J19**. Follow brown sign at junction with **A559** in Lostock Gralam.

From Northwich town centre take Chester Way to roundabout at top of hill then **B5075** to Marston.

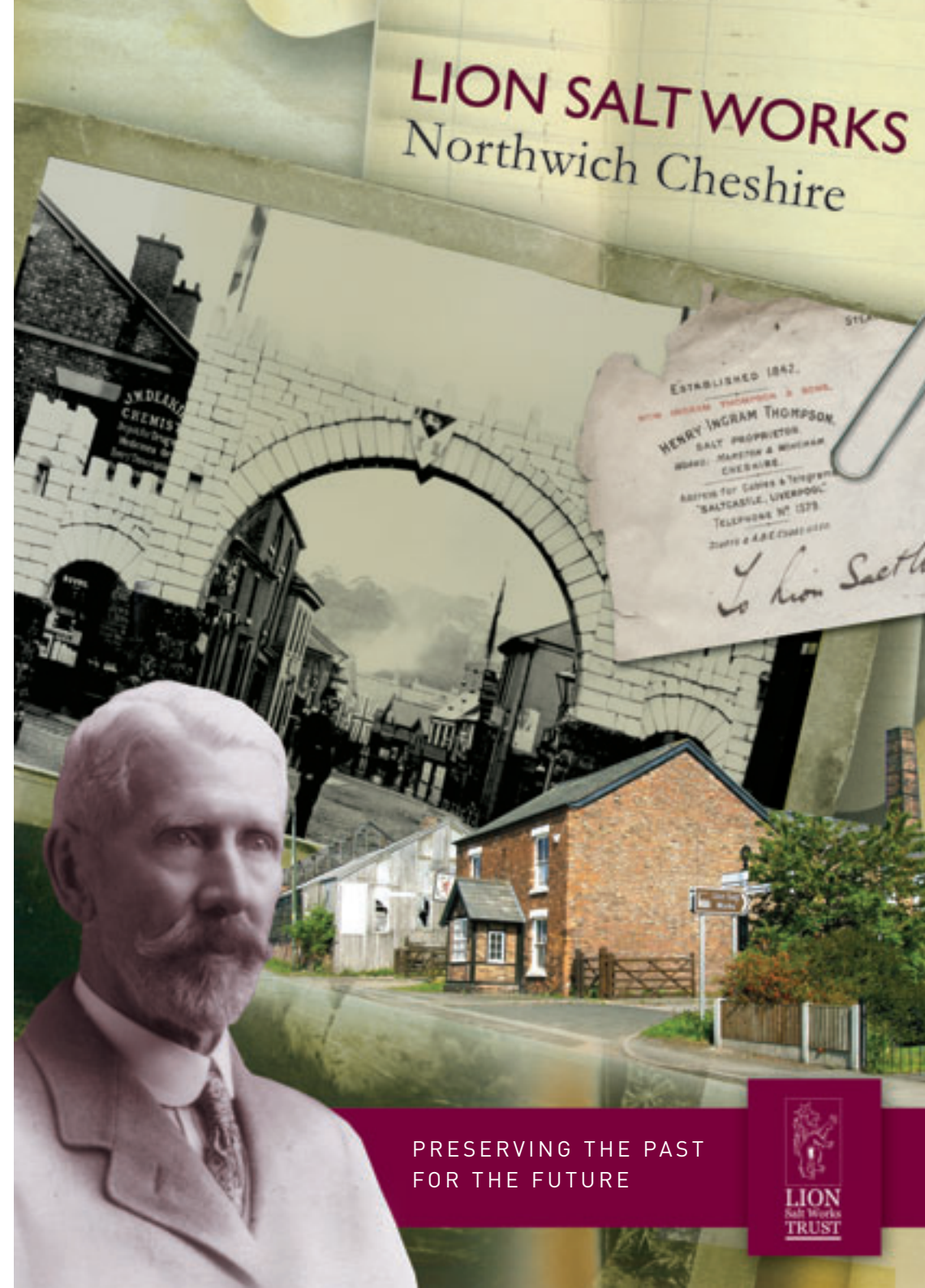
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## Our plans

The Trust aims to restore the whole site as a museum of the open pan salt industry, with a café and shop. The site comprises five pan houses, a brine pump and tank, smithy, salt store and manager's office.

We will demonstrate the 2,000 year old tradition of salt making in replica Iron Age, Roman and medieval salt pans, alongside the **Lion Salt Works**.

Energy was a key part of salt making and the Trust is committed to using renewable energy as part of its restoration work.



## How can you help?

By making a donation to the Lion Salt Works Trust you can help us succeed in our mission.

Telephone, write or email for information about how you can contribute to the restoration fund. Gift Aid forms available.

# The Lion Salt Works

## Help us restore the last surviving open pan salt works.



Named after the Red Lion Hotel, which once stood on the site, our interpretation centre

is currently housed in cottages converted into a new Red Lion Inn when the original hotel was

demolished to make way for Henry Ingram Thompson's salt works.



1. Brine was pumped out of the ground.



2. Fires were lit beneath a salt pan.



3. A lump man, skimmed salt from the pan and filled tubs to make blocks of salt.



4. Blocks took two weeks to dry.



5. Large salt blocks, or small 'cut lumps' were a speciality of the Lion Salt Works.

## Who are we?

The Lion Salt Works Trust was established in 1993 to preserve and restore the last open pan salt works in Cheshire. The salt works is a scheduled monument set within the Marston Conservation Area beside the Trent & Mersey Canal.



Our volunteer guides will show you our exhibits, which include rare, Roman lead salt pans. We publish our own series of Research Reports on the salt making and have other books relating to salt making and local history. We have the largest selection of salt glazed and soda glazed ceramics in the area with traditional table salts and salt pigs.

We can also offer a design service for slip trailed and sgraffito decorated pots. Ideal for those individual gifts.

## What do we need?

The Trust has received a Stage 1 approval from the Heritage Lottery Fund which will contribute £5m towards our £7m restoration costs. The Trust is working to raise match funding by March 2007. **Can you help?**