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## Derby Museums and Derby CAMRA partner to launch new Heritage Beer Festival this winter

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Images: (left) A beer festival returns to Derby with the new Derby CAMRA Heritage Beer Festival (right) Derby Museums and the Museum of Making are partnering with CAMRA to launch the new Derby CAMRA Heritage Beer Festival © Pictoria Pictures/Derby Museums

Derby CAMRA, in partnership with Derby Museums, is proud to present the much-anticipated return of the beer festival to Derby with the Derby CAMRA Heritage Beer Festival – a festival in a unique location, celebrating Derby’s rich brewing heritage.

Taking place from Wednesday 13 November to Saturday 16 November, the festival promises to be a highlight in the city’s calendar, bringing together over 130 real ales, alongside a selection of ciders, world beers and craft keg.

Set within the historic surroundings of the Museum of Making, housed on the site of the world’s first modern factory, the festival will offer a unique atmosphere to enjoy ales from some of the best breweries around the UK.



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The event will be held on the ground floor of the Museum of Making, with additional seating available in a marquee installed for the occasion. A range of food will be provided by the Museum's River Kitchen.

The Derby CAMRA Heritage Beer Festival is anticipated to become an annual event, marking the return of a beer festival to Derby after a four-year hiatus. This event will be a celebration of real ale and of Derby's historical significance in the brewing industry, making it one of a handful of beer festivals in the country to be held in such a significant heritage setting.

Heather Knibbs, Publicity Officer for Derby CAMRA Beer Festival Committee, said: *"Derby CAMRA is very excited to bring our beer festival back to life after a four-year hiatus. For decades we have showcased the best of British breweries and we are ready to do so again this November. We are very grateful to the team at the Museum of Making for this opportunity, they love the Derby real ale scene almost as much as we do, and we believe this new partnership will create a beer festival that truly celebrates the rich heritage of our fantastic city."*

Dr Alex Rock, Director of Commercial and Operations at Derby Museums, said: *"The Museum of Making celebrates the making heritage of Derby and Derbyshire, and key to this heritage is beer. On Museum Square, outside Derby Museum and Art Gallery, is a statue to Michael Thomas Bass, the brewing magnate who financed the build of the Museum and Art Gallery. Beer flows through the DNA of the city – Derby is the best city in England to drink real ale, and we're proud to be working in partnership with CAMRA to celebrate the heritage of beer and brewing, and the great culture of beer our city offers today."*

Tickets for the Derby CAMRA Heritage Beer Festival will go on sale in September, with high demand expected. For more information, please visit:




<https://derbymuseums.org/event/derby-camra-heritage-beer-festival/>.

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**About Derby Museums**

Derby Museums is an independent charitable trust which is responsible for the rich cultural and creative history of Derby. It manages three sites across the city, the Museum and Art Gallery, Pickford’s House and the Silk Mill, and holds and curates all the art and collections within them, including the world’s largest collection of paintings by Joseph Wright of Derby.

Derby Museums aims to bring as many of the objects and treasures in the collections into the public domain as is practically possible and present them in ways that delight and inspire, via education and learning programmes, events and exhibitions, in order to share knowledge and inspire creativity and making amongst the people of Derby.

As a charity Derby Museums relies on funding and grants from organisations and donations from businesses and the general public, all of which is gratefully received in order to ensure that admission to the museums remains free for all.

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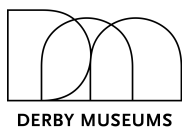
**About the Museum of Making**




The Museum of Making is a visitor attraction in the heart of Derby, exploring 300 years of Derbyshire’s manufacturing history. On what is widely regarded as the site of the world’s first modern factory at Derby Silk Mill and part of the Derwent Valley Mills UNESCO World Heritage site.

Completely designed and put together with the people and industries of Derby, the museum has on display over 30,000 objects, the vast majority of which have not been seen by the public before. It tells the stories of our making past to inspire the modern maker in all of us. The Eagle Engine on display at the Museum of Making is on long term loan to Derby Museums from the Science Museum.

The Museum of Making has been developed and is operated by Derby Museums, which secured major grant funding from The National Lottery Heritage Fund (£10,695,000), Arts Council England (£2,739,000) D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership (£3,700,000). Significant support has also been received from Derby City Council, Rolls-Royce and a range of charitable trusts and foundations.

Derby Museums’ Museum of Making was nominated as a Finalist for Art Fund Museum of the Year Award 2022, the world’s largest museum prize: [www.artfund.org/museum-of-the-year](http://www.artfund.org/museum-of-the-year) and shortlisted for the European Museum of the Year Award 2024: <https://europeanforum.museum>.



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### **About Derby CAMRA**

Founded at the Alexandra Hotel in 1974, the Derby branch of the Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA) has been the champion of Derbyshire brewing for the last fifty years. The branch have actively promoted the city's varied and eclectic pub scene, been a voice for consumers and celebrated Derby as the Real Ale Capital of England. Run entirely by volunteers, Derby CAMRA welcome all who would like to join the campaign to promote and protect our city's superb pubs and brewing industry.

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