



To celebrate 10 years since the discovery of the largest treasure of Anglo-Saxon gold and silver objects - the Staffordshire Hoard - we're inviting you to explore the amazing treasures Stoke-on-Trent has to offer, and share your stories of visiting them by tagging **#MyStokeStory** on social media.

This guide outlines 20 key treasures in and around the city, ranging from the distinctive bottle ovens which stand proud at Gladstone Pottery Museum and Middleport Pottery, to the historic World of Wedgwood; the famous Emma Bridgewater spots; the beautiful Trentham Fairies and many, many more.

So why not make a day of it, or come back for another visit, and see just how many treasures you can experience in our wonderful city?



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WHAT'S YOUR STOKE STORY?

We would love to see your photos and hear your stories of these, and any new or undiscovered treasures in Stoke-on-Trent. Simply tag **#MyStokeStory** on your social media posts and you'll be entered into a monthly prize draw to win tickets for up-coming events across the city.

For more information on any of these treasures, and lots more amazing cultural destinations in Stoke-on-Trent, please visit www.mystokestory.co.uk

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MIDDLEPORT POTTERY

1 Steam Engine
The William Boulton Steam Engine is the last example of a Burslem built engine in its original setting, making it of national importance to industrial heritage. It was designed specifically for Middleport in 1888 and powered the whole factory up to the mid-20th Century.

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2 Dane
One of Britain's last remaining wooden built narrow boats, Dane, is permanently moored at Middleport Pottery following a £150,000 restoration. The 70ft narrow boat is believed to have been used to transport china clay to the Potteries, and other materials from the city to the North West.

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3 Burleigh
Burleigh pottery has been created at Middleport using traditional methods since 1889. View the beautiful showroom to see Burleigh ware produced over the years, walk around the original Victorian offices, and learn about the people and events that shaped Burleigh pottery.

TRENTHAM GARDENS

4 Trentham Fairies
We all know that fairies live at the bottom of the garden, and Trentham Gardens is no exception! Take the fairy trail and keep your eyes peeled as you walk around the beautiful mile long lake, through the woodland, maze and gardens where the fairies live.

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5 Perseus
At the head of the Italian Gardens stands Perseus, at the moment he has slain Medusa, holding her head aloft! This iconic statue is a 19th Century copy of Benvenuto Cellini's original 1550s masterpiece, and is one of the biggest free-standing bronze sculptures in the UK.

THE POTTERIES MUSEUM & ART GALLERY

6 Ozzy the Owl
Ozzy first came to the world's attention on an episode of the BBC's Antiques Roadshow in March 1990. He was acquired shortly afterwards by the museum to join the significant slipware collection and is one of the museum's most iconic objects.

7 The First Day's Vase
This vase was thrown on 13th June 1769 by Josiah Wedgwood while his business partner, Thomas Bentley, turned the wheel. It commemorates the first day's production at the new Etruria factory and the start of the Wedgwood & Bentley partnership.

8 The Staffordshire Hoard
The Staffordshire Hoard is the largest collection of Anglo-Saxon gold and silver metalwork ever found, comprising over 4,000 items. Items on display at the museum include an iconic pectoral cross, a stunning pommel cap, and pieces of an elaborate Anglo-Saxon helmet - the grandest ever known from the period.

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GLADSTONE POTTERY MUSEUM

9 Flushed with Pride
A permanent exhibition which tells the story of the humble loo. Explore a pre-sanitation slum, see what's inside the giant toilet rolls, watch a film in a sewer and test your toilet knowledge with the Privial Pursuits quiz.

10 Bottle Ovens
There are now only 47 of these distinctive structures left in Stoke-on-Trent and Gladstone Pottery Museum has the largest and best kept collection. No #MyStokeStory would be complete without a bottle oven selfie!

11 Pottery Demonstrations
See expert ceramicists demonstrating traditional pottery skills including casting, bone china flower making, hand decorating and throwing pots. There is also the chance to create your own pottery masterpiece to take home.

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WORLD OF WEDGWOOD

12 Figure Making
Unchanged since it was pioneered by Josiah Wedgwood, the iconic Jasperware is still to this day produced by hand using incredible craftsmanship. Witness how this delicate work creates some of the most iconic pieces, including the famous Wedgwood blue and white collections.

13 Mr Newby
Mr Newby was a travelling salesman for Wedgwood in the early 20th Century who scaled the country selling Wedgwood wares to old and new customers. On his retirement in 1951 he was presented with a statuette of himself which is now in the V&A Collection at World of Wedgwood.

14 Josiah Wedgwood Plate Wall
The Josiah plate wall installation is inspired by Sir Joshua Reynolds' iconic 1782 portrait of Josiah Wedgwood. The pixelate Josiah Wedgwood is approximately 9 metres high and 6 metres wide and was created using over 1,100 Wedgwood plates. Take a picture and see how the pixels come together - a perfect #MyStokeStory selfie!

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OTHER TREASURES

15 Staffordshire University Nature Trail
Staffordshire University has a number of green and open areas rich in, and helping to support, biodiversity, including approximately 40 hectares of playing fields and a dedicated Natural Heritage Nature Reserve of some 10 hectares - one of the most important wildlife sites in the city.

16 The Big Feast
Appetite's annual free festival of arts and performance, The Big Feast, returns to the streets of Stoke-on-Trent City Centre during August Bank Holiday weekend with the most jam-packed programme yet including not one, but two UK premieres and some seriously inspiring and entertaining acts.

17 The British Ceramics Biennial 2019
This five week-long internationally acclaimed festival returns to Stoke-on-Trent between 7 September and 13 October, with an ambitious programme of exhibitions, site-specific installations, events and hands on activities, all designed to celebrate and promote contemporary ceramics.

18 Emma Bridgewater
The beautiful sunny Victorian factory was awarded two of VisitEngland's top accolades for 'Best Told Story' and 'Quality Food & Drink' in 2017. Head on a fascinating factory tour, try your hand at decorating a piece of your very own unique Emma Bridgewater pottery or relax for lunch in the beautiful kitchen sat beside the iconic spotty Aga.

19 Arnold Bennett Statue
The two metre high bronze sculpture of novelist, playwright and essayist Arnold Bennett is located outside the Potteries Museum and Art Gallery. Sit alongside, shake hands and have your photograph taken with Stoke-on-Trent's most famous literary son.

20 Monkey Forest
Trentham Monkey Forest is home to 140 free-roaming Barbary macaques. Walk the $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile woodland path and see the monkeys living as they would in the wild, playing on the ground and in the trees - just don't be surprised if they stroll on the path straight in front of you.

