



**HANDCRAFTED
HERITAGE
TAMWORTH**

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Handcrafted Heritage is a new initiative by Tamworth Castle to create opportunities to see, make and learn about traditional heritage crafts.

We aim to build relationships between local artists, businesses, education providers and community groups and encourage the sharing of ideas, skills and knowledge.

Our activities include:

- Exhibitions
- Demonstrations
- Public events
- Heritage craft workshops
- Encouraging discussion and training around heritage craft practice
- Partnership working with local artists, businesses and community groups
- Supporting heritage craftspeople to continue to practice, nurture and pass on their craft skills to future generations

#heritagecrafts

A heritage craft is defined as:

“A practice which employs manual dexterity and skill at the point of production, an understanding of traditional materials, design and techniques, and which has been practised for two or more successive generations.”



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Handcrafted Heritage is collaborating with local craftspeople and community groups to deliver a range of craft activities in the local community, including pottery, willow weaving, stone masonry, wood carving, textiles and blacksmithing.

We want to raise awareness and interest in heritage craft skills, to engage new and existing audiences, particularly young people and those at risk of social isolation.



Heritage crafts local to Tamworth

Tamworth has strong historic links with the clay industry and traditional crafts such as textiles and blacksmithing.

In the late 18th Century, Mr Robert Peel (MP for Tamworth) built cotton mills in the Castle Grounds and rented Tamworth Castle to use as a blacksmiths forge.

The company of Gibbs and Canning was established in Glascote, Tamworth, in 1846. They were clay manufacturers and became internationally famous for their fine architectural terracotta and glazed tiles commissioned for buildings in London, Hong Kong, USA and Canada.

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Crafting for well-being

Crafting offers a wide range of benefits for our mental and physical well-being. It can allow the mind and body to slow down, which can help to reduce the feelings of stress and anxiety. Taking part in group craft activities can also help to develop connections and relationships with other people.

[#craftingforwellbeing](#)

Keeping heritage craft techniques alive

Handcrafted Heritage is working with local craftspeople to support them to continue to practice, nurture and pass on their craft skills to the next generation. Heritage crafts have contemporary relevance through the connection with skills development, conservation, sustainability, and ethical use of natural resources and can provide an opportunity for people to establish themselves as artists and demonstrators.

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