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Museum of the Jewellery Quarter

The Museum of the Jewellery Quarter tells the story of Birmingham's world famous 'Jewellery Quarter'. There are live demonstrations of traditional jewellery-making skills and visitors can get first-hand experience of what it was like to work in this noisy and busy workshop.

Location: 75-79 Vyse Street, Hockley, Birmingham, B18 6HA

Opening times: Easter to October Tuesday - Sunday 11.30am - 4pm

More information: 0121 554 3598 or bmag.enquiries@birmingham.gov.uk

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St Chad's Catholic Cathedral

One of the finest neo-gothic church buildings in England, built to the design of Augustus Welby Pugin and opened in 1841. It contains some splendid 19th century stained glass made by Hardmans, a 16th century Flemish pulpit, and a late medieval statue of the Virgin Mary. It also houses one of the largest new manual organs in the UK. **Location:** Cathedral House, St. Chad's Queensway, Birmingham B4 6EU **More Information**: www.birminghamheritage.org.uk/stchad.htm

Ludgershall Castle and Cross

In the pretty village of Ludgershall sit the ruins of a Royal castle, dating mainly from the 12th and 13th centuries. Three large walls remain of the private residence, which was turned into a hunting lodge by Henry III but fell into disuse by the 15th Century. The property is now under the care of English Heritage. The remains of the medieval cross stand in the centre of the village.

Location: Ludgershall, Wiltshire

Opening Times: Daily

More Information: Visit www.wiltshire.gov.uk/community/getconcise.php?id=145

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Sherwood Forest

World famous as the legendary home of Robin Hood! Sherwood Forest National Nature Reserve contains some of the oldest trees in Europe, including veteran oaks five centuries old, and the Major Oak, which still produces acorns after standing at the heart of **Sherwood Forest** for an estimated 800 years!

Location: Edwinstowe Nottinghamshire NG12 9HN

Opening Times: All day, every day

More Information: +44 (0)1623 823-202

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