



**THE
BLACK COUNTRY
LIVING
MUSEUM**
PRESS RELEASE

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Behind the Scenes at the Living Museum
Thursday September 6th and Friday September 7th,

Discover hidden gems behind the scenes at the Black Country Living Museum on Thursday 6th and Friday 7th September, when the Museum is opening its stores to the public as part of the Heritage Open Days Programme 2007.

Rare and unusual objects, many never seen before, will be on display and reveal a wealth of Black Country social and industrial history. This year the Museum will be including the first ever showing of new additions to the Harry Eccleston artwork collection. Eccleston's work will be familiar to anyone in Britain over the age of thirty as the Black Country artist designed our bank notes from 1958 to 1983.

Costume collections, toy collections, gasmasks, a WWII Mortar bomb, model steam engines, canal boats, planes and trolley buses; typewriters, laundry equipment, early vacuum cleaners, sewing machines – are just a few of the items illustrating life in the Black Country! Objects range from the rarely seen to the 'once seen never forgotten' and even include a miniature coffin!

Hourly guided tours start at 10.30, 11.30, 14.30 and 15.30 on Thursday 6th and Friday 7th September. Places are limited and visitors are encouraged to sign up early on the day to avoid disappointment.

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Photo Opportunities

Image attached. Journalists and photographers and invited to attend on Thursday September 6th and Friday September 7th.

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The Museum is only three miles from Junction 2 of the M5 Motorway, and five miles from junction 10 of the M6 and is easily accessible from the Midlands Motorway network.

Opening times – every day from 10am until 5pm.