



The groups worked together to create mosaics inspired by the twin towns. The artwork representing Coalville was presented to the town of Romans sur Isère and the work representing Romans remains here in Coalville (Council Offices).

This work was funded by The Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation and by North West Leicestershire District Council.



**Banners on Lamps**

Coalville is a more colourful place to visit following the installation of 55 banners on lamp posts around the Town Centre. The banners aim to get people talking about the hidden history and positive attributes of Coalville. New banner designs are scheduled to be installed in January 2011. Project funded by the Town Centre Partnership and the County Council.

## Other Local Public Art Projects

### Town Twinning Mosaic Located in the Council Offices

In 2003 Mantle Arts commissioned mosaic artists Peter and Alison Massey of Zanturn Studios to work with groups of young people from Coalville and from Coalville's twin town of Romans sur Isère, France during the latter's exchange visit to this country.



### Picnic in the Park Mosaics Located in the Council Offices

Picnic in the Park 10th Anniversary Mosaic project, was led by artist Tamara Froud. Members of the community helped piece together the designs during the Picnic in the Park event. A wall plaque was created in 2008 to celebrate 10 years of Picnic in the Park and it captures the colourful nature of the event on a sunny day blending a sunshine with a flower. Both Picnic in the Park Mosaic Projects are funded by The District Council.



# COALVILLE PUBLIC ART TRAIL

**COALVILLE**  
TOWN CENTRE PARTNERSHIP

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## Further Information on Arts Trail

### 1 – Hugglescote Bear

Project funded by the Hugglescote and Donington le Heath Forum.

### 2 – Hugglescote Gateway

This project was funded by the Sence Valley Environmental Improvement Forum, The National Forest Company, Leicestershire County Council and Mantle Arts.

### 3 – Irish Elk Snibston

The project is funded by Sustrans.

### 4 – Memorial Square Panels

Project funding was provided by the District Council.

### 6 – Phoenix Green Mural

Funding was provided by Leicestershire County Council, Mantle Arts and David Wilson Homes.

### 7 – Sustrans Phoenix Green Milepost

Project funded by Sustrans.

### 8 – Forest Road Mural

This project was developed and funded by a partnership comprising Leicestershire County Council, Mantle Arts, The National Forest Company, Network Rail, Ibstock Brick Ltd, Leicestershire Youth Service and North West Leicestershire District Council with funding in part through the County Council's FLAG grant scheme.

## With thanks to the following

Coalville Town Centre Partnership  
Mantle Arts  
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North West Leicestershire District Council  
ThreeOneZero Design

## Further Information on Arts Trail 5 – The Mother and Child Statue & Miners' Statue

### Mother and Child Statue

The project was funded by Triland (Coalville) Ltd and the excellence of the sculpture was recognised by the Royal Society of British Sculptors by its award of the Sir Otto Beit Medal for best Sculpture of 1963.

### Miners' Statue

In its edition of 8 March 1996, the Coalville Times put forward a proposal for a memorial to mark the 100th Anniversary of the Whitwick Pit disaster in 1998. As interest slowly developed, local businessman Phil Holland gave the initial donation to start a fund for installation of a statue at Snibston Discovery Park. However in July the Leicestershire NUJM and NACODS expressed a wish that it should be a memorial for all Leicestershire miners who lost their lives. A Memorial committee was set up on the 2 August and it invited entries to a competition. This was won by sculptor Judith Holmes Drewry of Le Blanc Fine Arts, Saxby who with her husband Lloyd Le Blanc were awarded the commission to spend £20,000 on its production from the total £24,000 raised by the appeal.

### Jewels in the Town

In 1997 Mantle Arts in partnership with North West Leicestershire District Council commissioned artists Nicki Greaves and Mandy Ward to work with Newbridge High School, The Bridge Club, Greenhill Youth Club, Greenhill Girls' Club, Greenhill After School Club, Greenhill Adult Basic Education Group, Coalville Community Resource Centre, The Springboard Centre, Marlene Reid Family Group, Marlene Reid Playday Group and The New Opportunities Workshop. Funding for this project was provided by North West Leicestershire District Council.



# Coalville Public Art Trail



## 1. Hugglescote Bear

Unveiled November 2008. Commissioned and funded by the Hugglescote and Donington le Heath Forum supported by Mantle Arts, the bear was created by sculptor Thomas Kenrick and is inspired by a legend involving a man, a bear and a coat which is supposed to explain how the village got its name!

Distance from Memorial Square: 3/4 mile



## 2. Hugglescote Gateway

Installed January 2010. A project run by Mantle Arts in partnership with Leicestershire County Council. Sculptor Hilary Cartmel worked with students from Hugglescote Primary School and Newbridge High School and with the U Youth Group and the Church Lads and Girls from Hugglescote to create images based on trees. 'Hands' representing the leaves on the branches connect the village to its history - people working with hands on the land & mines.

Distance from Memorial Square: 1 mile



## 3. Irish Elk Snibston

Designed and created by artist Sally Matthews to a commission by Sustrans and paid for by The Millennium Commission.

Distance from Memorial Square: 3/4 mile



## 4. Memorial Square Panels

In 2006 North West Leicestershire District Council together with Mantle Arts commissioned artist Salina Somalya to create decorative steel panels for Memorial Square. The panels are inspired by the past, present and future of Coalville. Also note the superb clock tower built in 1925 which commemorated the end of both World Wars.



## 6. Phoenix Green Mural

Unveiled May 2007. A project run by Mantle Arts in partnership with Leicestershire County Council and North West Leicestershire District Council. Artists Kirsty Whitrow and Paul Barrand of Artists Anonymous worked with groups of young people from Greenhill Youth Centre, Durban House and Newbridge Youth Group to create this mural on the railway footbridge at Phoenix Green.

Distance from Memorial Square: 1/4 mile



### Cycle Routes

Open section  
National Cycle Network  
Route 52

Planned section  
National Cycle Network  
Route 52

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See section overleaf for additional information

### Key

- Roads
- Park
- Parking
- School or College
- Jewels in Town
- Railway
- Buildings
- Place of Worship
- Public Art Trail



## 7. Sustrans Phoenix Green Milepost

The Milepost was cast from one of four different Millennium Milepost patterns commissioned by Sustrans to celebrate the opening of the National Cycle Network on Midsummers Day 2000.

[www.sustrans.org.uk](http://www.sustrans.org.uk)

Distance from Memorial Square: 1/4 mile

## 8. Forest Road Mural

Unveiled in May 2008. A project run by Mantle Arts in partnership with Leicestershire County Council and North West Leicestershire District Council. Artists Kirsty Whitrow and Paul Barrand of Artists Anonymous worked with young people from Saint Clare's Catholic Primary School, Newbridge High School, Belvoirdale Community Primary School and Durban House.

Distance from Memorial Square: 3/4 mile



## 5. The Mother and Child Statue

The sculpture made by John Roydon Thomas shows a mother proudly looking forward with her child looking behind her at a string shopping bag she holds, which contains lumps of coal, a bobbin, books, a baby doll and another item representing the commerce, mining, elastic web weaving, Pallitoy and other industries of the town. It was unveiled on 11 October 1963 by Col. P. H. Lloyd, Chairman of Leicestershire County Council and was later installed in 1988 by the County Council on its present site in front of the Library on High Street.

## 5. Miners' Statue

This statue was unveiled in High Street in 1998, on the site of the old Coalville Station, by David Taylor, MP and Rt. Rev. William Down, assistant Bishop of Leicester exactly 100 years to the day after the Whitwick Pit disaster. It is inscribed "This memorial is dedicated to all miners of Leicestershire who gave their lives winning the coal."

## Jewels in the Town

A series of mosaic panels (Jewels in the Town) are sited on various buildings around Coalville. Each panel drew its inspiration from the building itself or from some aspect of the history of Coalville. The panels can be seen at Coalville Library (A), The Springboard Centre (B), Coalville Health Centre (C&D), The Marlene Reid Centre (E), Care and Repair West Leicestershire (H), Coalville Market Hall (F) and Belvoir Shopping Centre (G).

