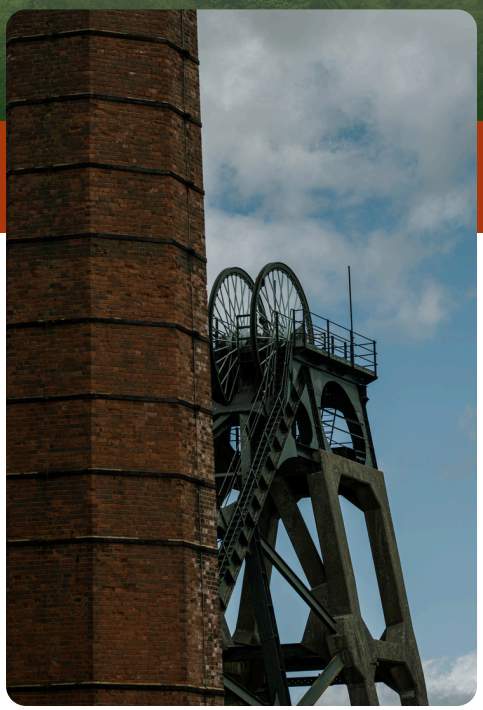
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# NEWSLETTER

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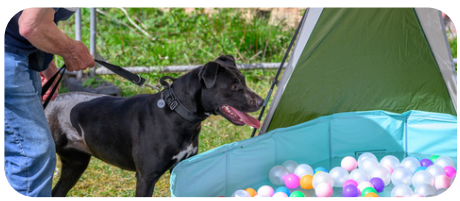


IMPACT SNAPSHOT

## New Events This Year

**10,000**
**Overall New Visitors**
Eestimated numbers

**420**
**Volunteers Hours**
Generous time donated by our supporters.



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EVENTS 2026

# Pleasley Pit Presents...

Throughout 2026, Pleasley Pit Trust has hosted an exciting range of events, bringing our local community together, welcoming new visitors and showcasing everything our fantastic site has to offer. We kicked off the year with Paws on the Pit Path, followed by our very first Dog Show, Easter Weekend and Dog Party Weekend, filling our green space with families, wagging tails and plenty of fun! We also hosted our Murder at the Pit event, Food & Drinks Festival and a variety of family friendly activities, including our popular messy crafts sessions. Each event has created opportunities for people to come together, make memories and discover more about Pleasley Pit. Most importantly, these events have helped us reach new audiences and raise valuable funds that go straight back into supporting, improving and preserving our site for the future.

Our standout event of the year was our annual Heritage Weekend in September, welcoming around 1,400 visitors across the two days! The weekend brought our mining heritage to life with historic vehicles, classic cars, live music, re-enactments, workshops, and a fantastic selection of food and drink. We were also delighted to welcome a very special guest, Bud the pit pony from the National Coal Mining Museum, who helped make the weekend even more memorable.

Alongside our larger events, we've continued to grow our smaller community activities throughout the year, creating even more opportunities for people to get involved, learn something new and enjoy everything Pleasley Pit has to offer. None of this would be possible without the dedication of our incredible volunteers, staff, trustees and event partners, whose support helps bring our site to life year after year.



Dog Show 2026

NATIONAL HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND

# OUR PROJECT

Since joining Pleasley Pit Trust through Lottery Fund support, I have focused on developing our events programme, attracting new audiences and creating opportunities for Pleasley Pit Trust to grow. I have helped organise and promote a wide range of events throughout the year, while working closely with traders, event partners and local businesses to build strong working relationships. I have also been working alongside Chief Operating Officer Deborah Darrington, supporting the wider development of the Trust and helping to identify new opportunities for the site, our events and our community.

Alongside events, I have been working to strengthen Pleasley Pit Trust social media presence and build our online platforms, helping more people discover what we have to offer. I am developing our business network and creating connections with local organisations and businesses, while building stronger relationships within the community. I have also become involved in our school visits, helping classes explore the country park through map reading, compass work and outdoor activities. I have supported the growth of our café and museum by increasing awareness and attracting visitors, while also encouraging new people to get involved with the Trust. So far this year, I have helped bring 13 new volunteers into Pleasley Pit Trust, strengthening our volunteer team and helping us continue to develop the site and its activities.










TRADERS FROM EVENTS

## FEEDBACK

### JULES - Jules Wax Melts

**Sunday 22ND March 2026**

"I just wanted to email you to say that we had an amazing day. Trade was very good for us but more importantly we felt valued and looked after. That is super rae on one day events. Thank you for all your hard work. The public had a great day and after speaking to other traders during pack up they did too! We look forward to tradeing with you again in the future. Much love Jules"

### DAN - Norished Pets

**Saturday 21st March 2026**

"I just want to say how great today was. The organisation of the event and the staff were fantastic. All so welcoming and friendly. We would love to work with you more in the future, not just at fayres/stalls. Many thanks Dan"

**Note from Nicole:**

It's been an exciting year at Pleasley Pit, with lots happening behind the scenes and plenty of new opportunities taking shape. I'm really looking forward to seeing what the future brings and continuing to work with our amazing volunteers, supporters, visitors and local community

# A Fresh New Look...

We've introduced exciting new branding, including a brand new logo and refreshed brand colours, giving us a stronger, more recognisable identity as we continue to grow and welcome new audiences. Our new look reflects what makes Pleasley Pit Trust special, bringing our three core values to life: **People**, **Place** and **Nature**.

Our updated branding will help us tell the story of our 350 million year old site more clearly, raise awareness of everything we offer and create a recognisable identity across our website, social media and promotional materials. With a fresh new look and exciting opportunities ahead, there's plenty to look forward to as we continue to grow, reach new audiences and take Pleasley Pit Trust confidently into the future!

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PROJECT SERIES

# Preserving Pleasley Pit: A Community Legacy

Our museum volunteers have had a fantastic year, welcoming visitors from across the UK. From Aberdeen to Abergavenny, they have shared the story of Pleasley Pit and coal mining with audiences of all generations.

They have supported local school visits with engaging museum tours, helped Cubs and community groups discover more about the history of coal mining, and continued to make the museum an exciting place to learn.

Our model railway project is also coming along brilliantly, giving visitors an even greater opportunity to see and understand Pleasley Pit's industrial past. Alongside this, we have welcomed fantastic new volunteers to the museum team, bringing fresh enthusiasm, knowledge and ideas.

When the pit closed, the site was originally at risk of being turned into landfill. A group of local people refused to let that happen. Through their determination and hard work, they helped protect the site and began the journey towards preserving Pleasley Pit for future generations. Their efforts ultimately helped establish the site as a Scheduled Monument, recognising its importance as a unique part of our industrial heritage.

That legacy continues today through the work of Pleasley Pit Trust, our volunteers and the wider community. We are continually working to restore, improve and bring the site to life, ensuring that its history can be experienced and understood by generations to come.

## Economic Value Over The Last 12 Months

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| **Weekly Volunteering Hours :** | **183 Per Week** |
| **Annual Volunteering Hours:** | **9,516 Hours** |
| **NLW Figure:** | **£120,948.36** |
| **Volunteers:** | **39** |

# BE PART OF THE CHANGE

## Volunteer

Do you have a few hours to spare each month or can volunteer more regularly, there are plenty of ways to get involved at Pleasley Pit Trust.

From helping at our events and welcoming visitors to supporting our museum, café, country park and community activities, every contribution makes a difference.

Come and join our friendly team of volunteers and be a part of something special.
**Volunteering@pleasleypittrust.org.uk**

## Donate

Every donation helps Pleasley Pit Trust continue to be here for our community. Your support helps us care for this special place, develop new projects, welcome more people and protect Pleasley Pit Trust's for the future.

***DONATE HERE SCAN THE QR CODE***

## Partner With Us

We believe in the power of working together to make a lasting difference. Partner with Pleasley Pit Trust to support our
**People** I **Place** I **Nature** values.

Through training, support and opportunities to gain recognised certifications, we're helping local people build confidence, develop new skills and reach their potential. By working together, we can create new opportunities, strengthen our community and build a brighter future for people and the place we share.

## Follow along and be part of our journey.

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