

Photography Exhibition of Twinned Towns – June 2012

The project involved the creation of an exhibition of photojournalism on the different twin towns according to predefined themes. The exhibition will then be displayed for a few weeks, probably in the lobby of Grand Quevilly Town Hall. Its opening will be attended by delegations from sister towns at the time of Bakayades 2012.

Objective: To explore the Twin Towns of Tocqueville, presenting them through the various images on specific topics, and allow them to see the differences and similarities between them.

Themes: (Number of pictures: 40)

- A general view of the town 1
- Outside The Town Hall 1
- The Town Hall inside 2
- The main street 1
- The view most representative of the town 1
- Green spaces 3
- Schools 2
- Habitat (collective and individual) 4
- Sports equipment 3
- Cultural facilities 3
- Commercial spaces 3
- Industrial Spaces 3
- The agricultural and natural 2
- Places of worship 2
- Public transport 2
- Unusual Places 2
- The town at night
- A representative view of the town in winter 1
- A representative view of the town in spring 1
- A representative view of the town in summer 1
- A representative view of the town in autumn 1

Each town will complete its display with 10 additional photos of choice, on different themes.

Legends: Descriptive captions accompany each photo.



Hinckley & Bosworth
Borough Council

A Borough to be proud of



A general view of Hinckley Town.

Taken from the steeple of St Mary's Parish Church, this picture is an overview of Hinckley itself. From here, the viewer can see the Market Place and Regent Street. Hinckley is mentioned in Shakespeare's Henry IV Part 2:

"And Sir, do you mean to stop any of William's wages,
about the sack he lost the other day at Hinckley fair?"



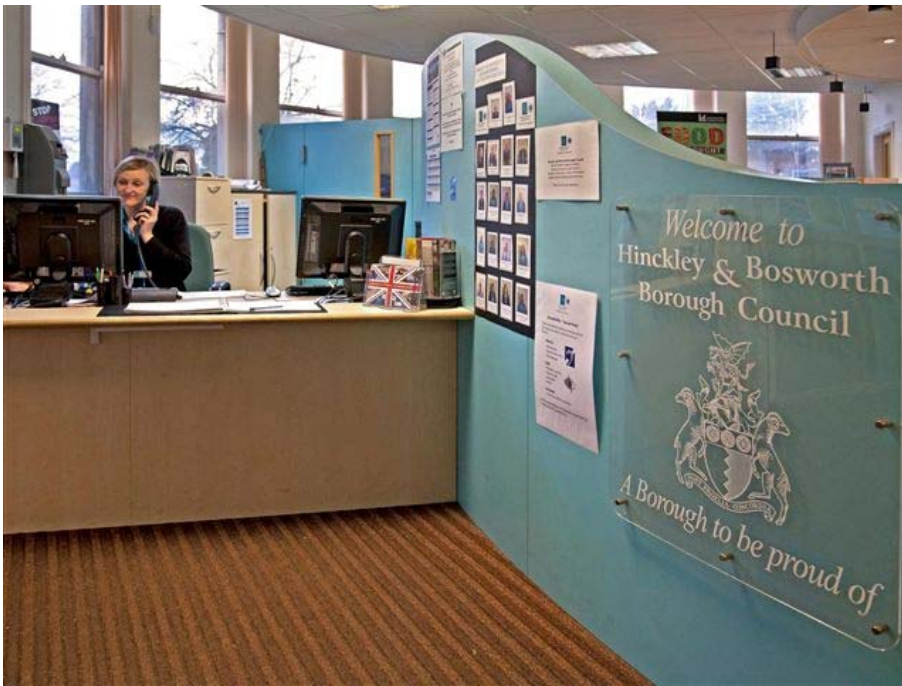
Outside the Council Offices in Argent's Mead.

Argents Mead, the local town gardens, was decreed to the public in 1948. Now home to the Council Offices, the earliest records of the council using this space was in 1959, when the first offices were occupied.



Inside the Council Chamber.

This large and subtly luxurious room is the main elliptical Council Chamber within the Council Building at Argent's Mead.



Inside the Council Offices.

The general hubbub of daily life, the Council reception deals with every aspect of citizenship within Hinckley and the neighbouring villages.



The main street.

Supposed to be the oldest street in the history of Hinckley, Castle Street encompassed the site of Hinckley Castle, St Mary's Parish Church and the Market Place.



The view which is most representative of Hinckley.

A bustling scene of Castle Street: a display of which is all too familiar to the locals, and its frequent visitors. Market days are Monday, Friday and Saturday.



Hollycroft Park: the entrance.

The entrance to Hollycroft Park sits on the corner of Shakespeare Drive, the Art Deco gates inscribed with "HUDC 1934". Just inside the entrance stands the illustrious Millennium Sun Dial, commissioned in the new millennium.



Hollycroft Park: the Bandstand.

Hollycroft Park of Hinckley was a gift from the notable Atkins family to the people of the town during World War II. The park boasts two tennis courts, a bowling green, a bandstand and lush gardens throughout. The park first opened to the public in 1935.



The Rock Gardens.

Dedicated to Hinckley's corresponding twin town, Grand Quevilly in neighbouring France, the Rock Gardens were opened in 1929 and contain a beautiful variety of shrubs, rockeries and flowerbeds. The small public space also accommodates the artistic sundial by Ray Jones which was commissioned at the same time as the Millennium Sundial in Hollycroft Park (2000).



North Warwickshire & Hinckley College.

North Warwickshire & Hinckley College began in 1910, catering primarily to mining students of the time. In 2009 construction began on this new college, adjacent to the Atkins Building, replacing the previous college; an £11million investment with state of the art facilities and technology.



St Mary's Church of England Primary School.

St Mary's Church of England Primary School sits on a restricted zone close to the town centre of Hinckley, and is very close to St Mary's Parish Church itself (seen behind). The school was built in the Victorian era. There are about 300 children in the school ranging from 4 to 11 years.



Ashby Court.

Ashby Court is located just over a mile away from the centre of Hinckley, and accommodates fifty flats for people aged sixty and over. The Court also houses a dining room, a conservatory, a guest suite, a garden, a hobbies room and a communal lounge.



Spa Lane Terraces.

Locally known as Applebees Walk, the Spa Lane Terraces are four bedroom houses styled on the Italian three tier villa.



Trinity Lane Apartments.

The Trinity Lane apartments are located on one of the most historically enriched roads in the town, bar Castle Street itself. Trinity Lane was a part of the town that concerned itself with the brewing and malting of ale back in the 19th Century.

Hollycroft Town Houses.

Backing onto, and overlooking the scenic Hollycroft Park, the Hollycroft houses run adjacent down the hill and were once a part of the Atkins Estate, before they were sold off as private houses during the Second World War.





Hinckley Rugby Club.

The first confirmed reports of Hinckley holding Rugby games dates back to the 1880's. In 1905, Hinckley played in the Leicestershire Rugby Union Combination Division III, against vaguely remembered teams such as the Leicester Harlequins and Wheatsheaf.



Self Defence Classes.

With more than twenty current self-defence classes in and around the Borough of Hinckley, it is no wonder the town and its surrounding neighbours has seen the rise of some homegrown champions in its time. This picture was taken in Richmond Primary School, Hinckley during a self-defence class.



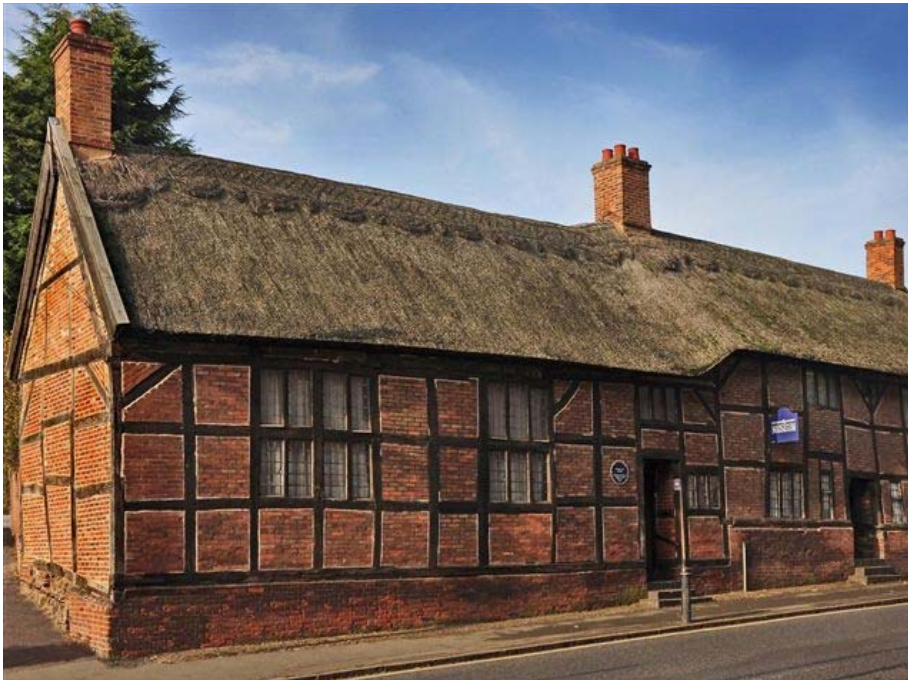
Hinckley Leisure Centre.

Hinckley Leisure Centre is a majestic building at the backdrop of the town centre. It houses a 25x12 metre main swimming pool, aqua pool for fitness and water polo, and a teaching pool that is perfect for delivering the Splash School swimming programme.



The Concordia Theatre.

Looming tall on the corner of Stockwell Head stands a red and magnolia painted building: Hinckley's renowned Concordia Theatre. Originally the remains of the abandoned *Moore Eady & Murcott Goode Ltd* hosiery factory, the conjoined building was renovated in 1969 to accommodate the playhouse.



Hinckley & District Museum.

Built in 1720, the lodge was originally used as a farmhouse, and was converted in the 1760's to Framework Knitter cottages. The building was renovated to make way for the Hinckley and District Museum in the mid 1990's. The museum houses what is considered to be the world's earliest framework knitting machine, and is still in working order today.



The Atkins Building.

Possibly the oldest surviving knitting firm in the world, the Atkins Building can be traced back to 1722 when Robert Atkins (1702-1768) opened the building as a hosiery factory.

The Atkins Building renovation began in 2009 and was officially reopened in September 2010. The building now houses a cultural café, gallery, business centre and artist studio workshop space. The building is located right next door to one of the primary college campus' in the town.



John Deere.

Formerly the Land Rover showroom situated at Hinckley's Trinity Marina, the property was taken over by the company John Deere in September 2010 when the firm was in need of expansion.



Morrisons Supermarket.

The fourth largest supermarket chain in the United Kingdom, Morrisons Supermarket came to Hinckley sometime around 2004, and established another one of their stores where Safeway had reigned for over eleven years previously.



Hinckley & Rugby Building Society.

The Hinckley & Rugby Building Society was formed in 1983 when Hinckley Permanent Building Society and Rugby Provident Building Society merged together, both of which were founded in the 1860's.



Logix Park.

Home to Johnson's Apparelmaster and Syncreon Technology, Johnson's first arrived at the site in 2008. Johnson's trades in workplace clothing, equipment, cleaning and maintenance services.



Logix Park 2.

Logix Park covers an impressive sixteen hectare site, and is a complex industrial estate strategically positioned on the A5 in Burbage with an easy access route to and from London.



Triumph Motorcycles.

Being the largest surviving motorcycle manufacturer in the UK, Triumph first arrived in Hinckley in 1987 and became one of the area's top employers. The Triumph factory was built from scratch by John Bloor, who had bought out Triumph Engineering in 1983 when the company went into receivership.



Normandy Way Allotments.

Just up the road, east of the Triumph Motorcycles factory stands a little plot of land in stark contrast against all the houses and the traffic rushing up and down the A47.



Burbage Common Wheat Fields.

Located on the outskirts of Hinckley, Burbage Common is semi-natural woodland with unspoilt grassland and spans over eighty hectares, of which some land is used for domestic farming. The gentle beauty of the backcountry is open to the public.



St Peter's Catholic Church.

The Roman Catholic Church opened its doors for the very first time in 1960, and 25 years later, through natural defects in the structure, it was demolished. The church was rebuilt and renamed the New Church of St. Peter in 1992.



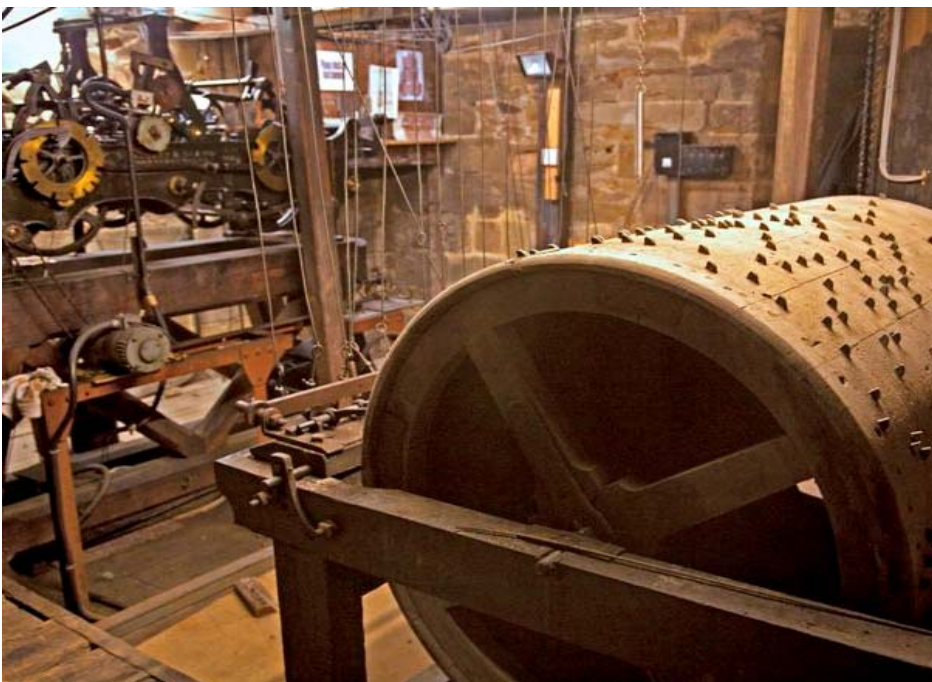
Hinckley Train Station.

The existing London & North Western Railway, from Nuneaton to Wigston, opened the first line to and from Hinckley and Nuneaton in 1862, but the track was not fully completed until 1863.



Hinckley Bus Station.

The first bus station in Hinckley was opened on 30th September in 1960, and involved shifting more than 3,700 tons of earth and laying 250 tons of hardcore concrete. The development of the Bus Station site has been secured by a grant of £80 million to create The Crescent to include a bowling alley, cinema complex and retail outlets.



Inside St Mary's church steeple.

John Cheshire, a surveyor and architect, rebuilt the steeple sometime in the 1788 after suffering extensive damage from time and the weather. Here, in the picture, you can see the carillon that operates the church bell.



St Mary's Parish Church.

The ancestral church of Hinckley, St Mary's was originally built by William Fitz-Osbern, a companion of William the Conqueror. It has stood for over nine hundred years, and is believed to be one of the oldest buildings in the town.



The yards of Hinckley.

Stephen Nathaniel Langham, a Hinckley native and middleweight bare-knuckle prize fighter, was born in 1820 at Cross Key's Yard (pictured), and straight into abject poverty. He went on to be the only person ever to defeat Thomas Sawyer in pugilism.

Cross Key's Yard was the epitome of the slums in Hinckley before they were demolished in 1937-1938.



Hinckley at Night.

At various intervals throughout the year, certain events attract the travelling fair. Here is a scene from Hinckley's Tin Hat Fair, in November 2011, which incorporates the Christmas Lights switch-on event.



Hinckley in Winter.

Winter, while sometimes cold and cruel, has a beauty that brings out elegance in the environmental surroundings that other seasons fail to conjure, and this is just one example to be seen around the seating area of the Argents Mead bandstand.



Hinckley in Spring.

There is nothing better than taking a walk in Argent's Mead, Hollycroft Park or the Rock Gardens in spring with the colourful contrast of the flowerbeds, the fresh green leaves of the Silver Birch and the vibrantly delicate pink blades of the Japanese Cherry Blossom.



Hinckley in Summer.

Summer in Hinckley is one of the most active parts of the year, with events such as the Proms in Hollycroft Park and the Hinckley Carnival, as well as various events held in Argents Mead.



Hinckley in Autumn.

Here St Mary's Parish Church can be seen amidst the fiery reds, dazzling golds and rustic oranges of the autumnal trees.



The Hansom Cab.

In 1834, Hinckley saw the very first Hansom Cab: a horse-drawn cart designed and patented in 1834 by architect Joseph Hansom (1803-1882), initially from York. The vehicle was tested by Hansom himself in the streets of Hinckley, and was originally called the Hanson Safety Cab. A model of the original design can be found in the grounds of the Hinckley Island Hotel.



Shenton Train Station.

Shenton Station once belonged to Ashby & Nuneaton united railway, established in 1873. The last passenger train rambled down the track in 1931, even though the line remained open for trade wagons until 1970. Not long thereafter, the track and ballast were removed.

Following plans for the station to be removed, the station was rebuilt after being taken down brick by brick.



Barwell Indoor Bowls.

The Barwell Indoor Bowls Club is a family friendly centre that is open all year round, and houses six indoors rinks, a luxurious lounge and a restaurant (Jack High Restaurant). The club boasts in excess of over 850 associated members, topped off with a polite and sociable outfit of staff.



Hinckley Marina.

Barges sail up and down the Ashby Canal on an almost daily basis, some even pitching overnight. Hinckley Wharf Boating Club and the Hinckley Water Activities Training Centre are both family friendly and open to membership.



Mallory Park.

Local to the outskirts of Hinckley and its surrounding villages is Mallory Park. Once a 200 acre estate owned by the Noel family, Mallory Park was founded in the 1940's and started its life as a Pony Trotting track. Mallory Park hosts over 35 races each year, and also hosts open air concerts and corporate functions.



Market Bosworth Hunt.

Going back for more than two hundred and fifty years, fox hunting has played a major role in Hinckley and Bosworth's ancestral antiquity.



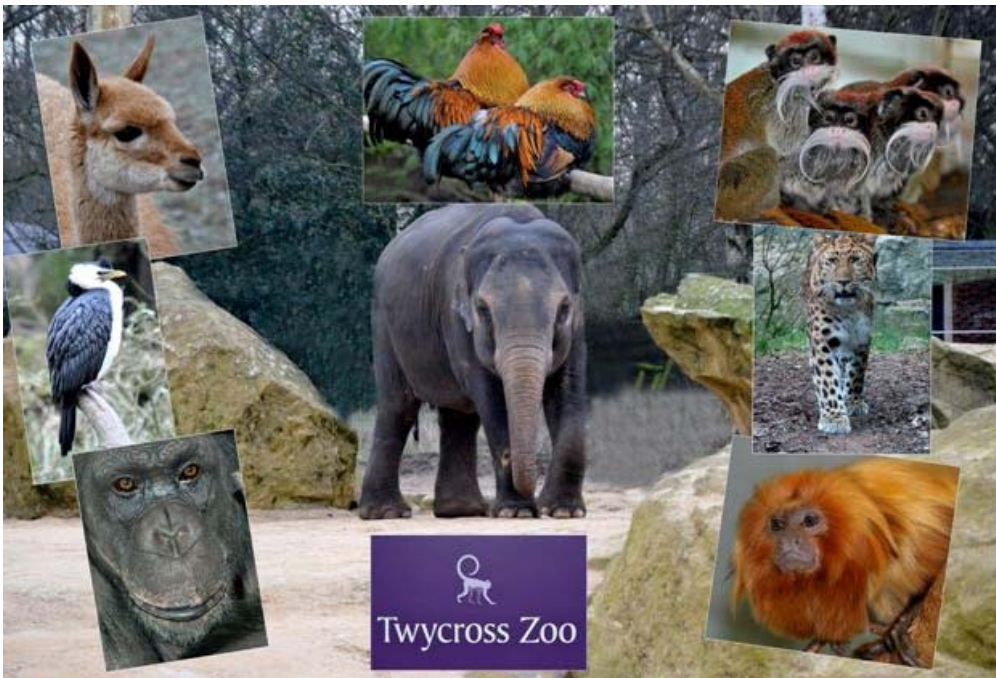
Hinckley War Memorial

The War Memorial was erected on site of Hinckley Castle in 1920 and primarily commemorates the memories of our fallen servicemen in both the First World War and Second World War, but names from more recent conflicts such as the Falklands and Afghanistan have been appended.



Hinckley Club for Young People – Green Towers.

Intended as a leisure and recreation centre, the Green Towers building cost over £5 million to construct and furnish. The complex, designed categorically for youths, was voted the East Midlands best new building of 2011. Green Towers is a non-profit charity dedicated to helping the youth community of Hinckley & Bosworth.



Twycross Zoo.

The internationally renowned zoo was founded in 1963 by Molly Badham, and has the largest collection of primates in the world, plus the diversity of over 1,000 other animals housed at the zoo (snow leopards, tigers, reptiles, and birds).



Joe David – the Town Crier.

Dating back to the 18th Century, town criers (or bellmen) were officers of the local court, spreading news to the public by ringing a handheld bell and yelling harmoniously. Joe David (pictured) spent 26 years in the Royal Artillery and a further twenty years as a Beefeater Guard at the Tower of London before spending several years as Town Crier. He hung up his bell in 2010.