

## Websites of interest

[www.aviationheritagelincolnshire.com](http://www.aviationheritagelincolnshire.com)  
[www.ahleducation.org.uk](http://www.ahleducation.org.uk)  
[www.visitlincolnshire.com/aviation/attractions.aspx](http://www.visitlincolnshire.com/aviation/attractions.aspx)  
[www.heritageofflight.co.uk](http://www.heritageofflight.co.uk)



USAAF personnel at Saltby



Awaiting their departure to infiltrate behind enemy lines at Arnhem are the paratroopers from the 1st Parachute Battalion.




Fulbeck's former watch room



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### Key:

 Places to visit



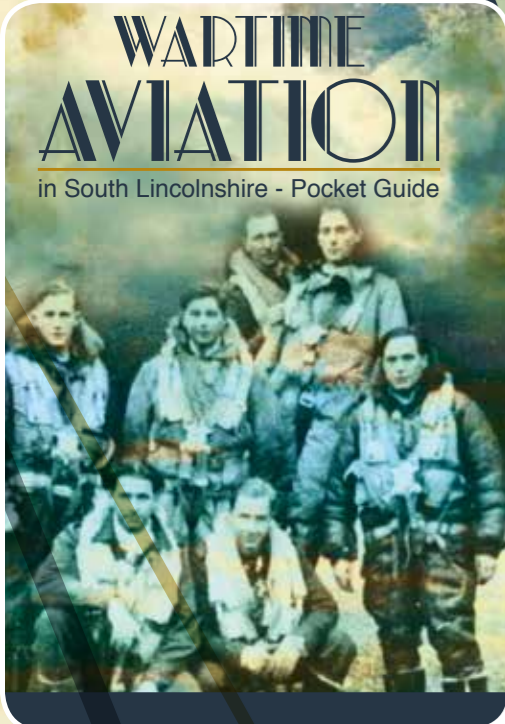
A common sight in Grantham during WWII

## Airfield Sites

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| 1 Aslackby: memorial to British & American parachute and glider troops     | 11 Harlaxton: Australian WWI fighter squadron & WWII relief landings |
| 2 Buckminster: 38 Squadron tackling WWI Zeppelin threat                    | 12 Long Bennington: Lancaster crew memorial                          |
| 3 Barkston Heath: launched two major WWII airborne assaults                | 13 Ropsley: Spitfire pilot memorial                                  |
| 4 Belton: first RAF Regiment depot and training ground                     | 14 North Witham: D-Day Pathfinders 82nd & 101st Airborne Divisions   |
| 5 Belvoir (Vale of): aircraft crash sites in the Vale                      | 15 Saltby: D-Day operations with 82nd Airborne Division              |
| 6 Bottesford: Manchesters, Lancasters and Dakota C-47 aircraft             | 16 South Witham: Air Ammunition Park & Tallboy bomb store            |
| 7 Caythorpe: shrine to airborne forces through the years                   | 17 St Vincents: Home to 5 Group Bomber Command and USAAF HQ          |
| 8 Folkingham: USAAF Troop Carrier Command & Thor missiles                  | 18 Woolfox Lodge: Operation Glimmer D-day deception operation        |
| 9 Fulbeck: USAAF Troop Carrier Command & Screaming Eagles                  | 19 Market Deeping: ROTOR radar: underground radar control bunker     |
| 10 Grantham / Spitalgate: WWI, Tiger Moths, Bomber Command & WWII training |  |

Our pocket guide is designed to help plot your journey around the many memorable aviation heritage sites in South Lincolnshire. Please see our 'Heritage of Flight' booklet for full details.

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# Welcome to the district

**Grantham** is a town of firsts – the first discovery of gravity, first female Prime Minister, first female police officer and first diesel engine. It's also home to the first gingerbread, still made in the town, and the first UK tractor. A biennial Gravity Fields Festival celebrates the discoveries of Isaac Newton and visitors gravitate to his birthplace – Woolsthorpe Manor.

**Stamford** was voted the best place to live in the UK by The Sunday Times, an award secured by its stunning Georgian architecture, independent shops and sheer warmth of welcome. It's a real visitor hotspot, with busy Tourist Information Centre, wonderful places to stay, a delightful arts centre with full entertainment programme and guided tours.

**Bourne** has been a settlement since the Roman invasion. Today with its red brick buildings it is a bustling small market town, famous as the place where English racing Automobiles (ERA) and British Racing Motors (BRM) were built. As the gateway to the fens it offers Bourne Heritage centre as an attraction and nearby Bourne Woods for quality walking.

**The Deepings** Market Deeping and the village of Deeping St James are picturesque settlements in a district ranked one of the best in the country to live, according to a 2013 Halifax Quality of Life survey. In Market Deeping fish and chip shops have cornered the market in industry accolades with two of the country's best outlets.

For more information on the district visit:  
[www.southwestlincolnshire.co.uk](http://www.southwestlincolnshire.co.uk)

## Places to visit in South Kesteven

### St Wulfram's Church Church Street, Grantham NG31 6RR

A 13th-14th century church; 282 ft steeple, crypt, chained library, visitor centre, coffee shop.  
**01476 561342**

### Wyndham Park Hill Avenue, Grantham, NG31 9BB

Green Flag park, tearoom, bowling tennis courts, model boating, playground, sensory garden. To become WW1 Memorial Park.  
[www.wyndhamparkforum.org.uk](http://www.wyndhamparkforum.org.uk)

### The Guildhall Arts Centre St Peter's Hill, Grantham, NG31 6PZ

Lively arts centre with theatre, music and workshops, coffee shop and TIC.  
**01476 406158**  
[www.guildhallartscentre.com](http://www.guildhallartscentre.com)

### Belton House, Belton NG32 2LS

House, gardens, restaurant, gift shop, adventure playground.  
Mid March - end October.  
**01476 566116**  
[www.nationaltrust.org.uk/belton](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/belton)

### Harlaxton Manor Harlaxton, Nr Grantham, NG32 1AG



private college.  
Group tours by appointment.  
**01476 403000**  
[www.harlaxton.ac.uk](http://www.harlaxton.ac.uk)

### Woolsthorpe Manor, Woolsthorpe by Colsterworth, NG33 5PD

17th century birthplace and family home of Sir Isaac Newton + science discovery centre.  
**01476 860338**  
[www.nationaltrust.org.uk](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk)

### Manor Stables Craft Centre Lincoln Road, Fulbeck NG32 3JN

Unique centre for traditional and contemporary crafts with tea rooms.  
**01400 272779**  
[www.cuttinglane.com](http://www.cuttinglane.com)

### Belvoir Castle

Belvoir, Nr Grantham, NG31 1PE  
A romantic 19th century turreted castle, home to the Duke of Rutland.  
**01476 871026**  
[www.belvoircastle.com](http://www.belvoircastle.com)

### Grimsthorpe Castle, Nr Bourne, PE10 OLY

State rooms, 3,000 acres parkland, adventure playground, cycle trail, hire shop. April to September.  
**01778 591205**  
[www.grimsthorpe.co.uk](http://www.grimsthorpe.co.uk)



### Bourne Heritage Centre Baldocks Mill, 21 South Street, Bourne, PE10 9LY

Once a working mill, now heritage centre including Raymond Mays with BRM cups.  
**01778 422775**

### Stamford Arts Centre St Mary's Street, Stamford, PE9 2DL

Historic building, live arts, theatre, cinema & music, coffee shop and bar.  
**01780 763203**  
[www.stamfordartscentre.com](http://www.stamfordartscentre.com)

### Stamford Guided Town Walks

Jill Collinge, Blue Badge Guide on one of Britain's finest stone towns. Private or groups.  
**01780 410780**  
[jillcollinge2002@hotmail.com](mailto:jillcollinge2002@hotmail.com)  
[www.stamfordtours.co.uk](http://www.stamfordtours.co.uk)

### Stamford Town Hall St Mary's Street, Stamford, PE9 2DR

Purpose built in 1728, extensive regalia, free guided tours. Friday. 10am-3pm.  
**01780 753808**



### Browne's Hospital, Stamford, PE9 1PF

Unspoilt 1475 almshouses. Saturdays and Bank Holidays. Sunday tours by appointment.  
**01780 763746**  
[www.stamfordcivicsociety.org.uk](http://www.stamfordcivicsociety.org.uk)

### Burghley House Stamford, PE9 3JY

Impressive Elizabethan house, treasure-filled state rooms & Gardens of Surprises. House closed Fridays.  
**01780 752451**  
[www.burghley.co.uk](http://www.burghley.co.uk)



## How to get here



### Road

The A1 provides excellent links to the district along with the A15 which tracks a direct line through the heart of Lincolnshire to the M180 offering ease of north/east travel. There is also easy access via the A14, A16, M1, M6 and A52.

Places within 30-90 minutes journey time include Lincoln, Nottingham, Cambridge, Leicester and Peterborough.



### Rail

The East Coast Main Line passes through Grantham making the journey to Grantham from London King's Cross just over an hour.



### Air

For those travelling from further afield there are several international airports within easy reach.

### EAST MIDLANDS AIRPORT

Located within an hour of South Kesteven, East Midlands Airport is close to the major cities of Nottingham, Derby and Leicester.

[www.eastmidlandsairport.com](http://www.eastmidlandsairport.com)

### BIRMINGHAM AIRPORT

Situated in the heart of the UK, Birmingham Airport has an excellent motorway network enabling easy access to many areas of the country.

[www.birminghamairport.co.uk](http://www.birminghamairport.co.uk)

### ROBIN HOOD AIRPORT

Near Doncaster, the Robin Hood Airport is close to the cities of Sheffield, Leeds, Hull, York and Lincoln.

[www.robinhoodairport.com](http://www.robinhoodairport.com)

### STANSTED AIRPORT

Conveniently situated just off the M11 motorway in Essex, yet within easy driving distance of Lincolnshire.

[www.stanstedairport.com](http://www.stanstedairport.com)

### HULL TRAINS WEBSITE

[www.hulltrains.co.uk](http://www.hulltrains.co.uk)

### CROSS COUNTRY TRAINS WEBSITE

[www.crosscountrytrains.co.uk](http://www.crosscountrytrains.co.uk)

### NATIONAL RAIL WEBSITE

[www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk)

### EAST COAST TRAINS WEBSITE

[www.eastcoast.co.uk](http://www.eastcoast.co.uk)

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