Although not part of the original station, there are a number of interesting stationary steam engines in the boiler house, which are also run when the station is in steam.

When open, the visiting public have access to all parts of the station, whether in steam or not, and when in steam, can experience close up the smell and sounds of these wonderful relics of our past in operation.

Fresh local prepared food and refreshments along with souvenirs are available in the Engineers Rest Café, and there is plenty of room in the grounds for sitting and enjoying the splendid views. There is parking for visitors in the car park opposite the gate.

Crofton Pumping Station is 6 miles South East of Marlborough, and 6 miles South West of Hungerford.

If travelling from Marlborough, follow the road signs to Burbage, then follow the brown 'Beam Engine' signs.

If travelling from Hungerford, proceed towards Salisbury on the A338, turn right at Shalbourne following the signs to Great Bedwyn, then follow the brown 'Beam Engine' signs.

If travelling from the Salisbury direction follow the signs to Hungerford on the A338, turn left at East Grafton, following the brown 'Beam Engine' signs.
Situated in the delightful Wiltshire countryside this Grade 1 listed building houses two magnificent Cornish beam engines, one of which (the 1812 Boulton and Watt) is the oldest working beam engine in the world still in its original engine house and capable of actually doing the job for which it was installed.

Crofton Pumping Station was built in 1807 to provide water to the summit of the Kennet and Avon Canal. The first engine installed in the building in 1809 was a 36 inch bore Boulton and Watt. In 1812, a 42 inch bore Boulton and Watt engine was installed beside it. In 1846, the 36 inch bore Boulton and Watt was replaced by a Sims Combined Cylinders Engine constructed by Harvey of Hayle. In 1903, this engine was converted to the Cornish Cycle.

Both the 1812 Boulton and Watt, and the 1846 Harvey engine are in working condition, and are regularly steamed publicly through the summer months from a coal fired Lancashire boiler. When the Pumping Station is in steam, it actually carries out the job for which it was built, the electrically powered pumps that normally do the job being switched off.

**Opening Information 2009**

The Pumping Station & Engineermans Rest Café is open every day except Wednesdays from April 10th to September 27th Between 10:30 am – 5:00 pm (last entrance 4.30 pm)

**In Steam**

April 11 - 12 - 13  
May 2 - 3 - 4 & 23 - 24 - 25  
June 27 - 28  
August 1 - 2 & 29 - 30 - 31  
Steam Gala September 26 - 27

To confirm steaming date telephone or check website.

**Admission Fees**

**When not in Steam**

Adults £4.50  
Seniors £4.00  
Children £2.50  
Family (2 Adults, 2 Children) £11.00

**When in Steam**

Adults £7.00  
Seniors £6.00  
Children £2.50  
Family (2 Adults, 2 Children) £16.00

Admission free to K&A Trust members on production of a valid membership card

Groups must book in advance  
Pets are not allowed in the building  
Access for wheelchairs severely restricted

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