

Day Excursion – Wednesday 20th June 2018

British Motor Heritage Ltd Factory, Witney and Combe Mill near Long Hanborough

The plan is to drive either individually or in shared cars to the British Motor Heritage Ltd (bmh-ltd.com) factory in Cotswold Business Park, Range Road, Witney OX29 0YB (entrance off Book End Road) to arrive for 10:30am.

British Motor Heritage Limited was established in 1975 to support owners and the marketplace by putting genuine components for classic British cars back into manufacture, using original tools wherever possible. Since 2001, when the company was acquired from BMW, it has been successfully run as an independent company.



The Company is the largest organization of its type in the world. With access to authentic production information and original drawings and patterns, it manufactures previously unobtainable body parts for British classic cars. It assembles 42 derivatives of body shells and has built total production volume of over 6000 for the MGB, MGR V8, MG Midget, Austin-Healey Sprite, Triumph TR6, Original Mini and Mini Clubman using original press tools and assembly jigs.

Please note:

- **Most Important** – The factory is not a suitable environment for anybody with a heart pacemaker due to the strong electrical fields created by the welding equipment.
- For safety and insurance reasons, children (under 16) cannot be allowed into the factory.
- Eye protection needs to be worn – this is provided by BMH.
- There are stairs and steps which need to be negotiated, so please wear sensible footwear.
- We are limited to a maximum of 15 people for the tour. There are no restrictions on photography. There is no charge though you may make a donation to a local charity if you wish.

The factory tour will last approximately two hours, following which we will drive into the centre of Witney for a pub lunch at The Company of Weavers (a Weatherspoons establishment), or you may bring or purchase a picnic lunch. Parking in Witney is free.

After lunch we will drive to Combe Mill (combemill.co.uk) to arrive at about 2:00pm.



Combe Mill is the original sawmill and workshop of the Blenheim Palace Estate. This working industrial museum offers visitors a good insight into what work was like in Victorian times on a rural estate. The Mill is operated as a working hands-on museum by the Combe Mill Society and run entirely by volunteers.

Group admission is £4.00 per person. There is a café at the Mill – departure for home will be at about 4:30pm.



If the BMH Factory and/or Combe Mill don't suit, subject to transport arrangements being agreed, other options include:

- Witney and District Museum (westoxfordshiremuseum.co.uk) open 10am to 4pm, admission £2.00.
- Cogges Manor Farm, Cogges, Witney (cogges.org.uk) open 10am to 5pm, admission £6.50.
- Oxford Bus Museum and Morris Motors Museum, Hanborough Station, Long Hanborough (oxfordbusmuseum.org.uk), admission £5.00.

Contact Graham Smith 01635 580356 or secretary@biag.org.uk to register your interest by 13th June.