



# British Society of Sugar Technologists

## AUTUMN TECHNICAL MEETING 2025 – INVITATION Thursday October 02<sup>nd</sup> 2025

Dear BSST Member,

This year's Autumn Technical Meeting (ATM) is being held at Denby Pottery. This event is very suited for car transport with plenty of parking at the Denby Pottery site. Public transport is more challenging but can be accommodated and we will try to help any member wishing to travel by trains/buses/taxis.

Website for the pottery is [www.denbypottery.com](http://www.denbypottery.com)



*Photos courtesy of the Denby Pottery web site*

It takes at least 20 pairs of hands to make every piece of Denby and our Denby factory tour will take you on a journey around each area of our fascinating pottery, seeing our highly skilled craftspeople at work as you go.

Chat to the skilled workers as you watch how they use time-honoured skills, finessed over 200 years, to transform locally sourced Derbyshire clay into the famous Denby Pottery that you know and love.

Discover why Denby Pottery is so versatile, beautiful, and durable, get to know why It takes approximately two weeks to create a single piece, and learn some quirky pottery making terms, such as sponging, jollyng, and fettling along the way in this unforgettable experience.

A degree of flexibility will be required for this meeting, there are only 4 tour guides with a maximum of 8 people per guide, so we may ask for the partners to do the tour in the afternoon. After the tour our Lunch & Technical Session will be held in the room above the Bourne's Coffee Shop & Bistro (no. 4 on the map below), this is where registration and handing out of name badges will take place. On site at the Pottery Village there is plenty to do and see, with a museum, farm shop, garden shop, craft studio and of course the Denby pottery shop where you can purchase firsts and seconds. We

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are planning to be able to live-stream the technical presentations for those overseas members unable to attend in person.

The current plan for partners who do not wish to participate in the technical session is to get creative on the potter's wheel by throwing a pot and spending time painting a pot in the Denby Craft Studio.

## **ATM Programme**

- 10:00-10:15 Arrive at Denby Pottery Village– Park in the car park and walk to the Bourne's Coffee Shop & Bistro (No.4) and we will meet in the room upstairs.
- 10:00 -10:30 Tea & Coffee – Meeting Room
- 10:30-12.30 Factory tour in 4 separate groups of 8 people
- 12.30-14:00 Lunch and networking Meeting Room
- 14:00 Partners Tour/ Paint a Pot / Throw a Pot
- 14:00 Technical Meeting
- 14:00-14:45 Paper 1: Sugar Alternatives – Dr Julian Cooper
- 14:45-15:30 Paper 2: Developments in sugar drying and cooling including new units and upgrades to existing installations– Frank Bolivar – STI Global
- 15:30-15:50 Tea/Coffee break.
- 15:50-16:35 Paper 3: ISSCT Colombia Review – Mark Taylor
- 16:35-16:45 Closing remarks – Nick Leavins – BSST President.

The attendance fee for all attendees (members and partners) will be £40.00 (except for those covered by a corporate subscription, for which there are two free delegates per corporate member).

## **How to get to the Meeting**

The address for the venue is: Denby Pottery Village, Derby Road, Denby, Derbyshire, DE5 8NX.

The Denby Pottery Village is situated 8 miles north of Derby and 2 miles south of Ripley in the Amber Valley region of Derbyshire.

By road: Junction 28 of the M1 is approximately 10 miles to the north (take the A38). Junction 26 of the M1 is approximately 10 miles to the south (take the A610 to Ripley). We are situated in a rural location on the B6179.

By air: The nearest airport is East Midlands Airport, [www.nottinghamema.com](http://www.nottinghamema.com)

By rail: The nearest main train station is Derby or Belper, [www.eastmidlandstrains.co.uk](http://www.eastmidlandstrains.co.uk)

By bus: There is a bus stop right outside the Pottery [www.trentbuses.co.uk](http://www.trentbuses.co.uk)

What3words: [outgoing.reactions.joggers](https://www.what3words.com/).

**Members are advised to travel to the venues by car, where there is ample free parking**

## **Social Arrangements and Post-ATM Tour**

For those planning to stay over locally:

There are many local hotels and B&Bs in the Derbyshire area and members are advised to use their favourite accommodation search engine to find their place of choice. We will base ourselves at the Lion Hotel in Belper where we have reserved 2 single rooms (£89/night) and 8 Double rooms (£109/night) including continental breakfast (Full English Breakfast and extra £9.50) for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> October if you wish to book these rooms please mention BSST/ATM If we exceed the number reserved or pass the cut-off date of 30<sup>th</sup> August The Lion Hotel will try to provide accommodation if they have rooms available. If not you will have to try to get alternative accommodation – see below some hotel suggestions with links:

The Lion Hotel (rooms reserved BSST/ATM) <https://www.thelionhotelbelper.co.uk/>

Premier Inn at Ripley Derbyshire

<https://www.premierinn.com/gb/en/hotels/england/derbyshire/ripley.html>

The Makeney Hall Hotel <https://www.makeney.co.uk/>

Breadsall Priory <https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/emapd-delta-hotels-breadsall-priory-country-club/overview/>

Dinner on Wednesday 1st October will be at the Tom Yum Thai restaurant in the historic North Belper Mill <https://www.tomyum.co.uk/>

Dinner on the evening after the meeting Thursday 2nd October, will be at The Lion Hotel <https://www.thelionhotelbelper.co.uk/>.

### **Post-ATM Tour.**

No specific event has been planned for the Friday morning however as Belper is close to the Peak District and Historical Derbyshire there are many things to do or places to visit these include the following:

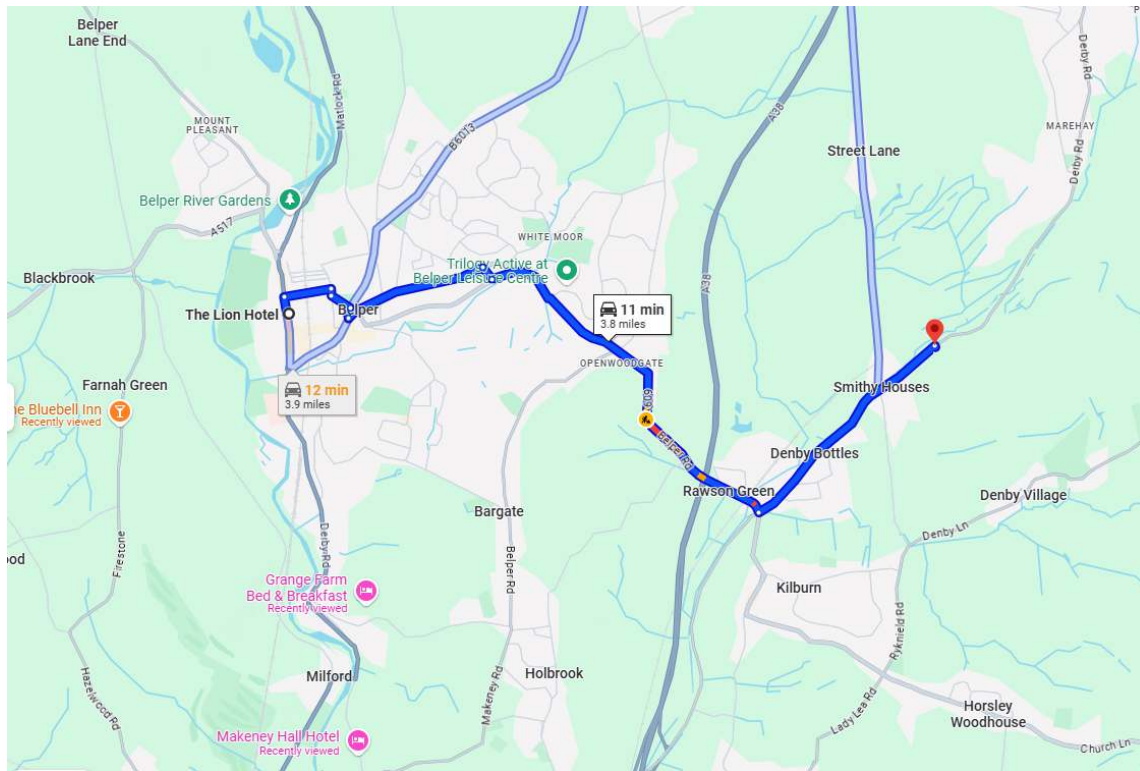
1. Take a steam train ride from Duffield to Wirksworth on the Ecclesbourne steam railway (3 miles from Belper).
2. Take a tram at the Crich Tramway museum (5 miles)
3. Take a cable car ride to the Heights of Abraham and visit the lead mines (9 miles)
4. Visit Cromford Mills, birth place of the factory system (9 miles).
5. Walk around Carsington Water (10 miles)
6. Visit a Historic House and Gardens at Chatsworth (18 miles)
7. Go for a hike in the Peak District, my favourite is from Grindleford Station, walk up Padley Gorge along Burbage Brook to Longshaw Estate, cross the moorland via Owler Tor to Surprise View car park then back through Lawrence Field and Bole Hill quarry to see the remains of the millstone industry and experience the surreal feeling of the Silver Birch woods before ending up back at Grindleford Station.

**Please register your interest in attending this Autumn Technical Meeting using the form below and soon as you are able to do so.**

Kind regards,

Mark Taylor  
Secretary / Treasurer  
British Society of Sugar Technologists  
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## Directions from the Lion Hotel Belper to Denby Pottery Village.



## Denby Pottery Village Map



## Registration Form

British Society of Sugar Technologists, Autumn Technical Meeting

**Date:** 02<sup>nd</sup> October 2025

**Venue:** The Denby Pottery Village

**Registration for the ATM can be completed using the form below** either scan and email it to [contact@bsst.uk](mailto:contact@bsst.uk) or post it to:

Mark Taylor, Secretary BSST,  
c/o 35 Welbeck Grove, Allestree, Derby DE22 2LS

BSST Member name .....

E-Mail Address.....

Partner name.....

Please put **YES** or **NO** in each box on the end column

ATTENDING ATM		Yes / No
I will attend the ATM meeting		
My Partner will attend the ATM		

THURSDAY AFTERNOON PARTNER VISIT TO		Yes / No
My partner will attend	Pay at Site	

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRE-ATM DINNER AT TBA		Yes / No
I will attend	Pay at restaurant	
My partner will attend	Pay at restaurant	

THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER AT TBA		Yes / No
I will attend	Pay at restaurant	
My partner will attend	Pay at restaurant	

*Please note that the £15 subscription for 2025 will also be collected if not already paid or covered via a corporate subscription.*