



Appendix 1 – About the Brunel Museum

In 2017, the museum acquired at auction a pre-eminent collection of Brunel watercolour designs of the 1843 Thames Tunnel, which require appropriate display in the engine house through this project.

The adjacent tunnel shaft, as part of the Thames Tunnel, is listed at Grade II*. In 2016, the 15-metre deep tunnel shaft opened as a flexible space for performance, events and activities through the installation of a new staircase and entrance. These events are inspired by the historic use of the tunnel shaft (or Grand Entrance Hall as it was originally known) as an entertainment venue hosting concerts, banquets and fairs.

A tranquil garden space sits on top of the tunnel shaft, hosting regular Midnight Apothecary cocktail events. A pleasant piazza space is home to a series of herb planters and permanent benches designed in the shape of bridges, representing significant bridges designed by the Brunel family.

An open space with views of the River Thames is diagonally opposite the piazza, providing a nice visual connection to the river and tunnel running below.

The tunnel shaft and the outdoor spaces are highly valued by the local community.

The site is of international heritage significance due to its structures and direct connections with the groundbreaking achievements of the world-famous Brunel family.

The museum's mission is: To preserve and share widely the ground-breaking stories of the Thames Tunnel project and the outstanding achievements of the Brunel family and their relevance to our lives today. We inspire communities through exploration, learning and performance

