
Trips & Visits 2026

March 2026: The Deep, Hull

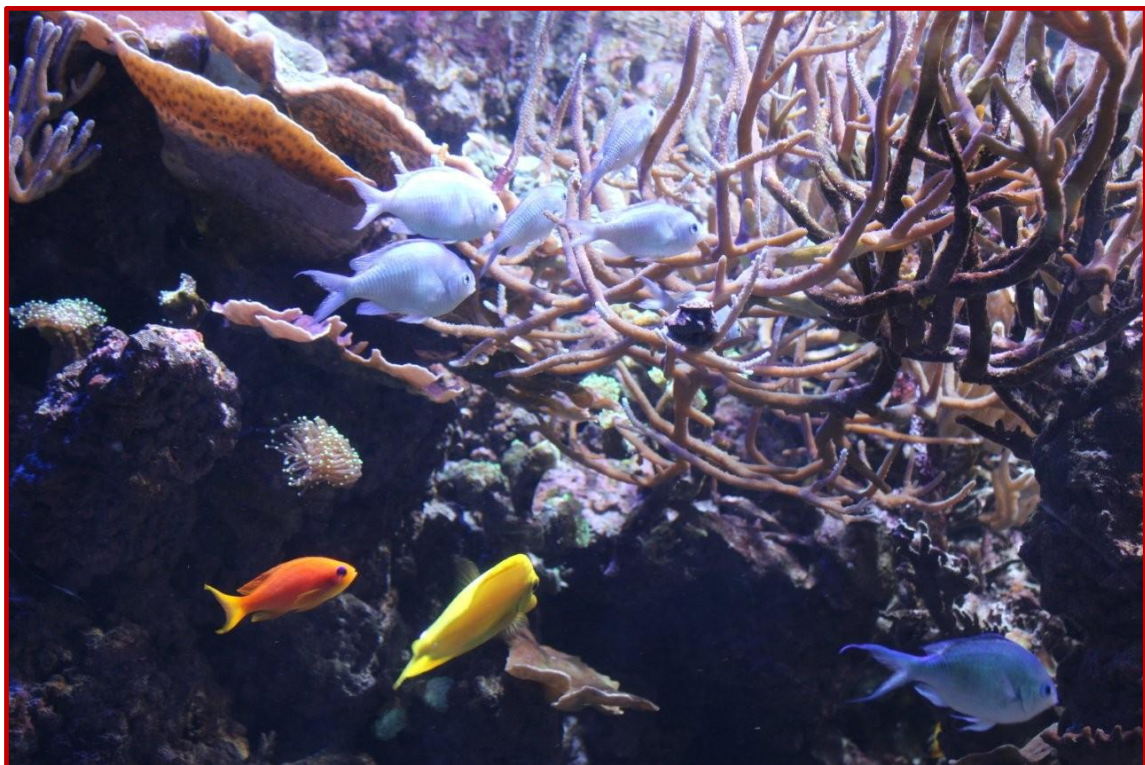
Despite a mixed day of weather (sunshine, hail, high winds) 52 members of our u3a had a great day at The Deep. So much history of our oceans and so many different fish.

The fish ranged from angel and clown fish, to sharks and rays. But there were also turtles, poisonous blue frogs and penguins. We think the Gentoo penguins were bored of humans looking at them as many had their backs on us, though others in our group were treated to a full frontal view.



There were prehistoric sea creatures 'swimming around' and one CGI crocodile-like creature tried to 'crash through the glass'. There were many different sea urchins and beautiful jellyfish too. Some of our members enjoyed a talk given by a Deep Crew member of staff.





A couple of us were blown to The Street Life Museum, just 10 minutes walk away. A fascinating collection of shops, motor vehicles, carriages, bicycles, trams. Also a level crossing with signal box and a bi-plane. Lots of Hull history here.

A really good day trip.

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April 2026: Black Country Museum

The weather could not have been better for our trip to the BCM the sun shone all day. Walking down into the Village past the traditional fish and Chips shop, a queue had already formed; we were still on Elevenses!

So many old shops from various parts of the West Midlands. Hardware, Hairdressers, Tobacconists, General Stores, Radio, Pubs, Music shop and Bakery - which sold real cake. At certain times there were walks, talks and demonstrations. The history of the different trades and the workings of the existing canal arm.

The cottages and houses from different eras mostly had a BCM staff member, suitably dressed in costume, to enhance your visit and make your experience come alive. The person telling us about life on the canal was very entertaining particularly since she had a very broad West Midlands accent.

A couple of us went into the Co-op where the assistant advised us of our weekly war ration - 2 sausages, a pork chop, 1 egg and a portion of cheese and butter. She also explained about the points needed as well as some money to obtain other goods. The 1940s steel semi-detached houses were very familiar, as were the clothes and the Tom Jones record playing from the 60's.

There was also time before we exited to look at the Bradburn & Wedge Motor Garage and vehicle sheds. The day went all too quickly and there wasn't time for a trip on the canal. Perhaps another year.

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