

**Visit to David Mellor Design on 13 August 2025 at 12.00 for lunch in the cafe.**

**There is also an onsite museum and shop to explore after lunch.**

## **Overview**

Location address: David Mellor Design Ltd, The Round Building, Hathersage, Sheffield, S32 1BA.. It is on the B6001, just outside Hathersage. Follow the brown signage.

Parking: There is adequate parking and the surfaces are good. On site signage which states that parking is limited to 2 hours can be ignored (provided you stay on site and use the cafe etc).

To assist the cafe with catering and the venue with parking, please let Brian and Jean Lee know of your proposed attendance by email to [leebjm@icloud.com](mailto:leebjm@icloud.com) or telephone 07710 238277.

Brian and Jean will be on site before your arrival.

## **In detail**

### **Parking:**

It will be possible for a few Morgan cars to park in front of The Round Building, which has space for 5 cars, and for other cars, including Morgans, to park in the car park with vehicles belonging to other visitors. Alternatively, weather permitting, we can park as a group on a grass field which is to the right just after you turn onto the site from the road, whilst still getting 5 Morgans in front of the Round Building.

### **The cafe:**

Jean and Brian have made a site visit and were very impressed with both the layout, facilities and the friendliness and helpfulness of the staff. It is not possible to pre-book but we undertook to give them an indication of numbers in advance of our visit to assist with catering and avoid disappointments or delays. There is indoor and outdoor seating.

### **The museum:**

This is comprised of a number of display cases with narrative about the history of the business. The museum is not extensive and is within the area of the cafe. However, the quality of the items on display is superb.

### **The shop:**

In the shop we met Thomas and he was extremely helpful. He introduced us to Corin Mellor, the owner, and they were very accommodating, especially with regard to special arrangement for parking as noted above. As well as selling the company's own high quality products there is a considerable selection of very good quality products for sale so bring your wallets and be prepared to spend; we did!

**About the business:**

The company was set up by **David Mellor**, Royal Designer for Industry. He was a key figure in British design with an international reputation as designer, manufacturer and shopkeeper. Born in Sheffield and originally trained as a silversmith, he always specialised in metalwork and is particularly famous for his cutlery which won numerous design awards and which is in many international collections.

David Mellor's concern with design in its broadest sense led to many important government commissions in the 1960s. He redesigned the national traffic light system and this design is still in use. He developed a controversial new square post box, and designed minimalist stainless steel cutlery produced in huge quantities for government canteens and NHS hospitals.

As well as steering and expanding the repertoire of the family business, **Corin Mellor**, son of the founder, has carried out a number of significant public and private design commissions:

- Public seating at the Lowry Gallery, Salford Quays and the Millennium Gallery and Winter Gardens, Sheffield
- Ecclesiastical silver for Sheffield cathedral
- A sterling silver collection for a Middle Eastern Royal Family
- Sculptural bench for the Duke of Devonshire at Chatsworth
- A 20 metre stainless steel and glass link bridge for Sheffield Hallam University
- Products for The Hepworth Gallery, Wakefield

For more information about the business visit [www.davidmellordesign.com](http://www.davidmellordesign.com)

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