



Tibshelf, and the surrounding areas, have had a colourful and varied past and have been important for mining, quarrying, medicinal springs and horticulture.

In 1550 several shallow mines, one of which was owned by Bess of Hardwick, were opened in the area, starting a trend, which was to see coal mining overtake agriculture as the main industry. By the 19th century, two deep mines were in operation and a main line rail network developed to support the transport of both passengers and coal. Tibshelf's claim to fame was also based on the fact that Britain's first inland oil well was sunk on the outskirts of the village.

In recent years the village economy has changed radically with the closure of the local collieries and the railway. Today the village provides good educational and leisure facilities, and a pleasant rural home for 3400 people within a short distance of the Peak District National Park, Sherwood Forest and The Dukeries. Because of the close proximity of the M1 motorway, and the links to the west provided by the A38, Tibshelf is ideally situated for commuting to Derby, Nottingham, Sheffield or even further a field.

*Further information about Tibshelf is available from the Village Websites link, under the **LOCAL INFORMATION** menu.*