

# Coleorton Time Line

(Dates are approximate!)

- 1090 ■ Domesday Records .. What is now *Coleorton* is recorded as *Overton*
- 1100 ■
- 1110 ■
- 1120 ■
- 1130 ■
- 1140 ■
- 1150 ■
- 1160 ■
- 1170 ■ St Mary's Church first dedicated
- 1180 ■
- 1190 ■
- 1200 ■ First reference to coal in the area; outcropping seams
- 1210 ■
- 1220 ■
- 1230 ■ Maurewards become Lords of the Manor (of Coleorton)
- 1240 ■
- 1250 ■
- 1260 ■
- 1270 ■ Manor of Overton Maureward includes 540 acres of farmland; 300 of woodland
- 1280 ■
- 1290 ■
- 1300 ■ Wool production important
- 1310 ■
- 1320 ■
- 1330 ■
- 1340 ■
- 1350 ■
- 1360 ■
- 1370 ■ 16 households in village
- 1380 ■
- 1390 ■ St Mary's Church rebuilt
- 1400 ■
- 1410 ■ The Beaumonts, with roots in the days of William the Conquerer, become
- 1420 ■ Lords of the Manor
- 1430 ■
- 1440 ■
- 1450 ■
- 1460 ■
- 1470 ■
- 1480 ■
- 1490 ■
- 1500 ■
- 1510 ■
- 1520 ■
- 1530 ■ 100ft shafts in use for coal mining
- 1540 ■
- 1550 ■ One of the largest villages in the county.. 62 households
- 1560 ■
- 1570 ■ Coleorton Hall built on current site; There were adjacent coal mines; Overton Saucy (Farm
- 1580 ■ Town) and other local areas incorporated into Coleorton Manor
- 1590 ■
- 1600 ■ Coleorton Manor now 1400 acres: 600 meadow, 400 arable, 100 woodland, 300 heath & moor
- 1610 ■
- 1620 ■
- 1630 ■
- 1640 ■ Civil War: Coleorton Hall taken by parliamentarians; Royalist in Ashby Castle
- 1650 ■ Hall & Church badly damaged, partly by forces stripping roof of lead
- 1660 ■
- 1670 ■ Coleorton Hall rebuilt
- 1680 ■
- 1690 ■
- 1700 ■ Hospital & free school built near to present Almshouses

The name *Coleorton* is derived from *Cole Orton*, itself a corruption of *Coal Overtown*

- 1710 ■ Coleorton Hall inhabited by tenants rather than the Beaumonts during this period
- 1720 ■
- 1730 ■
- 1740 ■
- 1750 ■ George Inn built
- 1760 ■ George Beaumont .. friend of artists and writers incl. Wordsworth, Coleridge, Southy, Constable,
- 1770 ■ Scott, Wilkie, Shelley & Reynolds .. was in part responsible for the foundation of the National
- 1780 ■ Gallery. Much of Scott's *Ivanhoe* was written in the Hall and one of Wordsworth's sons was the
- 1790 ■ Rector of St Mary's Church
- 1800 ■
- 1810 ■ Coleorton Hall rebuilt The current Rectory built
- 1820 ■ Fish Ponds created
- 1830 ■ First Methodist Church built Stephenson's railway opened
- 1840 ■ St Mary's Church restored Current Viscount Beaumont's School built
- 1850 ■
- 1860 ■
- 1870 ■ Bug & Wink Colliery opened
- 1880 ■
- 1890 ■ Methodist Church enlarged
- 1900 ■
- 1910 ■ New Lount Colliery opened
- 1920 ■ Free school meals introduced
- 1930 ■ Bug & Wink Colliery closed
- 1940 ■
- 1950 ■
- 1960 ■ Lount Colliery closes but Lounge opencast site opens
- 1970 ■
- 1980 ■ National Coal Board purchase Coleorton Hall; Coleorton Wood replanted
- 1990 ■
- 2000 ■ Coleorton Millennium Garden created
- 2010 ■ — [The first Village Heritage Trail !](#)  
... in the village with the largest number of footpaths in Leicestershire !