## ASTON HALL (AREA 6)

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Aston Hall is a magnificent seventeenth century red-brick mansion situated in a picturesque public park on the north side of Birmingham. Built between 1618 and 1635 for Sir Thomas Holte and home to James Watt Junior from 1817-1848, Aston Hall is steeped in history. Now a grade I listed building, the hall is restored to its former Jacobean splendour. It was besieged during the English Civil War and inspired an author. It is also reputed to be one of the most haunted buildings in the UK.

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