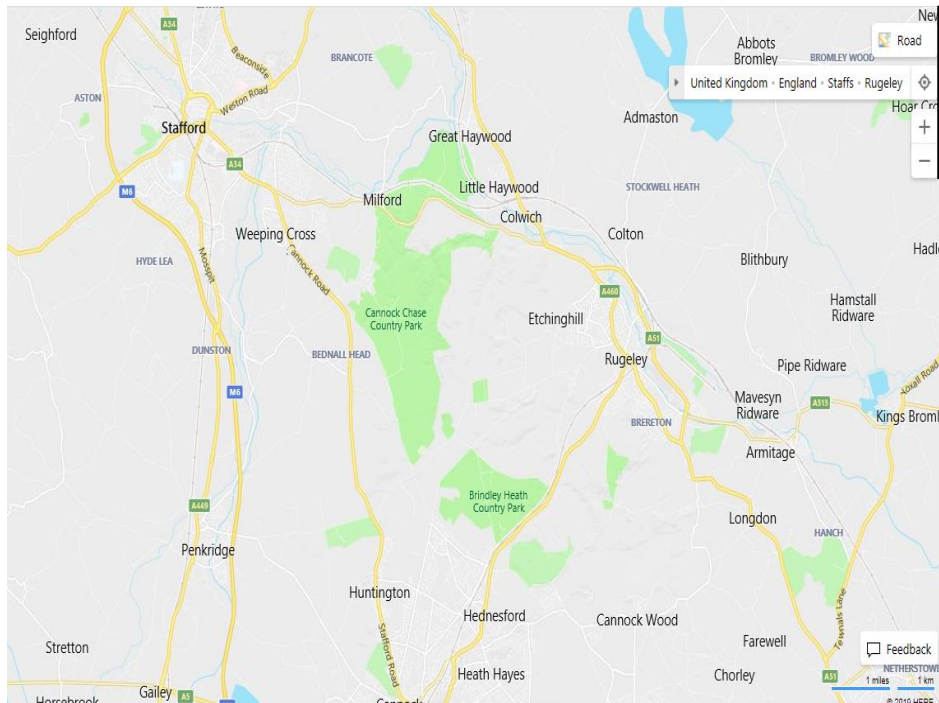


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Rugeley

Rugeley is a historic market town in the county of Staffordshire, England. It lies on the north-eastern edge of Cannock Chase next to the River Trent, and is situated between the towns of Stafford, Hednesford, Lichfield and Uttoxeter. At the 2001 census the town's population was 22,724, increasing to 24,033 at the 2011 Census. Rugeley is twinned with Western Springs, Illinois and in July 1962 the towns made telephone history on national television when the chairman of Rugeley Urban District Council made the first telephone call via the new Telstar satellite to the Mayor of Western Springs.



Lea Hall Colliery

In Rugeley the Lea Hall Colliery opened in 1960 by the National Coal Board with the Rugeley A power station constructed next door so coal could be transported directly on conveyor belt to generate electricity.

The colliery dominated the town and was its biggest employer. It was also the biggest colliery of its type in Europe, breaking records for coal production. It closed in 1991 – six years after the miners' strike. Now, in the shadows of the remaining power station cooling towers, stands a giant warehouse stretching 700,000 sq ft which is home to online retail giant Amazon. The centre opened in September 2011 and has around 1,000 employees, taking on an extra 1,000 around Christmas. It is part of the 100-acre Towers Business Park.