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**BACK IN TIME:** Martin Marix Evans, Rupert Fairfax and Civil War re-enactors at the site of the 1645 battle

# Visitors get a better view of Battle of Naseby

**VISITORS** will be able to get an insight to the Battle of Naseby thanks to two new viewing platforms and battlefield walks.

The conflict, in June 1645, south of Market Harborough, changed the course of the Civil War and saw the defeated King Charles flee the scene.

The improvements have been secured by Naseby Battlefield Project, which has been campaigning to raise awareness of the battle and improve visitor facilities.

They were officially opened to the public on Friday and include two viewing platforms on sites occupied by Roundhead, General Fairfax, near Naseby, and by Prince Rupert, near East Farndon.

Martin Marix Evans, chairman of Naseby Battlefield Project, said: "The inauguration of the Naseby Battlefield Trail marks a huge step forward in bringing the crucial battle of the English Civil War to the attention of today's public.

"This is the start of a long programme to make this the best preserved and interpreted battlefield in the country."

Richard Dickinson, chief executive of East Midlands Tourism, said, "Naseby Battlefield is a valuable heritage asset and East Midlands Tourism is delighted to have funded these new improvements to the site.

"Visitors will now be assured of a much better experience and come away more informed."