

OCTAVIA HILL'S BIRTHPLACE HOUSE



WISBECH & FENLAND MUSEUM



FENLAND FIVE MUSEUMS



Built in about 1740 on Wisbech's celebrated South Brink, this remarkable Grade II* listed building was once the birthplace of Octavia Hill (1838 - 1912) and where she was first exposed to social reform events that would influence her lifework.

Discover and celebrate Hill's pioneering work, legacy and significance on today's society; in what promises to be a thought-provoking journey through the narrative of her remarkable life. With focus on the most revolutionary and momentous fields of Hill's career, including social housing, the Army Cadet movement, the arts and her efforts in conservation, particularly saving Open Spaces and co-founding the National Trust with her fellow workers. Don't forget to visit our garden and award winning project the 'Golden River Adventure Trail', based on John Ruskin's 'King of the Golden River'.

The Wisbech & Fenland Museum is one of the oldest museums in the United Kingdom and this Victorian gem holds an eclectic mix of collections from around the world, including Ancient Egyptian, Local and Social History, Porcelain, Archaeology and Geology.

The 19th century Library, containing Charles Dickens' original manuscript of "Great Expectations", is open to the public on the first Saturday of each month and the Research Room can be booked for researching local Parish Records.

The essence of the Museum remains virtually unchanged, so come and discover a treasure house of rare and unusual artefacts, illuminating history, both local and worldwide, recent and ancient.



Opening hours (15th March - 31st October)

Mon, Tue, Wed, Sat & Sun (including Bank Holidays) 1 - 4.30pm.
Last admission 4pm. Schools welcome. Visitors and groups welcome at other times by arrangement. Admission £4.50, NT members & concessions £3.50, accompanied under 17s FREE

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Opening hours

Tuesday to Saturday - 10.00am to 4.00pm
Schools and group visits are welcome at other times by special arrangement. Admission Free.

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CHATTERIS MUSEUM



Discover the ancient market town of Chatteris from earliest prehistoric settlement to recent times. Over 600,000 years of human occupation is here to see.

Exhibits illustrate traditional aspects of Fenland life on an island, the waterways and drainage, the railway boom and the wealth of a prosperous 19th century market town. Use our interactive audio visual units and get your hands on pottery and stained glass puzzles then build an arch.

The Museum's touch screen kiosk archive contains over 9,000 photographs and documents copies of which can be made on request. Research facilities are available and 'loan boxes' covering specific periods are available for schools, local groups etc.



Opening hours

Tuesdays and Thursdays 2 - 4.30pm. Saturdays 10am - 1pm
Schools and group visits are welcome at other times by special arrangement.

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WHITTLESEY MUSEUM



Whittlesey Museum tells the story of the Cambridgeshire fenland around Whittlesey, Eastrea, Coates, Turves and Pondersbridge.

The museum is housed in the Old Town Hall, Whittlesey, which was originally built by the Town Charities to house horse drawn fire engines. Eight rooms and two outdoor spaces cover topics such as archive photographs, costume, domestic life and local celebrities such as Sir Harry Smith.

Come and see the plough which leads the local Straw Bear Festival, a model of the giant pike caught during the draining of Whittlesey Mere, and a blacksmith's forge filled with agricultural tools. Whittlesey Museum also runs a rolling programme of temporary exhibitions.



Opening hours

Saturday 10am-12 noon, Friday & Sunday 2.30-4.30pm
Group bookings and educational visits by appointment
£1 for adults and 50p for children

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MARCH & DISTRICT MUSEUM



The Museum is located in the middle of the market town of March. It is housed in a former school built in 1851 from West Norfolk Carstone.

The Museum has wide ranging collections reflecting former life in the area, especially during the last hundred years. A series of room reconstructions depict a turn of the century kitchen, parlour and nursery. Local craft and agricultural tools are on display, as are interesting collections of historic cameras and early radios. A working blacksmiths forge has been reconstructed in the courtyard, alongside a rebuilt Fenland cottage. Other displays relate to the history of the railways in March, including the George Cross awarded to train driver Ben Gimbert, for saving the town of Soham during WW11.



Opening hours (Open all year except 20th Dec - 1st Jan)

Wednesday and Saturday 10:30am - 3:30pm. Groups at other times by appointment. Free car park behind museum in City Road. Donations appreciated.

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