

What we offer

ON SITE WORKSHOPS

Visit the Museum in person to explore the 17th century with re-enactors, tours, object handling, and interactive activities. Come face to face with real artefacts that belonged to Oliver Cromwell and discover what they can tell us about him and his life.

VIRTUAL AND CLASSROOM WORKSHOPS

Experience all the benefits of visiting the Museum, but within your timetable, without travel costs, and in the safety of your school environment.

LOAN BOXES AND CLASSROOM RESOURCES

Our loan boxes are full of exciting real and replica objects, images, and documents accompanied by engaging and hands-on activities, while our digital resources support your teaching of Cromwell through videos, resource packs, worksheets, and more.

www.cromwellmuseum.org

PRIMARY EDUCATION

Prices and booking information

PRICES

- **Half day:** £5.00 per student (minimum charge of £50 per group)
- **Full day:** £7.00 per student
- **Off site and virtual workshops:** £90 per class (plus travel costs if outside Cambridgeshire)
- **Loan boxes:** £40 for one week or £50 for two weeks.

Adult staff, helpers, and carers are not charged for.

GROUP SIZE AND RATIOS

The maximum number of students that can be accommodated at any one time is 30, or one class. If you would like to visit with multiple classes, please contact us to discuss arrangements.

All groups must be accompanied by responsible adults. We recommend a minimum ratio of 1 adult to 6 children.

GETTING TO US

Coaches may drop off/pick up the group in Huntingdon Bus Station, less than 2 minutes walk from the Museum. The nearest car park is behind the Museum on St Germain Street (pay and display). The Museum is about 8 minutes' walk from Huntingdon Railway Station, which is on the East Coast line with regular trains from King's Cross and Peterborough.

FACILITIES

Toilet facilities are available for schools use in Huntingdon Town Hall, opposite the Museum on a pedestrianised street. Secure bag storage and lunchroom facilities are also available in the Town Hall.

HOW TO BOOK

To book, contact our learning team on **01480 702216** or email learning@cromwellmuseum.com. We welcome staff for planning visits at no additional charge, and pre-visit resources are available to familiarise your students with museums, object exploration, and looking at portraits.

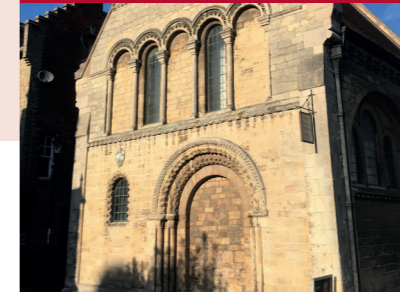
ABOUT THE CROMWELL MUSEUM

The Cromwell Museum holds the best collection of objects relating to the life and times of Oliver Cromwell on public display in the world. The collection consists of around 1000 items, including personal items belonging to him and his family, portraits, arms and armour, and historical documents written by or about Cromwell.

Oliver Cromwell (1599 – 1658) is one of the most important figures in British history. As a result of the British Civil Wars of the mid-17th century he became a soldier and a statesman of lasting fame and influence. He is the only commoner ever to have been the head of state in England. Cromwell is still a very controversial figure in British history, hated by some, held as a great man by others. The Museum tells his story 'warts and all', and invites visitors to make their own minds up about him.



Learning Programme



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Why visit us?

How did Oliver Cromwell rise from humble origins in Huntingdonshire to shape the history of an entire country? Was he a hero or a tyrant? Did he really cancel Christmas?

Discover who Cromwell really was, behind the myths, in our programme of engaging workshops and resources led by our experienced and knowledgeable staff and costumed re-enactors.



Whether you visit the Museum, borrow a loan box, or bring us into your classroom, your students will examine original objects, paintings, and documents in our unique collection to learn about local history, society and culture in the 17th century, the history of democracy and parliament in Britain, and more.

Workshops

KEY STAGE 1

History

Meet a Civil War Soldier – Meet a musketeer, pikeman, or cavalry officer and hear about his life and why he's fighting for Parliament, see what he's wearing and discover how his equipment works. Then, try on armour and learn to wield a weapon!

KEY STAGE 2

History

Who was Oliver Cromwell? – Become historians in our most popular workshop and examine original objects, portraits, and documents to find out about Oliver Cromwell's life. Then use the evidence to make your own opinion about this controversial figure

Civil War! – Why was there a civil war in Britain? Discover the causes and events of the Civil Wars and find out what life was like for the men and women who fought in them. Examine original arms and armour, handle replica items, and meet a civil war soldier.

Cromwell's Huntingdon – Retrace Oliver Cromwell's steps through historic Huntingdon! Find out what Huntingdon was like during Cromwell's childhood and see how it has changed since then.

Women of the Civil Wars – What were the lives of women like in the 17th century? Discover the stories of female spies, soldiers, and more in this workshop delivered by a costumed re-enactor.

'The use of resources, practical hands on opportunities and interactions with both staff was matching to our pupils learning needs who have a mixed range of special educational needs'. – SEN Teacher

Art and Design

Pictures of the Past – What can portraits tell us about people from the past? Examine our remarkable collection of 17th century portraits to find the clues about the people in them. Then, create your own portrait in your sketchbook.

Topic Packs

Evidence for Cromwell and his Life – Explore objects, portraits, and documents to discover facts and opinions about Cromwell's life, learn to distinguish between the two, and ultimately decide on your own opinion of Cromwell based on evidence. This session can be booked as part of a topic pack with the Norris Museum, with a loan box included for free.

Oliver Cromwell's House – Explore Cromwell's private and public life in this topic pack offered in partnership with Oliver Cromwell's House in Ely, where he lived for a decade before his world changed in 1642. Additional charges apply, contact us to find out more.

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TWO

Loan Boxes and Classroom Resources

KEY STAGE 1 and 2

History

Pedlar's Basket – Experience 17th century life in your own classroom! This loan box contains replica artefacts, documents, and suggestions for activities. Learn to interpret artefacts, recognise different views of the past, and sequence events on a timeline.

'The Pedlars Basket Loan Box was a hit with my students! We explored each item and talked about how it was used. I learned more about Cromwell so I could tell the children more information this year. The resources made the lessons more exciting.' – Year 1 Teacher

KEY STAGE 2

History

Who is Oliver Cromwell? Loan Box – Explore who Oliver Cromwell was by exploring and interpreting artefacts, sequencing events on a timeline, and learning how our knowledge of the past is constructed from sources. This loan box contains replica objects, documents, and lesson plans.

Geography

Wide Skies Mapping Activity – Draw an accurate survey map of your school grounds using the same techniques used by John Speed, who mapped Huntingdon in 1607. This classroom resource contains historical information, a lesson plan, and instructions for surveying with an astrolabe.

		On site	Virtual	Classroom
WORKSHOPS				
KS1	Meet a Civil War Soldier!	•	•	•
KS2	Who was Oliver Cromwell?	•	•	•
	Evidence for Cromwell and his Life	•		
	Civil War!	•	•	
	Cromwell's Huntingdon	•		
	Women of the Civil Wars	•		•
	Pictures of the Past	•	•	•