



# BURTON CONSTABLE

HALL & GROUNDS



LEARNING PROGRAMMES

# WELCOME TO BURTON CONSTABLE



Take a trip out of the ordinary with a visit to East Yorkshire's most beautiful country house. Take a tour through grand interiors and servants' staircases with our Victorian housekeeper, or discover the beautiful Capability Brown parkland. Our new schools' sessions will immerse your class in the history of our unique house, stables and grounds.

With collections ranging from Chippendale chairs to Tudor portraits, Burton Constable is full to the brim with spectacular objects and artworks, painting its own picture of life in the past. This brochure is packed full of exciting immersive experiences to complement your curriculum.

For culture, imagination, creativity and history, with a helping of outdoor freedom, make a visit to Burton Constable part of your topic.

What's keeping you in the classroom?

# BURTON CONSTABLE HALL AND GROUNDS

The Constable family have owned land in the Holderness area of East Yorkshire since the 12th Century. The grand Elizabethan mansion, Burton Constable, was built in the 1560s by Sir John Constable, following his purchase of the Lordship of the Seigniorship of Holderness. This title granted the Constables further power and land rights, including ownership of anything washed up on the Holderness shore, the most notable of which is the 58ft skeleton of a sperm whale that inspired Herman Melville's novel Moby Dick in 1851. You can find "the whale" on display in the stable block.

Generations of Constables have left their marks on this grand stately home, with William Constable being the most prolific in his additions and alterations.

William commissioned the grand 18th Century interiors, the Capability Brown landscaping, and the impressive stable block in the parkland. His passion for science and collecting can be seen in the Hall's museum rooms, home to his "cabinet of curiosities", full of weird and wonderful artefacts and scientific equipment.

During the Victorian period, Sir Clifford Constable and his new wife Marianne began their own scheme of redecoration and restoration, including the Great Drawing Room and the Long Gallery, adding gilded furniture and elaborate plaster ceilings. Clifford's passion for horses also developed the stables further; take a look to find out what life was really like for a Victorian stable boy.



A woman with reddish-brown hair, wearing a black Victorian-style dress with a high collar and puffed sleeves, stands in a rustic kitchen. She is holding a black tray containing a broom, a yellow box, and other small items. The kitchen is filled with various objects: a wooden table with a brass teapot, a white pitcher, and a blue pot; a wooden cabinet with glassware; a wooden door; and a wall with peeling plaster and a framed notice. The lighting is warm and focused on the woman.

## DAY IN THE LIFE OF A COUNTRY HOUSE

Join Mrs Styche, Burton Constable's no-nonsense Housekeeper as she gives prospective house staff a tour of their new place of work. Learn about the lives of the wealthy and their servants in Victorian times. Handle real and replica artefacts and try your hand at Victorian servants' jobs.



Hall



2 hours



History, Spoken Language



Local History

A man dressed in Victorian-era stable attire, including a dark bowler hat, a white long-sleeved shirt, a dark vest, and light-colored breeches, stands in a stable. He is holding a large, worn leather saddle. In the background, a dark horse is partially visible, and a wooden stall structure is prominent. A small tray with grooming tools sits on the floor near his feet.

## JOIN THE STABLES STAFF

All country houses needed horsepower! Join us for an interactive tour of Burton Constable's grand stables and learn about the staff who kept them running like clockwork. Get hands on with costume and artefacts to investigate staff roles and understand their place within the hierarchy of the country house in Victorian times.



Stables



1 hour



History, Spoken Language






Local History






## CABINET OF CURIOSITIES

Step into William Constable's shoes, find out about the cabinet of curiosities he gathered during his travels, and his fascination with all things scientific. Learn about the concept of classification and get hands-on with collections to develop your own systems of categorising specimens.

-  Hall
-  2 hours
-  Science, History, Spoken Language, Reading, Writing

## EXPLORE ELECTROSTATICS

Following in William Constable's footsteps, children will undertake their own investigations into generating a static electrical charge using a range of materials. They will explore the concept of conducting a fair test and record the results of their experiments. The sessions also includes an interactive electrostatic demonstration that promises to be truly hair raising!




-  Stables
-  2 hours
-  Science, Writing





## DISCOVER BURTON CONSTABLE: PARKLANDS

Join our groundsman to explore Burton Constable's beautiful parkland and the conservation we undertake. Investigate wildlife and habitats and how farming helps us to preserve the historic landscape. Find out about the farm animals we care for and the farm machinery we use. Learn about the animals and insects that live in our fields, trees and woodlands.

-  Parklands – Starts at the Stables
-  2 hours
-  Geography, Science




## NEWSHOUNDS

Children take on the role of journalist to collect source material and information for a piece of non-fiction writing. This session can run as a standalone session or link with any of the morning sessions for a full day visit. Children will learn about the key components for writing a news article before completing evidence gathering tasks. Bring your camera, phones, ipads or voice recorders to enhance the session. Draft your story in the session and complete back at school.

 Stables or Hall

 1 hour

 English, Reading, Writing, Spoken Language, History



# INFORMATION FOR SCHOOLS

We are here to help you create your perfect visit to Burton Constable Hall, Stables and Grounds. This is what you need to know before planning your visit.

## HOW TO GET TO US

Did you know that Burton Constable Hall is only a 20 minute drive outside of Hull City Centre; it is closer than you think! Follow the brown historic house signs from the A165 (Beverley/Hull road) to plan your route.

## PARKING

Free parking is available for all school groups at Burton Constable. After dropping off your pupils, coaches can park in the visitor car park until you are ready to leave at the end of the day.

## OPENING TIMES AND SEASONS

Burton Constable Hall, Grounds and Stables are open to visitors throughout Easter to October, with limited opening throughout the Winter months.

To check available dates for your visit, call Heritage Learning on 01482 318 733 and they can advise you on the best dates to visit with your class.

Access to the Hall is via pre-booked led sessions that are available between 10am and 12pm only. When organising your visit, Heritage Learning's dedicated Bookings Coordinator will help you to plan your visit and organise a time for your arrival.

## LUNCH

Looking to make a full day of it at Burton Constable and its historic parkland? We can organise a lunch **room** for you in the education room or Riding School in the stables. When organising your booking with Heritage Learning, let the Bookings Coordinator know that you would like to stay onsite for your visit and this will be confirmed on your booking form. Please note, lunch facilities must be booked in advance of your visit to avoid disappointment.

## TOILETS

Male, female and accessible toilets can be found in the Stables Courtyard. Please note, due to the historic nature of Burton Constable Hall, there are no toilets available in the Hall itself. We highly recommend using the toilet before the start of your session when visiting the Hall. If you have any questions or queries regarding this, contact the Heritage Learning team who can advise you.

## SHOP AND GIFT BAGS

A small gift shop can be found at the public entrance to the stables in the Tea Room. The shop has a range of pocket money toys just right for children. If you wish to include a 'stop off' as part of your visit, we recommend taking the children in small groups of no more than 10 children.

Burton Constable can offer a range of children's gift bags to suit any pocket-money budget. Call us on 01482 318 733 to find out more.

You can also pre-book ice creams for your pupils available from the Tea Rooms. Please note, requests for ice creams should be made at least one week prior to your visit.

## OUTSIDE SPACE

Groups are encouraged to make use of the grounds and parkland as part of their visit to Burton Constable Hall. During more clement weather conditions, some groups prefer to each lunch outside in the grounds.

## CLOTHING

Some of our led sessions take place outside using the grounds of Burton Constable and moving between buildings will involve being outside. In wet weather conditions, you may need to bring waterproofs and wellington boots. Upon booking your led sessions, Heritage Learning can advise you on what to bring with you on your visit.

## GROUP SIZES

For health and safety reasons our maximum group size is 35 children. Group sizes must meet the minimum ratio of adults to children for quality purposes.

### Minimum ratio of adults to children

| Under 5 (Reception and Foundation Stage) | Year 1-3 | Year 4-6 | Year 7+ |
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| 1:3                                      | 1:6      | 1:15     | 1:20    |

## HOW TO BOOK

To book your visit call our delivery partners Heritage Learning on **01482 318733** or email [heritage-learning@hcandl.co.uk](mailto:heritage-learning@hcandl.co.uk).



## OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU...

Our partners Heritage Learning offer a high quality award winning professional service. You can feel reassured that we have health and safety and child protection procedures in place in accordance with Council for Learning Outside the Classroom guidelines.

- All bookings will be confirmed on the day you call
- Your calls will be taken by experts in creative and cultural learning
- We guarantee 100% pupil enjoyment or your money back!

Heritage Learning's experts will be available to take your calls Monday – Friday between 9am and 5pm.

# WE KNOW HOW BUSY YOU ARE...

Our expert bookings advisor is on standby between 9am and 5pm, Monday – Friday, to help you build the perfect visit!

Here are three **SIMPLE** reasons why booking with **Heritage Learning** really makes the difference...

## BESPOKE VISIT PLANNING...

We'll help you create a visit that is bespoke to your class' needs. Tell us your topic and we'll find the perfect match.

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## STRESS FREE VISITS...

We'll also help with the critical details to ensure your visit runs smoothly; from booking a lunch room through to creating a schedule for the day.

## PRE AND POST VISIT PLANNING SUPPORT...

We can support you both before and after the visit with help and advice on how to get the most from your experience.

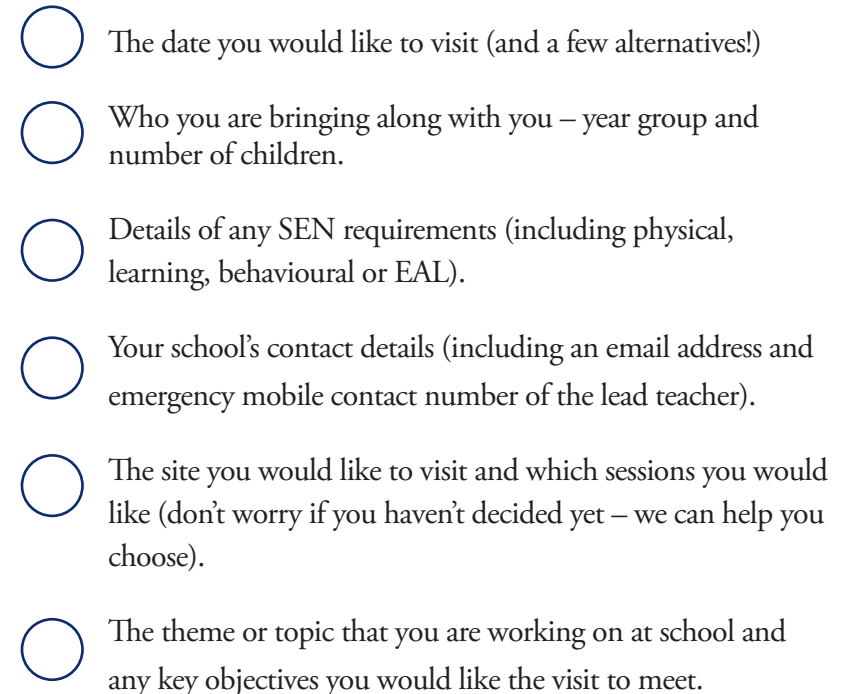
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# READY TO BOOK YOUR VISIT?

CALL HERITAGE LEARNING ON 01482 318733

We can make your booking right away if you have the following information with you when you call:

## VISIT CHECKLIST...

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- The date you would like to visit (and a few alternatives!)
  - Who you are bringing along with you – year group and number of children.
  - Details of any SEN requirements (including physical, learning, behavioural or EAL).
  - Your school's contact details (including an email address and emergency mobile contact number of the lead teacher).
  - The site you would like to visit and which sessions you would like (don't worry if you haven't decided yet – we can help you choose).
  - The theme or topic that you are working on at school and any key objectives you would like the visit to meet.



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