

Preston Hall Museum & Park DEVELOPMENT NEWS UPDATES

Everything you
need to know for
booking a visit to
Preston Hall
Museum & Park

Third and final phase

Preston Hall Museum is currently entering into its exciting final phase of a £7million re-development. The Museum will be closed from 5th September 2011, reopening in Summer 2012 with a wide programme of workshops, events and activities.

Phase One and Two

Phases One & Two saw the successful completion of our brand new purpose built 'Spence Building', housing no fewer than 35,000 of our most treasured artefacts, including weaponry, costume, social history, art and transport. A great many of these will, of course, take pride of place in the brand new displays.

The Victorian Street

As part of the ongoing development, the ever-popular Victorian Street continues its transformation, and has already seen a new chemist, sweet shop, toy shop, violin makers and tearoom. Public toilets in the Victorian Street have also been refitted, with the final phase of works also bringing new facilities within the Hall itself.

Learning resource

It's with great excitement that we celebrate our new tried and tested Learning Resource, host to a wide range of events in 2011, including school workshops, family activities and training events.

What's happening over the next few months?

From September 2011 to February 2012, Learning staff will be developing a full schools programme, in addition to new community activities, family events, under fives club, and adult workshops. Additionally, our ever-popular loan box service will be reviewed, revamped and replenished for a new offer in 2012!



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Most frequently asked questions by you.

Q. Can our school come and visit this autumn term 2011?

A. Unfortunately, the museum will be closed due to building works from September 4th 2011, reopening in Summer 2012 with a brand new visitor offer. The park itself remains open.

Q. Will you have any Christmas events on?

A. Not this year, but keep us in mind for December 2012!

Q. Can we book one of your loan boxes this autumn?

A. Not yet. We will be replenishing popular loan boxes and creating brand new ones, with the aim of launching these to teachers and community groups sometime after February half term 2012. An updated Schools Newsletter will highlight a new, simpler booking procedure - watch this space for details!

Q. Our school would like to book a class to experience your Victorian wash day workshop in February 2012; can I book now?

A. Learning staff are currently creating the school learning programme for next year; this will begin in September 2012. Before then, you will be able to book self led visits for June and July 2012.

Q. Can I bring my school year group for a self led visit after Easter, say May time 2012?

A. You will be able to book early next year, for visits in June and July 2012.

Q. Can I book an outreach visit this year?

A. Learning staff will not be available for outreach from September 2011 – early 2012. After this time, a programme of outreach will be available. Advanced booking will be essential. Details will be available in future school newsletters.

Thank you for your continued support during our redevelopment project; additional Development Updates will be available in the New Year.

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