

KS1 Visits to Ripon Museums



Our museums can be used in all sorts of ways by KS1 groups. Below are some suggestions of how groups have used The Workhouse and Prison & Police Museum in the past. Please contact us to organise a visit which meets your exact needs.

Homes Long Ago - Living History for KS1

Be transported back 150 years to our Victorian home in the Workhouse. Stay for half a day or all day.

Come in costume and bring a simple packed lunch to enhance the experience and choose activities from:

Polly's kitchen;
The laundry;
Victorian school room;
Rag-rugging;
Traditional toys;
Traditional games;
The workhouse garden;

Explore and draw rich and poor Victorian handling collection.

People Who Help us -Policing for KS1

Make a fun-packed half day visit to our historic former prison and police station. Follow our lost and found trail with hands on activities including:

Exploring uniform;
Police transport & communication;
Finger printing;
Collecting clues.

In addition we offer role play and story telling sessions based around the theme of "people who help us".

Booking and Pricing Information:

Please make enquiries about booking a visit with Sue Mackay (Learning and Access Officer) or Wendy Hunwick-Brown (Group Bookings Assistant) at the Workhouse Museum Office on 01765 690799 or at learning@riponmuseums.co.uk.

For a whole day of guided activities, the price is £7 per pupil (teachers and other adult supervisors free). The price for half a day is £4. Pre-visits from teachers (strongly advised) are free of charge. Please book in advance with the office.

Access to Museums:

The Workhouse and Prison and Police Museums have full access for wheelchair users including a lift to the first floor. The Prison and Police Museum has small spaces (cells!), tight corners and uneven floors and stairs. Care should be taken by all when moving around the museum.

Preparation Essentials:

Please make sure you tell us about any pupils with special educational needs so that we are well prepared to help you on the day.

For visits involving two or more museums, all accompanying adults should be made familiar with the map (at the end of the pack) and lead teachers will need to risk assess the route between museums.

Children must be well supervised with one adult from school with each group plus a floating teacher (preferably the lead teacher) in case of toilet trips, accidents or emergencies. Volunteers leading activities should not be left in sole charge of the pupils at any time.

Ensuring pupils behave with respect during their visit is the school's responsibility. Volunteers will stop delivering their activity if they feel pupils' behaviour is disrupting the session.

Risk assessment guidelines are given at the end of the pack. Please read them and ask for further details if you are unsure of anything.

Lunch and Costume:

It enhances a historic visit to have everybody in role and in costume (including staff!). Guidelines for children's costumes are given on a sample letter to children and parents given at the end of the pack.

Please also ensure that children have coats as some activities are held outside and children will need to walk between museums.

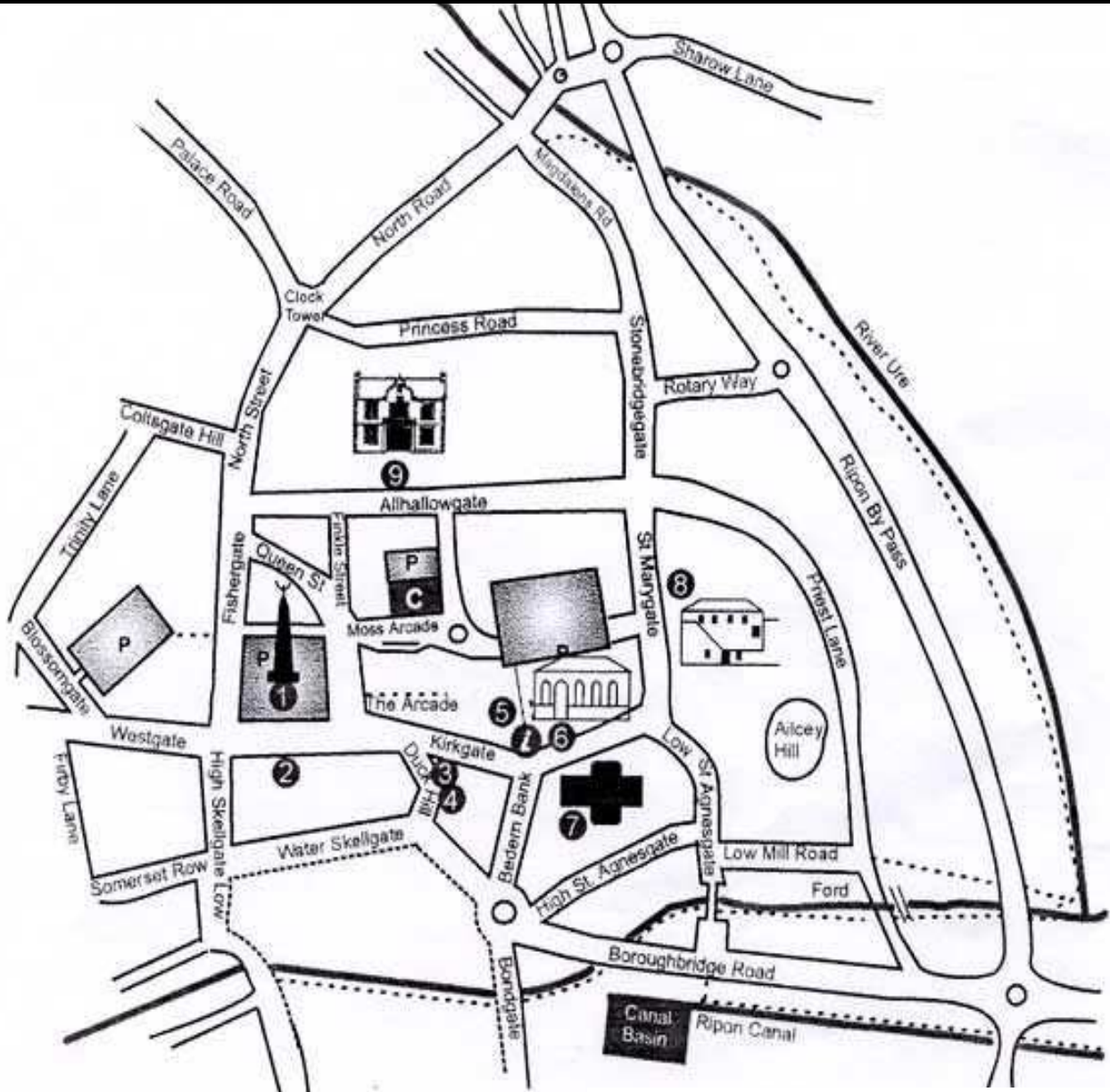
Lunches could also be appropriate to a Victorian child for a historic themed visit. Guidelines again in the letter at the end of the pack. We will supply a drink of water in an enamel mug for lunch.

Lunches and coats will be left in a safe location at the entrance to each museum.

Parking:

Coaches (including minibuses with 17 seats or more) should park on the Victoria Grove Coach Park, c. 300m from any of the museums (see map below).

City Centre Map Showing Museums and Parking:



1. The Obelisk

2. Town Hall

3. Cell

4. Ripon Lock-Up

5. Tourist Information

6. The Courthouse Museum

7. Cathedral

8. The Prison & Police Museum

9. The Workhouse

C. Coach Park



*You are hereby invited by the
Matron and Master of Ripon Workhouse...*

To live a day in the life of a poor Victorian child
in our unique historic buildings:

- Ripon Workhouse Museum
- The Prison and Police Museum

Please come dressed appropriately for the day
if you can:

Boys - shirt, waistcoat, cravat/scarf, trousers tucked into long socks

Girls - long skirt, apron, shawl, mobcap

Don't forget to bring a coat!

Please bring an appropriate lunch:

Simple food - sandwich, cakes, fruit (English ones like apple
or pear are best).

Traditional packaging - greaseproof paper, tin

We will give you a drink of water.

We look forward to welcoming you to Ripon:

Master of Ripon Workhouse