

What to expect when visiting Ripon Museums

Hello, we are looking forward to seeing you at the museums soon. To help you prepare for your visit here are some photographs of the museum sites and the areas you will be visiting.

Workhouse

This is our biggest museum – it is on Allhallowgate in Ripon

This is what it looks like from the road.

This building is called the Receiving Ward, Vagrants Block and sometime just the front block,

After crossing the road from the coach park you will walk through the green gates.



Behind the front block we have a much bigger building – this was the residential area for the inmates we call this the main block or main building.



Even if you are visiting the Prison and Courthouse museums only, you will still come to the Workhouse for your lunch.

This is the lunch spaces we use: the Woodshed building, (exterior and interior)



Sometimes we use the conference room and the dining hall too but not very often!

Prison

At the prison museum we use the yard to greet you and tell you about the building – it looks like this:



Downstairs corridor and upstairs corridor



Objects we use for the story of the Sinkler Brothers and about early policing



Courthouse

This is the courthouse museum

When we arrive here we talk to you on the front step first, then go into the courtroom.

Outside of the building



The Court Room

During your visit some pupils will dress up and act out a play. They will stand in the boxes, and sit on the bench as magistrates, witnesses, defendant and legal counsel (lawyers or solicitors).

Those pupils that are not in costume become the jury and observe the trial



At the end of your visit we walk you back to the coach park to depart.

We hope you have a great day with us!