

WHITTLESEY MUSEUM

The Town Hall
Market Street
Whittlesey
PE7 2BD
Tel 01733 840968

Discover Whittlesey's history in this Museum originally built in 1825 to house the town's horse-drawn fire engines. Explore Fen life and economy from ancient times. See important archaeological finds such as the hoard of Bronze Age axes from Eldernell. Exhibits include on thatching, celery pricking and the brick industry. There are reconstructed wheelwright's and cobbler's benches, room reconstructions, information on the workhouse and much, much more.

You can also find out about the annual Fenland Straw Bear Festival. Whittlesey-born and buried Sir Harry Smith, Hero of Aliwal and campaigner of the Spanish Peninsular War is commemorated at the Museum.

Normal Opening Hours - Open all year
Saturday 10.00am - 12 noon
Friday & Sunday 2.30 - 4.30pm
Small admission charge



WISBECH & FENLAND MUSEUM

Museum Square,
Wisbech
Cambridgeshire PE13 1ES
Tel 01945 583817
www.wisbechmuseum.org.uk

Step back in time and enjoy the atmosphere and displays in this unique, Victorian treasure house. Purpose-built in 1847, the museum has original display cases and features an exotic mix of local and worldwide collections including art, archaeology, a small but significant Ancient Egyptian collection, natural history, social history and more. There are two reference libraries and a substantial archive.

As a Diocesan record office with registers for nearly 30 parishes the Museum is a major resource for local and family history -

- Photograph archive and reproduction service
- Programme of temporary exhibitions
- Friends Organisation - contact the Museum for details

Normal Opening Hours - Open all year
Tuesday to Saturday 10am - 4pm
Free Admission

Level access in Wilderness Walk



FENLAND MUSEUMS

something for everyone

The Fenland Five Museums

*Discover
all aspects of
Fenland history and
explore the lives of
remarkable and
heroic individuals
at these five unique
museums.*

*Chatteris • March & District
• Octavia Hill's Birthplace House • Whittlesey
• Wisbech & Fenland*



CHATTERIS MUSEUM

14 Church Lane
Chatteris
Cambs.
PE16 6JA
Tel 01354 696319

Discover the ancient market town of Chatteris from earliest prehistoric settlement to recent times in this museum which is currently being refurbished. Visitors can view a wealth of unusual objects including travelling stocks from 1774, an early "bone shaker" bicycle and a pair of collecting poles. Displays chart developments from the Stone Age through Roman, Norman and Medieval periods up to the 19th century. Further exhibits illustrate traditional aspects of Fenland life.



The Museum's archive contains over 2000 photographs and documents. Research facilities are available. Usual opening hours may be extended for special events and exhibitions. Contact the Museum for details.

Normal Opening Hours - Open all year
Summer (Easter- end October)
Thursdays 2 - 4.30pm
Saturdays 10am - 1pm
Winter
Thursdays 2-4pm
Saturdays 10am - 12 noon
Admission Free

Out of hours group visits by special arrangement

MARCH & DISTRICT MUSEUM

High Street
March
Cambs. PE15 9JJ
Tel 01354 655300
Email march.museum@freeuk.com

March Museum offers something for everyone with its wide-ranging collections reflecting former life in the area, especially over the last hundred years. Late Victorian kitchen, parlour and nursery rooms have been reconstructed and a working Blacksmith's forge has been rebuilt in the courtyard along with a Fenland cottage. Displays examine the Fenland landscape and economy; the many Roman sites in the area; and heroic March train driver, Ben Gimbert GC who saved the town of Soham from destruction following a fire on his ammunition train.

There is a good local archive including photographs. Personal researchers are always welcome.

Normal Opening Hours - Open all year
Wednesday & Saturday
10.30am - 3.30pm

Groups by arrangement at other times

Admission Free



OCTAVIA HILL'S BIRTHPLACE HOUSE

8 South Brink
Wisbech
Cambs. PE13 1JB
Tel 01945 476358
www.octaviahill.org.uk
Email info@octaviahill.org

The Birthplace House is on the banks of the River Nene in the centre of the Fenland market town of Wisbech and occupies part of the attractive Georgian Grade II* listed building in which Octavia Hill, inspirational co-founder of the National Trust and fearless pioneer of social housing, was born in 1838.

The displays commemorate and record the life and work of Octavia Hill, her family and fellow workers. It also marks the work of those who continue her work today. Exhibition areas contain lively displays and the basement houses a reconstruction of a grim Victorian slum home.



Normal Opening Hours -
15 March - end of October
Mon, Tue, Wed, Sat, Sun & Bank Holiday Mondays
1 - 4.30pm Last admission 4pm

We will open at other times by arrangement. Groups welcome.

Admission £3.50
NT members & Concessions £2.50
Accompanied under 17s £1.50

