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**Wirksworth
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Discovery and Learning

KS1/KS2 and KS3/KS4

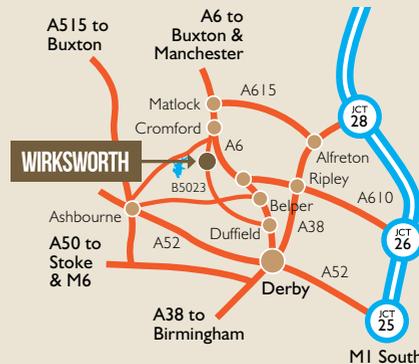


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Wirksworth is within easy reach of Matlock (4 miles), Bakewell (12 miles) and Ashbourne (10 miles). Derby is its closest city, just 12 miles away. The town is nestled at the head of the Ecclesbourne Valley surrounded by beautiful open countryside with delightful walks and stunning views.

There is no coach parking at the Heritage Centre, but groups can be set down and picked up very close by from bus stops on St John's Street, and coaches can park on the street at Ravenstor Road, which is a mile north, off Cromford Road.

You can also travel on the heritage railway to Wirksworth railway station. This operates on set days of the year www.e-v-r.com/timetable/



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"The town's long and fascinating history is presented in inspiring ways. Visitors are guaranteed a warm welcome and every effort is made to ensure the right approach for every audience" - Sandford Award Judges



Discovery and Learning at Wirksworth Heritage Centre

Wirksworth Heritage Centre has undergone a complete transformation. We offer numerous opportunities to learn, discover and be inspired in our award-winning new site. Any of our sessions can be run full day or half day. They take inspiration from the fascinating history of Wirksworth to explore varied aspects of the National Curriculum. Our programme covers all key stages and can be adapted to your school's individual needs. Please note that many sessions include a guided walk.

Our school visits run from 10:00 am until 2:30pm for a full day session. Our half day sessions run from 10:00am until 12pm or 1:00pm until 3:00pm. For a class of up to 35 children our prices are (including 1 free adult per 10 children). Full day: £175 Half day: £130

Full day sessions include a 30-minute lunch break. Packed lunches can be provided on request.

To book a school visit please contact our Community Learning & Engagement Officer – info@wirksworthheritagecentre.org

New for 2021 - Fully Guided Online Sessions



Our educational offer now includes two fully guided online sessions which can be enjoyed from the comfort of your classroom. These hour-long filmed lessons are led by our education team and provide an online alternative to our in-house education offer - with a narrated virtual walk around the historical landscape of Wirksworth, a guided sample of our museum galleries and related activities for your students to complete. The online sessions can be used as often as you like - providing the Wirksworth Heritage Centre experience year after year! £45 per session.



KS2 Online Session - The Romans Were Here!

This session asks your students to turn detective as we ask: how do we prove the Romans were in Wirksworth? Students will be guided through Wirksworth's Roman history, collecting clues along the way and discovering Wirksworth's Roman heritage through geographical landscape and historical objects.



KS3/4 Online Session - Writing Wirksworth

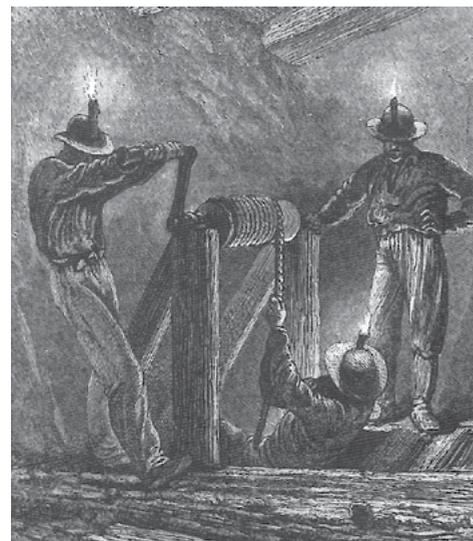
This online session explores the literary heritage of Wirksworth, introducing students to the landscape which inspired writers from Daniel Defoe to D. H. Lawrence. Students will explore how and why setting is used in creative writing and identify the links to Wirksworth in literary extracts before writing their own passages inspired by local scenes.

KS1/KS2

Being a Lead Miner!

Explore what life was like as a lead miner in Wirksworth! Take part in a walk, talk and costume drama session. See our museum collection of original mining tools and discover the most exciting object found in a Wirksworth mine!

National Curriculum Links:
History, Drama, Geography



Ice Age Wirksworth – Home of the Woolly Rhino!

What was Wirksworth like during the Ice Age? What creatures would have lived here? Pupils will explore the natural life of the Ice Age and the fossils still found today, including the discovery of Wirksworth's Woolly Rhino. See the fossils in our collection, explore our Dream Cave and view and draw from 3D bone scans supplied by Oxford University.

National Curriculum Links:
Science, History, Geography, Art and Design

Turning Back Time!

What was life like when your parents, grandparents or great-grandparents were children? What jobs did they do, and what games did they play? Pupils will have the chance to dress in historical costume, play with toys from the past and explore how the local area has changed since the 19th century.

National Curriculum Links:
History



Under Our Feet! Underground Wirksworth

Mineshafts, underground streams, soughs, secret tunnels and even a lake – there’s a whole world under Wirksworth! Pupils will discover how the lead miners toiled deep underground to reach the valuable lead and the dangers they faced there... and even learn about a secret nuclear shelter hidden nearby! They will explore how pulleys were used to lift the lead and experiment with creating their own.

National Curriculum Links:

Science, Technology, History, Geography

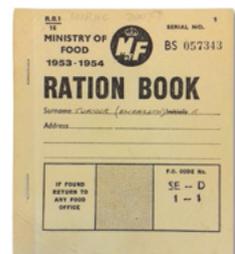
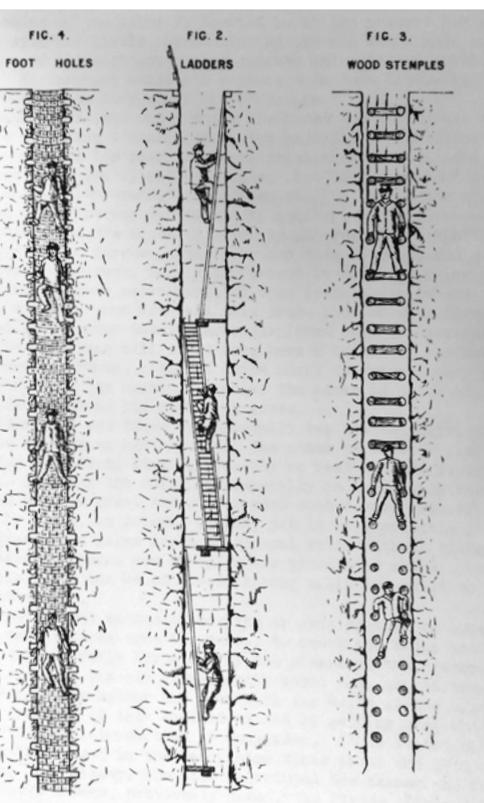
Wirksworth: The Romans Were Here!

Valuable lead brought the Romans to Wirksworth. Wirksworth could be the lost Roman town of Lutudarum – but can we prove it? Learn about Roman pigs of lead and find out how the Romans lived, worked and played. Pupils will play Roman games, explore Roman costume and design their own Roman Mosaic.



National Curriculum Links:

History, Art and Design



The Home Front in World War Two

The events of World War Two affected everybody – whether fighting or remaining at home. Evacuation, rationing and gas masks all became routine. Pupils will learn about how everyday life changed in a small town and hear first hand accounts from those who lived through that time. They will explore 1940’s games, costumes and the museum collection from the time.

National Curriculum Links:

History, Drama



Worlds Apart - Rich and Poor in Wirksworth

Wirksworth has been a wealthy town... but not for everyone! A guided walk through the town will demonstrate the inequality of those living in Wirksworth in 1871. In costume, pupils will use information from the 1871 census as clues to find out who really lived in some of the richest and poorest households.



National Curriculum Links:

History, Drama

Saving Wirksworth from the Vikings!

Through a long period of conflict, the Anglo-Saxons tried to protect valuable Wirksworth from Viking raids. What was local life like in the Wirksworth Wapentake? Pupils will look at early artwork, including the nationally important Wirksworth Stone, to learn about the influence of Anglo-Saxons and Vikings on the town. They will play games from the time and create their own brooches to use in a costume activity based on life in an Anglo-Saxon hall.



National Curriculum Links:

History, Drama, Art and Design



Justice at the Barmote Court

Did you know that lead mining had its own set of laws? The ancient Barmote court in Wirksworth was

established to deal with lawbreaking within the lead mining community, and to ensure miners were paying their duties to landowners. Pupils will learn about the miner's standard dish, practices of the Barmote Court (including notable cases, typical crimes and punishments) and take part in a court style debate. Pupils will visit the site of the Barmote Court and consider its function today. Please note this session includes a guided walk around Wirksworth.

National Curriculum Links:
Citizenship, History



Wirksworth Words – Industrial Dialect in Derbyshire

How does our home and work change the way we talk? Why does one language change from place to place? What words are specific to Wirksworth, and why? Pupils will identify dialect words and phrases within a set text before debating their definitions. Pupils will learn how elements of Derbyshire dialect relate to specific industries, discuss contemporary colloquialisms and their definitions before writing a creative piece using Derbyshire dialect.

National Curriculum Links:
English, History

Wirksworth in WW1

How did the First World War affect the people of Wirksworth? How can we find out how people really felt about the war? Pupils will consider how the local community contributed to the war effort, and its impact both at home and for those on the front line. Stretch task: pupils will discuss the impact of WW1 on Wirksworth, apply knowledge of Just War Theory to a debate, and consider “propaganda” when discussing the reliability of historical sources. Please note this session includes a guided walk around Wirksworth.

National Curriculum Links:
History, Citizenship, GCSE History for KS4



What Makes History?

Who decides how our history will be told? How do museums decide which stories to tell, and which sources can be trusted? Pupils will tour the museum at Wirksworth Heritage Centre and consider how objects and text are used to tell a story. They will debate the function of museums and explore why certain objects or events are given historical significance. Pupils will then discuss how they would create a museum exploring contemporary issues or events.

National Curriculum Links:
GCSE History



Writing Wirksworth

Did you know that famous authors lived and worked in Wirksworth? From Daniel Defoe to George Eliot and D. H. Lawrence, writers have been inspired by the town. What was it that they wrote about, and why here? Pupils will consider the importance of place and landscape in creative writing, discuss inspiration in fiction, and write their own passage in the style of a local author.

National Curriculum Links:
English

