

# Group Visits to Wirksworth Heritage Centre

We welcome visits from adult groups and offer a range of options for you to choose from, including a visit to our new museum, guided walk or talk on a particular topic.

We will always try to arrange activities to suit your time schedule, and if you have a particular focus or interest, **please ask - if we can, we will do it!** There's also a choice of different catering options at our in-house Webster's Café.

Group visits must involve a minimum of ten people and should be booked and confirmed at least one week in advance of the intended visit.



## OPTIONS

### Visit to the Museum - £3.50 per person

Our new museum brings to life the stories of this fascinating town, illustrating Wirksworth's long history, the town's quirky qualities, famous characters, industries and its long-established rural customs and celebrations. You should allow one hour for a trip around the museum. A group of between 16 and 30 persons will be split in two, the overall time on site then being 1.5 hours. Larger groups can be accommodated in the same time by prior arrangement.

Our museum is fully accessible for all visitors by rear stairs from Webster's Café and all floors by a lift from the front of the building.



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### Talks - £3.25 per person

These last an hour, take place in our fully accessible Studio room and are limited to 30 people. You can choose from four different topics.



#### Women in Wirksworth

As a town of industry, the heritage of Wirksworth has often overlooked women's histories. From Victorian novelist George Eliot to renowned British sailor, Ellen MacArthur, this talk will explore Wirksworth's unique and

fascinating local heritage through the lives of local women. We bring some of these frequently unsung stories into the light.

#### How to Move a Museum

Wirksworth Heritage Centre was bequeathed a new site in 2012, which has undergone redevelopment after a successful Heritage Lottery Fund bid. Join us for a talk about the journey involved in moving to a new site and the plans for the future of our brand-new centre, including a unique opportunity to view the highlights of our collection.



#### Literary Wirksworth

Wirksworth holds links to numerous well-known literary figures. D.H. Lawrence, George Eliot, Frederick Treves, Stephen Booth - each of these authors have taken inspiration from the town's industry, landscape or people.

A talk exploring these connections and an up-close look at some of the literary objects in our collection.

#### The Story of Wirksworth

A brisk journey through the story of Wirksworth from its prehistoric origins, Roman visitors, wealth from lead mining and quarrying to its present status as a town full of creative professionals and a community that works together through sport, Arts Festival, even a Wizarding Day- keeping the town alive.

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### Guided Walks - £3.25 per person

Two walks are available. Both walks cover the story of Wirksworth with points of interest, and can be tailored to a group's own interests, or shortened to suit mobility needs and/or time constraints.

#### Flat Walk

A guided walk (approx. 45-60 minutes) around the more level parts of the town, taking in historic and architectural gems as well as tales of old Wirksworth.

#### Steep Walk

A guided walk (approx. 60 – 90 minutes) takes you round some of Wirksworth's scenic and historic highlights – amazing views over the town and landscape. This walk may not be suitable for all due to steep hills.

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### Catering

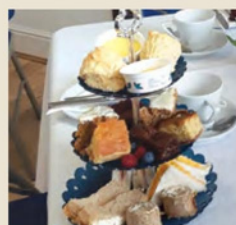
Our in-house Webster's Café provides your group with a range of catering options, and we can cater for people with specific dietary requirements. An outdoor cafe courtyard is also available.

You can simply visit the café in your own time and choose from a selection of hot and cold drinks, cakes, snacks and delicious home-made meals, including vegetarian options.



#### Webster's tea and cake - Please enquire about price.

If you don't have much time, just try one of our teas (or filter coffee) and cake.



#### Derbyshire Afternoon tea

Please enquire about price.

If you have a little longer to dwell, treat yourself to a delicious afternoon tea, including scones, cakes, tea or coffee.

## How to Book

Please e-mail us at [info@wirksworthheritagecentre.org](mailto:info@wirksworthheritagecentre.org) telling us your preferred visit date and choice of options.

Alternatively, please call 01629 707000, and we will be happy to take your enquiry details over the phone.

We will respond to your enquiry within 48 hours.

We kindly ask group visits, tour and talks to be paid prior to your visit. Bookings on weekends will depend on staff availability.



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