

# What we offer

## ON SITE WORKSHOPS

Visit the Museum and explore the 17th century through re-enactors, object handling, and interactive activities. Examine real artefacts that belonged to Oliver Cromwell and discover what they can tell us about him.

## VIRTUAL AND CLASSROOM WORKSHOPS

We bring our workshops to your classroom virtually, or in person. Experience all the benefits of visiting the Museum, but within your timetable, without travel costs, and in the safety of your school environment.

## LOAN BOXES AND CLASSROOM RESOURCES

Our loan boxes are full of exciting real and replica objects, images, and documents accompanied by engaging and hands-on activities, while our digital resources support your teaching of Cromwell through videos, resource packs, worksheets, and more.



## Prices and booking information

### PRICES

- **On site workshops:** £5.00 per pupil (minimum charge of £50 per group)
- **Off site and virtual workshops:** £60 per class
- **Loan boxes:** £40 for one week or £50 for two weeks.

Adult staff, helpers, and carers are not charged for.

### GROUP SIZE AND RATIOS

The maximum number of students that can be accommodated at any one time is 30 (or one class). If you would like to visit with multiple classes, please contact us to discuss arrangements. All groups must be accompanied by responsible adults. We recommend a minimum ratio of 1 adult to 6 children.

We are happy to arrange planning visits for staff at no additional charge. We also able to tailor our on-site and virtual workshops to your needs, both in terms of length and content.

### GETTING TO US

Coaches may drop off/pick up the group in Huntingdon Bus Station, less than 2 minutes walk from the Museum. The nearest car park is behind the Museum on St Germain Street (pay and display). The Museum is about 8 minutes' walk from Huntingdon Railway Station, which is on the East Coast line with regular trains from King's Cross and Peterborough.

### FACILITIES

Toilet facilities are available for schools use in Huntingdon Town Hall, opposite the Museum on a pedestrianised street. Secure bag storage and lunchroom facilities are also available in the Town Hall.

### HOW TO BOOK

To book, contact our learning team on **01480 702216** or email [learning@cromwellmuseum.com](mailto:learning@cromwellmuseum.com).

We welcome planning visits for staff at no additional charge, and pre-visit resources are available to familiarise your students with museums, object exploration, and looking at portraits.

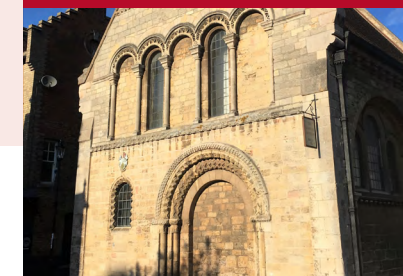
### ABOUT THE CROMWELL MUSEUM

The Cromwell Museum holds the best collection of objects relating to the life and times of Oliver Cromwell on public display in the world. The collection consists of over 800 items, including personal items belonging to him and his family, portraits, arms and armour, and historical documents written by or about Cromwell.

Oliver Cromwell (1599 – 1658) is one of the most important figures in British history. As a result of the British Civil Wars of the mid-17th century he became a soldier and a statesman of lasting fame and influence. He is the only commoner ever to have been the head of state in England. Cromwell is still a very controversial figure in British history, hated by some, held as a great man by others. The Museum tells his story 'warts and all', and invite visitors to make their own minds up about him.



# Learning Programme





# Why visit us?

Was Cromwell a hero or a tyrant? Did he really cancel Christmas? How did he rise from humble origins in Huntingdonshire to shape the history of an entire country?

Discover who Cromwell really was, behind the myths, in our programme of workshops and resources led by our experienced and knowledgeable staff and costumed re-enactors.

Whether you visit the Museum, borrow a loan box, or bring us into your classroom virtually, your students will examine original objects, paintings, and documents in our unique collection to learn more about topics including local history, society and culture in the 17th century, the history of democracy and parliament in Britain, and more.

Our workshops and resources are designed with the national curriculum in mind, and use our collection, as well as our expert staff and talented costumed re-enactors, to bring Oliver Cromwell and the British Civil Wars to life.



# Workshops

## KEY STAGE 1

### History

**Introduction to Life in Stuart Times** – Discover what life was like 350 years ago by exploring replica artefacts, original objects, and paintings on display.

**Meet a Civil War Soldier** - Meet a real civil war soldier, hear about his life and why he's fighting for Parliament, and see what he's wearing and how his equipment works. Then try on armour and learn to load a matchlock musket!

## KEY STAGE 2

### History

**Who was Oliver Cromwell?** – Explore objects, portraits, and documents to learn about the life of Oliver Cromwell, who was born and raised in Huntingdon and later lived in St. Ives and Ely. Find out how he became one of the most important historical figures in Britain and examine the evidence behind his most infamous controversies.

**Civil War!** – Why was there a Civil War in Britain? Discover the causes and events of the Civil Wars and find out what life was like for those who fought in them. Examine original arms and armour, handle replica items and meet a civil war soldier.

**Cromwell's Huntingdon** – Go on a walking tour of historic Huntingdon! Find out what Huntingdon looked like during Cromwell's childhood and see how it has changed since then.

*'The use of resources, practical hands on opportunities and interactions with both staff was matching to our pupils learning needs who have a mixed range of special educational needs'. – SEN Teacher*

### Art and Design

**Pictures of the Past** – What do portraits tell us about people from the past? Examine our remarkable collection of 17th century portraits to find the clues about the people in them. Then, create your own portrait in your sketchbook.

### Topic Packs

**Evidence for Cromwell and his Life** – Explore objects, portraits, and documents to discover facts and opinions about Cromwell's life, learn to distinguish between the two, and ultimately decide on your own opinion of Cromwell based on evidence. This session can be booked as part of a topic pack with the Norris Museum, with a loan box included for use in the classroom for free.

**Oliver Cromwell's House** – Explore Cromwell's private and public life in this topic pack offered in partnership with Oliver Cromwell's House in Ely, where he lived for a decade before his world changed in 1642. Additional charges apply, contact us to find out more.

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# Loan Boxes and Classroom Resources

## KEY STAGE 1 and 2

### History

**Pedlar's Basket** – This loan box contains replica artefacts, documents, and national curriculum-linked activities that can be used in the classroom. Learn to interpret artefacts, recognise different views of the past, and sequence events on a timeline, all while experiencing what it was like to live in the 17th century.

*'The Pedlars Basket Loan Box was a hit with my students! We explored each item and talked about how it was used. I learned more about Cromwell so I could tell the children more information this year. The resources made the lessons more exciting.'*

– Year 1 Teacher

## KEY STAGE 2

### History

**Who is Oliver Cromwell? Loan Box** – Explore who Oliver Cromwell was by exploring and interpreting artefacts, sequencing events on a timeline, and learning how our knowledge of the past is constructed from sources. This loan box contains replica objects, documents, and lesson plans.

### Geography

**Wide Skies Mapping Activity** – Discover how to draw an accurate survey map of your school grounds using the same 17th century techniques used by John Speed, who mapped Huntingdon in 1607. This classroom resource contains historical information, a lesson plan, and instructions for surveying with an astrolabe.

		On site	Virtual	Classroom
<b>WORKSHOPS</b>				
<b>KS1</b>	Meet a Civil War Soldier!	•	•	•
	Introduction to Life in Stuart Times	•		•
<b>KS2</b>	Who was Oliver Cromwell?	•	•	•
	Evidence for Cromwell and his Life	•		
	Civil War!	•	•	
	Cromwell's Huntingdon	•		
	Pictures of the Past	•	•	•