

Local History – Victorian Retford - Rich and Poor (KS2)

1 hour 30 minutes. Suitable for KS2. Maximum of 35 children. FREE

This workshop will cover 'a study of an aspect of history or a site dating from a period beyond 1066 that is significant in the locality.' It is 'a study of an aspect or theme in British history that extends pupils' chronological knowledge beyond 1066 – specifically – 'changes in an aspect of social history.'

Explore the lives of the rich and the poor in Victorian Retford. Meet the Pegler and Allan families and compare their lives. Tour Amcott house, 'make a home' activity and see and handle real and replica Victorian objects.

The workshop involves role play, sorting and reasoning activities, a tour of the house a handling session and a short powerpoint presentation. Children will learn about the contrasts and similarities between rich and poor families in the Victorian era, including differences in housing, health, pastimes and occupations. The 'make a home' activity gives children the opportunity to plan the layout of a poor family's home based on real information from Retford's past.

This workshop can be adapted for different ages and abilities - please ask when booking.

To book, please contact the museum on 01777 713749 or email bassetlaw.museum@bassetlaw.gov.uk

