



Crime and Punishment in 1800

Joe the Quilter Murder Enquiry

Guidelines for Supervising Teachers

Preparing for Your Visit:

It is strongly recommended that supervising staff should arrange a pre-visit to familiarise themselves with facilities at the Museum. Complimentary tickets are available on request in order to assist with planning and risk assessments. A Hazard Identification sheet is also provided to help you with your risk assessment.

Practicalities:

- **Where to Go and How to Get There:** The Joe the Quilter Murder Enquiry takes place at Pockerley Old Hall. To get there either take the tram from the entrance to Pockerley stop and walk up to Pockerley Old Hall or turn right at the Entrance Tram Stop and walk down the hill. A member of staff will meet you outside the entrance to the Old Hall at the top of the hill.
- **Arriving on Time:** Please ensure you arrive at Pockerley on time. If you are booked on the first session (10.30 start) it is advisable to walk straight to Pockerley. In the event of a late arrival every effort will be made to accommodate the full time of the activity, however, due to other bookings this may not be possible.
- **What to Bring/Wear:** Pupils will need weather appropriate clothing. Beamish is an open air museum and the weather may be inclement.
- **Toilets:** The nearest toilets are at Pockerley.
- **Health and Safety Information:** A Hazard Identification Sheet will be provided with your booking in order to advise you of any possible risks or hazards.
- **Access:** An accessible bus is available and can take any members of your group with access needs to the bottom of the Pockerley Bank, the slope up to Pockerley is the right gradient for wheelchair access. There are steps up into the old house at Pockerley, so if there are children with access needs the Museum will need to know so that the appropriate adaptations can be made to the activity. If there is anyone in your group with access needs, please contact the Bookings Officer on bookings@beamish.org.uk or telephone on 0191 370 4026 and she will be able to advise you.

Outline of Activity: On being met outside Pockerley Old Hall the group will be introduced to the activity by meet the characters, the group will be asked to split into five (**NOTE:**

Beamish staff will not accompany the groups so accompanying staff will need to play an active role in supervising the groups). A notice outside the Old Hall announces the murder of Joseph Hedley. Children will be asked to play the role of investigators and, by interviewing different people, uncover what has happened, what Joe the Quilter was like and who might be responsible for his death (if anyone). Each group will visit characters to interview them, they will take notes and start to put the story together. Once back together the children will then decide in their groups who might be the murderer. Each group will send a representative to the front to explain to the other groups what they have decided.

Objectives of Activity:

- To understand how cottage industry developed before the start of industrialisation and to understand how crimes and punishments were dealt with in 1800.
- To encourage the development of problem solving and team work skills.
- To develop and use thinking skills such as questioning, planning, making decisions and judgements and the synthesis of information.

Ideas for Pre and Post Visit:

- **Pre:** Pupils could be introduced to investigation skills such as questioning, how to decide the validity of any claims made and how investigations are usually conducted. There are a number of associated resources available please contact the Learning Team at the Museum for further information, contact listed below.
- **Post:** Using the Joe the Quilter Murder Mystery as a basis, and the skills learnt from the experience, pupils could explore different events or scenarios (linked to the topic under study). They can then either study different points of views/sources and determine the validity of each viewpoint and come to a conclusion or write/draw what they think the different viewpoints might be.

Contact Us: If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us at the Museum. Telephone **Simon Woolley** on 0191 370 4011 or e-mail education@beamish.org.uk.

Hazard Identification Sheet – Joe the Quilter

Location: Pockerley Old Hall

Potential Hazard	Who is particularly at risk	Context of hazard and steps to be taken by accompanying adults to prevent accidents	Risk of accident/ dangerous occurrence High/medium /low	If high or medium what additional precautions or measures need to be taken to reduce risk to low
Slips and trips	Children and adults	The steps at Pockerley Old Hall are worn and uneven and some areas have low lighting levels. Museum staff will arrange equipment to minimise risk of trips. Students should be advised to wear sturdy shoes for the visit, to always walk around the house and to use hand rails and ropes where provided.	Low	
Fires/candles	Children and adults	Fires will be lit in the Old House and the New House kitchen and parlour. Students will be advised to stay away from the fires and the metal guards in front of the fires. Only Museum staff are to manage the fires. Candles will be positioned safely within rooms.	Low	
Staircase to old house – uneven stairs, narrow access	Children and adults	The stair case is very narrow with worn uneven steps. The student will be advised to walk in single file, using the hand rail. The students should be supervised by an adult when using the stairs.	Low	
Garden hoe and coal rake	Children	The students will be told not to touch any clues however they may be knocked over accidentally. Beamish staff will ensure the tools are positioned safely within the room.	Low	
Blackboard/flip chart	Children and adults	Beamish staff will advise participants to be careful around the blackboard, and to be careful not to trip over the legs/stand. Staff will ensure that the board is securely fastened to the stand and that people are at a safe distance if it does fall.	Low	
Dust/ smoke	Children and adults	Open fires and candles will be lit which can lead to a smoky atmosphere. Beamish staff will keep areas as well ventilated as possible. Teachers and staff should be aware of any students with allergies/asthma. Please inform Museum staff leading the activity if	Medium	Beamish staff will ensure that all participants are aware of the fact

		there is a problem and an alternative task will be provided.		there will be a fire and potentially dust in the air. Supervising adults should ensure that all participants have necessary inhalers/medication.
Animals	Children and adults	Pigs, horses, cats and poultry live at Pockerley Old Hall, although students should not come close to the animals. Students should wash their hands before eating and drinking. The nearest hand washing facilities are at Pockerley Old Hall. Pregnant women should be advised to take extra care.	Low	
Winter weather	Children and adults	In the event of snow Beamish staff will clear paths and use grit. Teachers will be informed of the situation on arrival, and staff should ensure that teachers advise children to wear appropriate footwear and warm clothing for their visit. Care should also be taken when walking around the outside area as fallen leaves may be covering some of the pathways.	Low	
Group work – security issues	Children	During the activity students work in groups, moving around Pockerley Old Hall to talk to members of staff. Students will be told they must stay in the house and garden. In the summer season other visitors will also be in these spaces. Students must be supervised at all times by an adult from the school. Beamish admits free supervising places at a ratio of 1 adult to 5 students.	Low	

All participants are advised to wash hands on completion of activity. Hand washing facilities are available at Pockerley Old Hall.

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