

# Museum of Farnham

## Visual Story



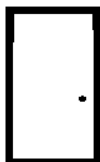
This pack aims to support children, young people and adults with Autistic Spectrum conditions, communication difficulties, other learning disabilities and those with English as a second language.

It can be used to help them access and understand their experience in the building. Makaton™ symbols are used to help communicate information.

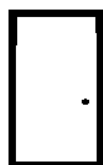
## Welcome to the Museum of Farnham

This museum is in a large Georgian building and contains many objects, paintings and books to do with the history and people of the town of Farnham.

You enter the building through the main front door and then through a heavy glass door.



There is also a door for wheelchair users. Ring the bell and someone will come and let you in.



As you come through the glass door, you will enter the entrance hall. This is a large room and it may have other people there waiting to look round.

There may be some noise or talking and this can make an echo.



You may also be able to hear background music or voices from other rooms in the museum.

The reception desk will be in front of you.



**The museum is free. You do not need a ticket.**

There will be someone behind the reception desk. They work for the museum and can help you if you have a question. When you arrive they may stand up if they are sitting down or they may remain seated. They may say 'hello' to you and may ask if they can help you or whether you would like to look around.



If at any time during your visit you feel uncomfortable with noise, people around you or anything else, you can go and sit in the library. The Library can be found at the end of the corridor which runs between the main stairs and a smaller staircase.





If the weather is dry, the garden has some seats in it and may also be a quiet place for you to go.



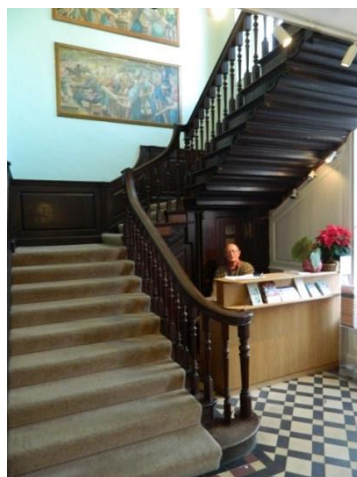
A **toilet** – male, female and accessible for wheelchairs can be found to the left of the Library. There is another toilet on the next floor, up the main staircase. You can use them if you need to go to the toilet while you are at the museum.



Sometimes you may see some adults or children who are wearing old fashioned clothes in the museum. The adults may be museum staff or teachers and the children may be on a visit with their school. You may see adults and children pretending and acting out a little play. Sometimes an adult (who is playing the role of a Victorian housekeeper for example) may talk in an angry tone to someone. This is pretend and part of the act. You do not need to worry about this and you may move to another room if you want to until they have finished. They may sometimes be a bit loud or you may hear laughter.



At the side of reception you will see the big staircase.



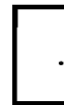
There is one room off the main hall and this is a temporary exhibition room.

There is a television in this room which may be showing some information about the exhibition so you may hear voices or music if it is on.

Here is a picture of the room. This may not be the display that you see as the exhibitions change every few months.



From this room you may go through the arch into another room.



This room has lots of dark wooden panelling on the walls. There are some activities that you may like to do here.





The Dolls' House is very fragile so you may not touch it.



When you are ready you can go through the other door into the corridor and turn left.



The next room off this corridor is a permanent exhibition about the Town Life of Farnham.



You may also go through the back door if you want to see the garden.

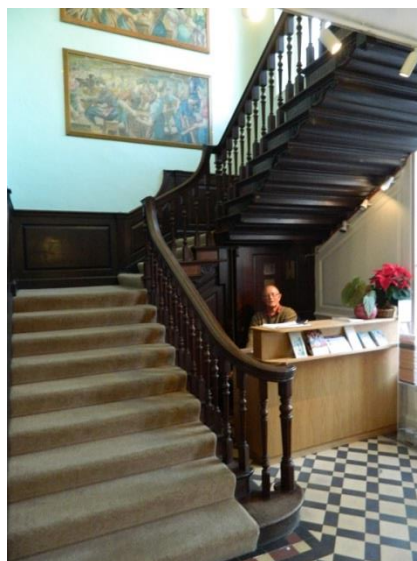


Return to the main entrance hall.

**To reach the upper rooms go up the grand staircase.**

There are paintings on the wall as you go up. You should not touch these paintings.

The stairs may be creaky.



At the top of the stairs you walk from carpet onto a dark wooden floor landing. This may also be very creaky and some floorboards may move a little. Do not worry.





Directly opposite the stairs is a room called 'On the Road'. This is about transport.



Return to the landing and turn left. Do not go through the closed white door on your right. This is for museum staff only.

There is another **toilet** at the end of the landing. This can be used by males or females. There is not a handle to flush the toilet but you pull the long chain.



Next to the toilet are two more rooms. One is an exhibition room and here is a picture of how it looks now. The exhibitions change so it may not look like this when you visit.



If it is a sunny day outside, there may be lots of bright sunshine in this room.

There is a television in this room which may be on to give you more information about the exhibition. If it is on and it is too loud, you can turn the sound down if you wish.

You can now go into the 'Country Life' room. There are lots of dark wooden objects.

If it is a sunny day outside, there may be lots of bright sunshine in this room.



When you are ready you can return across the landing and down the main stairs.

There is a small gift shop near the reception desk.



To leave the building you go through the glass door and front door that came through when you arrived.



We hope you had fun at the Museum of Farnham.

You can tell us about it if you would like to.

When you get home you can write us a letter, draw a picture or send us an email at

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We would like to hear from you.

Thank you for coming.