

Visiting the Glastonbury Lake Village Museum in the Glastonbury Tribunal (TIC)

TEACHERS' VISIT NOTES

- From the many Iron Age objects found in the Glastonbury lake village and from the display boards children can discover the story of the first people living in the Glastonbury area.
- A visit can illuminate several aspects of the National Curriculum for Key Stages 1, 2 and 3, helping children identify differences between ways of life at different times, particularly those relevant to the Glastonbury area.
- A set of four A4 **worksheets** and a **risk assessment guide** are available and can be downloaded together with these notes (**see PDF files below**). The worksheets can be copied on 4 single sided A4 sheets—2 double sided A4 sheets—1 double sided A3 sheet.
- The aim of the worksheet is to help children get the most from their visit to the museum. It can help children respond to the museum displays which have a range of sources of information about the past and how we have learnt about it.
- Combine a visit with other related sites in the Glastonbury area: - the Peat Moors Centre, the Rural Life Museum, Glastonbury Abbey, St John's Church, the Tor.
- These Glastonbury sites can be used to illustrate a continuity of development throughout history: -
 1. track ways from pre-history;
 2. lake village living from the time of the Roman invasion;
 3. Roman origins within the abbey site;
 4. dark age origins of the stories of Arthur and the coming of Christianity;
 5. the Saxon and medieval abbey as an important centre of learning, administration, trade, agriculture and the burial place of the first kings of all England;
 6. the development of the local rural economy after the abbey dissolution with the draining of the levels and the forming of road, canal and railway links.
- The lake village finds on display illustrate everyday living at the time of the Roman invasion and how trade followed waterway links to Ireland, Europe and the Mediterranean. A 2,000 year old dugout canoe in the Tribunal kitchen shows how the inhabitants had access to the dry ground where Glastonbury now stands.
- The Tribunal itself is a medieval merchant's house linked to the abbey. It's roof can be compared with that of the main barn that houses the Rural Life Museum.
- The lake village site and the finds from it have been the property of the Glastonbury Antiquarian Society since their re-discovery in the nineteenth century. The finds are cared for and displayed by the Somerset County Council Museum Service. Extensive and continuing archaeological and historical research ensures that the displays in the Tribunal Museum, the Abbey Interpretation Centre and the Rural Life Museum are up-to-date.

- **The Lake Villages of Somerset** (published 2006 by Glastonbury Antiquarian Society, Somerset Levels Project and Somerset County Council Heritage Service) is the most recent and comprehensive booklet. It is available from the Glastonbury Tribunal (TIC) and may be purchased on-line at: www.glastonburytic.co.uk/index.php?q=Lake-Villages-of-Somerset-publ.html

PRACTICALITIES AND CONTACTS

The Lake Village Museum

The Glastonbury Tourist Information Centre

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- **Times of opening**

April—September Sunday—Thursday 10.00—17.00

Friday—Saturday 10.00—17.30

October—March Monday—Thursday 10.00—16.00

Friday—Saturday 10.00—16.30

Sunday closed

- **Admission charges**

Adult £2.00

Child 1.00

Senior 1.00

Concession 1.50

- **Pre-booked charges**

£1.50

UK Educational groups—FREE

.50

1.00

- **Size of Group and access**

Optimum group size—12 Maximum numbers within the Museum—15

The Lake Village Museum is on the first floor of the Tribunal—we regret that there is at present no wheelchair access.

Glastonbury Abbey

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Somerset Rural Life Museum

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