

## ***Hands on History***

*Duration: 1½ hours approx. – max group size 30*  
National Curriculum – **Key Stage 1 / 2**  
Available: April - September



### ***The Visit Aims***

- To give children an opportunity to handle artefacts (objects from the Hall's collection) and to explore their use and design.
- To introduce children (via objects from the past) to the life-styles within a large country house typical of the late Victorian and early Edwardian periods.
- To provide children with the opportunity to study the Victorian and Edwardian periods in a social context, through the observation of artefacts and features on display in the Hall rooms.
- To provide children with an insight into the duties, roles and hierarchy of life in-service using interpretive displays, tableaux, artefacts etc.

### ***The Visit***

The visit is in two parts. After a welcome and brief introduction by your Heritage guide your party will divide into two groups; **(a)** and **(b)**.

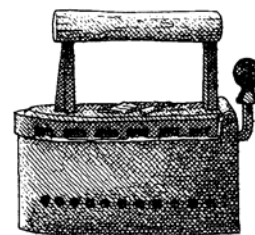
**Group a** will have the opportunity to look at and some of the artefacts in the Hall rooms (on a self led basis) for 45 minutes starting downstairs in the kitchen areas then moving upstairs to the 'principal' rooms.

**Group b** will have the opportunity to handle, explore and discuss several historical objects in the Hall 'Hands on' room. The guide will talk about and demonstrate the objects and discuss their function, design and place in a late Victorian and early Edwardian household. The group will be encouraged to discuss the component parts of some of the objects and compare them (if appropriate) to their modern day equivalents.

The objects are used to highlight the work of some of the servants and their position within the household. The objects may also give a glimpse into the lives of the Earl's of Sefton.

After 45 minutes the two groups will meet at the top of the grand (main) staircase and 'swap' activities.

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## *Background Information*

Croxteth Hall was once the home of the Earls of Sefton. After the death of the last Earl in 1972 the Hall and its surrounding estate was bequeathed to the City of Liverpool.

The Principal Rooms in the Hall display the furnishings and artefacts typical of a late Victorian / Edwardian country house. Many of the items on display are on loan from National Museums Liverpool. A hand list of furniture and paintings is available for information on specific objects on display detailing artefacts original to the Hall.

## *Resources Available (charged)*

- The Molyneux Family
  - The Molyneux Family Coat of Arms
  - The Victorian Domestic Servant
  - Paintings and Furnishings Hand list
  - The Architecture of Croxteth Hall
- Information leaflet.
  - Colouring sheet.
  - Information booklet.
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## *Visit Notes*

**Supervision** - For every visit it is necessary to have sufficient adults with your group to comply with your LEA guidelines.

**Risk Assessments** - are available for all guided visits.

**Timing** - Most visits last for approx 1.5 hours. Please refer to the notes provided for your visit for times and starting points. We suggest you arrive 15 minutes in advance of your visit to allow for parking, payment, toilet trips, etc

**Toilets** - are in the courtyard by the Café.

**Parking** - The main entrance and coach park is off Muirhead Avenue East. The coach park is about 300m from the Hall. You may be advised to park near the Hall only with prior arrangement.

**Charge** - £3.80 per child (minimum charge, £95.00 per group).

**Payment** - Please make payment on the day of the visit at the gift shop at the front of the Hall. Please make payment to **Croxteth Hall & Country Park**.

**Further Information** about this and other visits are detailed on our 'Learning Opportunities' website [www.croxteth.co.uk/education](http://www.croxteth.co.uk/education)

**Customer Feedback Forms**- please fill in and return our feedback survey sheets. We welcome evaluation and constructive comments on your visit.

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