



# Gressenhall Farm and Workhouse

## Things for groups to see and do in 2017

Enjoy a day out to remember exploring this fascinating museum and historic farm set amidst 50 acres of beautiful Norfolk countryside. See recreations of traditional cottages and shops. Relax in our delightful gardens or take a stroll round our period working farm with its rare breed animals. Try locally produced food in the Mardlers' Rest café, which serves a wide range of hot and cold snacks and meals.



With substantial indoor displays and beautiful countryside to explore there is plenty to see and do whatever the weather. Below is a selection of some of the displays and activities for you to enjoy.

### Displays and collections

The museum houses extensive and important **collections of rural and Norfolk life**. The displays draw on these to tell the fascinating tale of life on the land in the last 200 years. While the archaeological gallery **Norfolk's First Farmers** tells the story of prehistoric food production, the agricultural display in St Nicholas Barn highlights more recent farming technology.

During 2017, we will be creating a range of new displays and activities as part of the exciting **Voices from the Workhouse** project, supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund. This work may affect different areas of the workhouse building. Please see our website for updates, or speak to us directly to find out how this work may affect your visit.



Let the memories flow as you visit **traditional cottages and shops** with their atmospheric and carefully re-created interiors. Car enthusiasts will love the magnificent 1899 Panhard et Levassor, **Norfolk's oldest working car**, while the **1950s room** and **Cherry Tree Cottage** will evoke memories for our older visitors.

The **Collections Gallery** houses an eclectic treasure trove of items from the museum's collections. With everything from medieval bricks to 1960s kitchen gadgets this wonderful gallery is a great place to browse quietly or to share memories with a friend.



### Gressenhall Farm

The museum farm is run as a traditional Norfolk farm might have been between 1900 and 1930. **Suffolk Punch** horses and vintage tractors work the fields. Our **rare breed farm animals** are all native to the region and include Red Poll cattle, Large Black pigs, Norfolk Horn sheep and traditional chickens and turkeys. The farmer's wife is often to be found cooking on the farmhouse range and children love to have a go with the water pump outside the kitchen door.

## Outdoors at Gressenhall

The **50-acre site** offers many opportunities to take in the beauty of the Norfolk countryside. A country trail leads through the fields and along the **River Whitewater**, a tributary of the River Wensum. Stroll around the **orchard**, a living library of regional apple varieties or just sit and watch the world go by in the museum's large and beautiful courtyard. Gardeners will be inspired and everyone will enjoy the **cottage** and **wildlife gardens**. Our fantastic **woodland playground** is a world of adventure for children.



## Activities for groups

Discover the delights of Gressenhall Farm and Workhouse for yourselves or let us help enhance your visit with one of our special activities for groups. Use the Group Booking Form to book any of the following:

- **Welcome Talk**

A short introduction and welcome from a member of our front of house team on your arrival. There's lots to choose from at Gressenhall so a Welcome Talk helps you and your group decide how to plan your day as well as being a friendly start to your visit.

**5 to 10 minutes, free**

- **Workhouse Trail**

Join one of our expert guides and find out more about the history of the workhouse itself and the people who lived here. Your guide will take you through the rooms and yards of the workhouse bringing it to life and giving you an insight into what it was like to live here.

**45 minutes to 1 hour, £2.00 per person**

- **Cart Ride**

Put your feet up and enjoy a relaxing and enjoyable tour around our traditionally run farm. Depending on availability, one of our Suffolk Punch horses or tractors will do all the hard work! We are also able to offer cart rides to visitors in wheelchairs or with mobility problems – please indicate this requirement when booking (15-20 passengers per trip).

**15 minutes, free, dependent on weather**



We also offer **Special Demonstrations** such as 'Farming with Horses' and short **Expert Talks** by members of our Farm Staff and Collections Team. If you have any specific requirements, please let us know and we will make every effort to organise a day to suit your needs.

For more information about any of the above, or to make a booking, please call the Bookings Administrator on 01362 869251 or email [gressenhall.museum@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:gressenhall.museum@norfolk.gov.uk). Alternatively, please visit our website at [www.museums.norfolk.gov.uk/Gressenhall](http://www.museums.norfolk.gov.uk/Gressenhall)

*Please note: we need at least **2 weeks notice** to arrange group activities, which are subject to availability and/or weather.*