



Welcome!

This picture guide will help you find your way around the museum.

There are useful tips for activities you can do, a little bit of information on different models or objects you will see in the galleries. There is also information on the facilities available including: seating areas and toilets.

This is The Museum of English Rural Life

There is a small car park in the grounds of the museum
staff at reception will provide you with a parking permit



This is the courtyard and the main entrance to the museum
There is a push button at the entrance for wheelchair access



This is the reception where you will be greeted by a friendly member of staff



As you enter, the shop will be on your right



The staircase on your left will take you to the Nook or you can use the lift



In the Nook you can sit on our comfy sofa or view the latest community exhibition



The room next door also has comfy seating to relax in



or take a seat at the cheese table for a view of the courtyard and take a drink from the water cooler



Turn left through this exit for the
toilets



Toilets are through here



Back at reception you will find more of the shop and Welcome Space



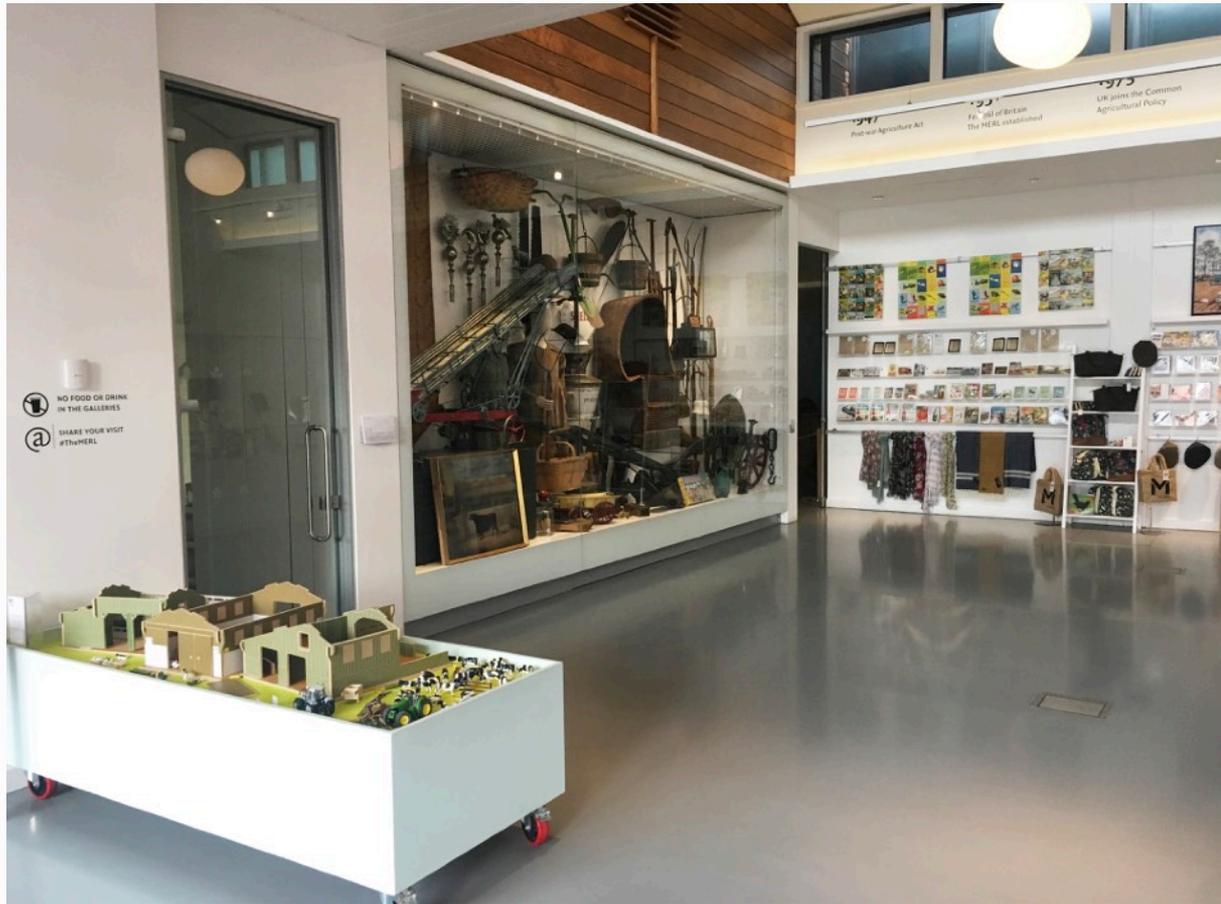
The door on the right will take you to The Learning Studio



In here you can do a brass rubbing
and see our sensory cow!



This is the Welcome Space



This is the cafe with a view of our large garden



This is the cafe with a view of our large garden. You can have a drink or a snack.



In the garden there is lots of space to walk around and play in.



We also have chickens and a Shepherd's Hut:
you can sit in here and read a book or relax.

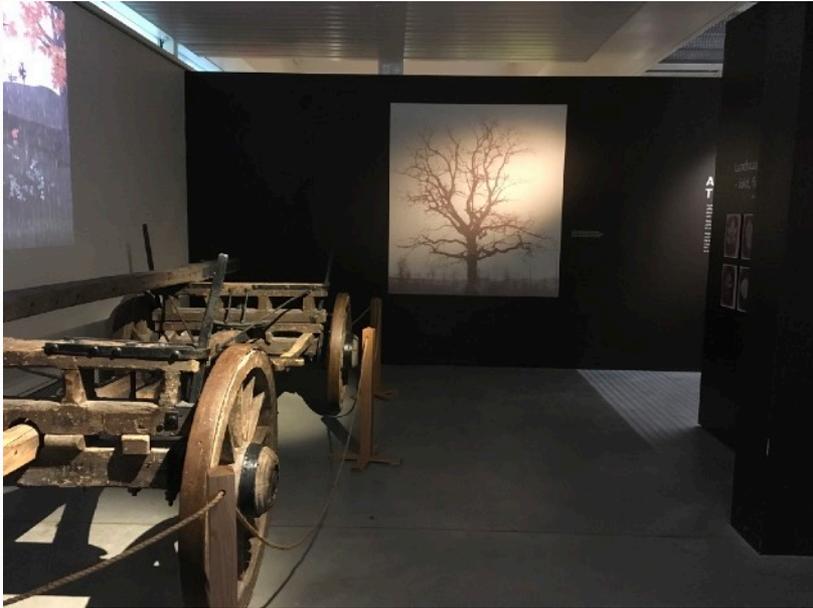


This is the entrance to the galleries



Shaping the Landscape Gallery:

This gallery is quite dark and small with a bright animation projected on the wall



A Year on the Farm Gallery



You will see some mannequins in this gallery.
There will also be a model of a slaughtered animal



You will find a sheep with a knitted coat that you can touch! You can also play games on the interactive screens or play with the jigsaw puzzles



Town and Country Gallery:

At the entrance you will see a wicker model of a horse and further down the gallery there is a large steam engine!



You can try on a hat and see how you look in the mirror or listen to stories on the interactive touch screen



At the end of this gallery you will see a glass panel displaying a large print of a map (through the glass panel you will be able to see the Collecting England gallery)



Making Rural England Gallery:

This gallery will include some hunting objects



Collecting England Gallery:

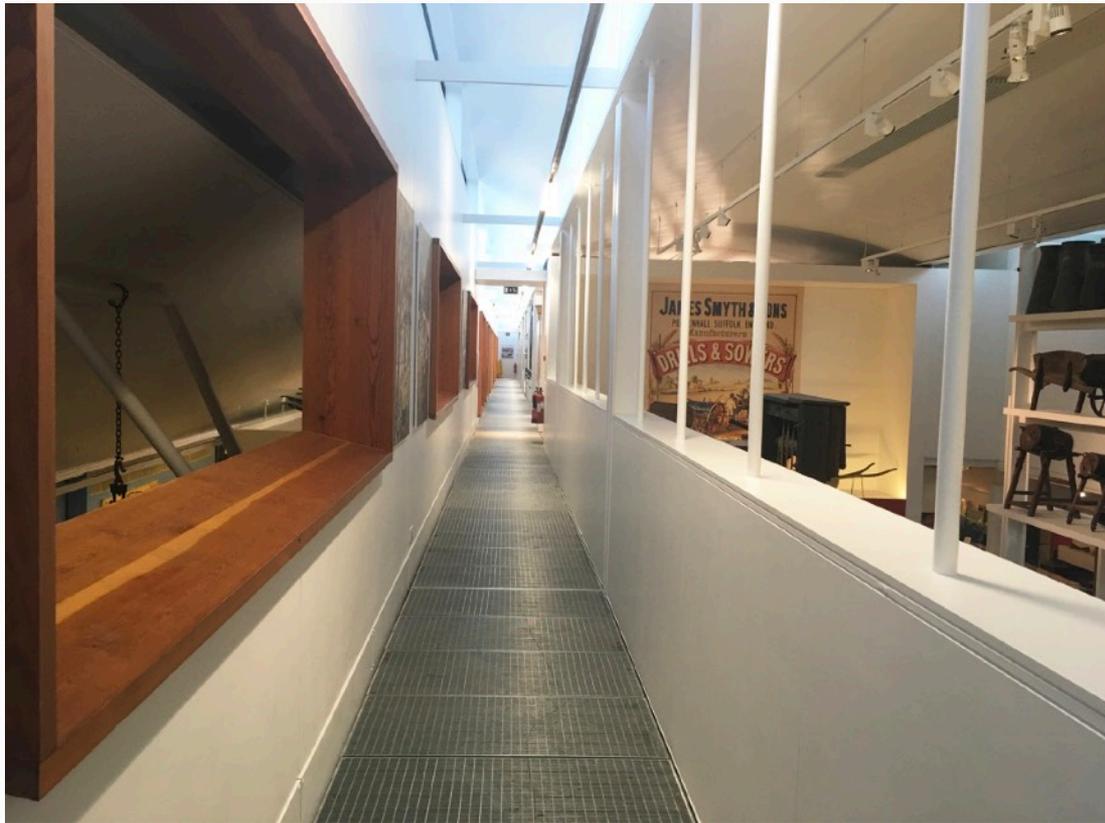
In here you can listen to the radio with audio clips from the soap opera, *The Archers*



To your right you will see a staircase to the upper floor...



The upper floor is called the mezzanine:
It is very long and narrow and with the gridded path you
can see the floor below



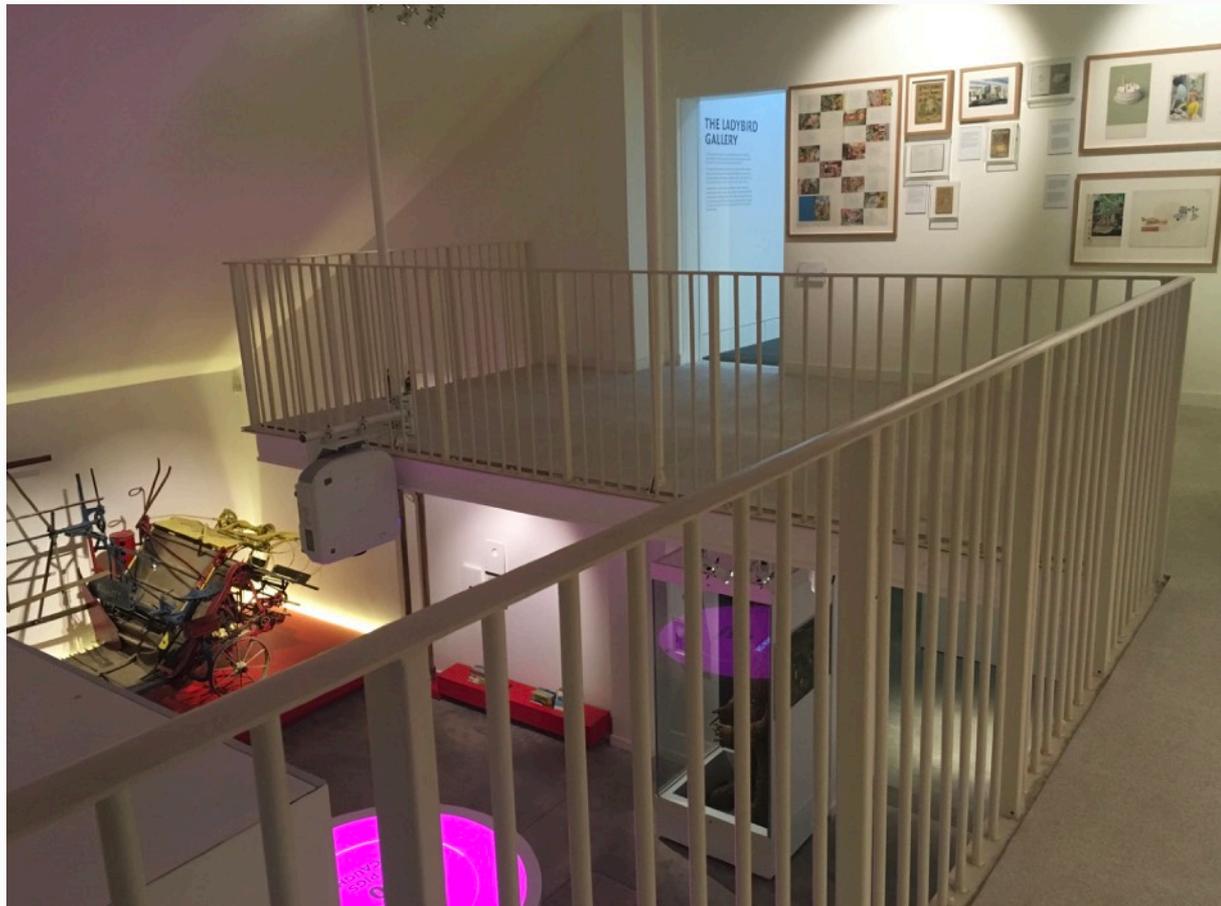
If you turn right at the top of the staircase you will see lots of objects behind cases and lots of ploughs!



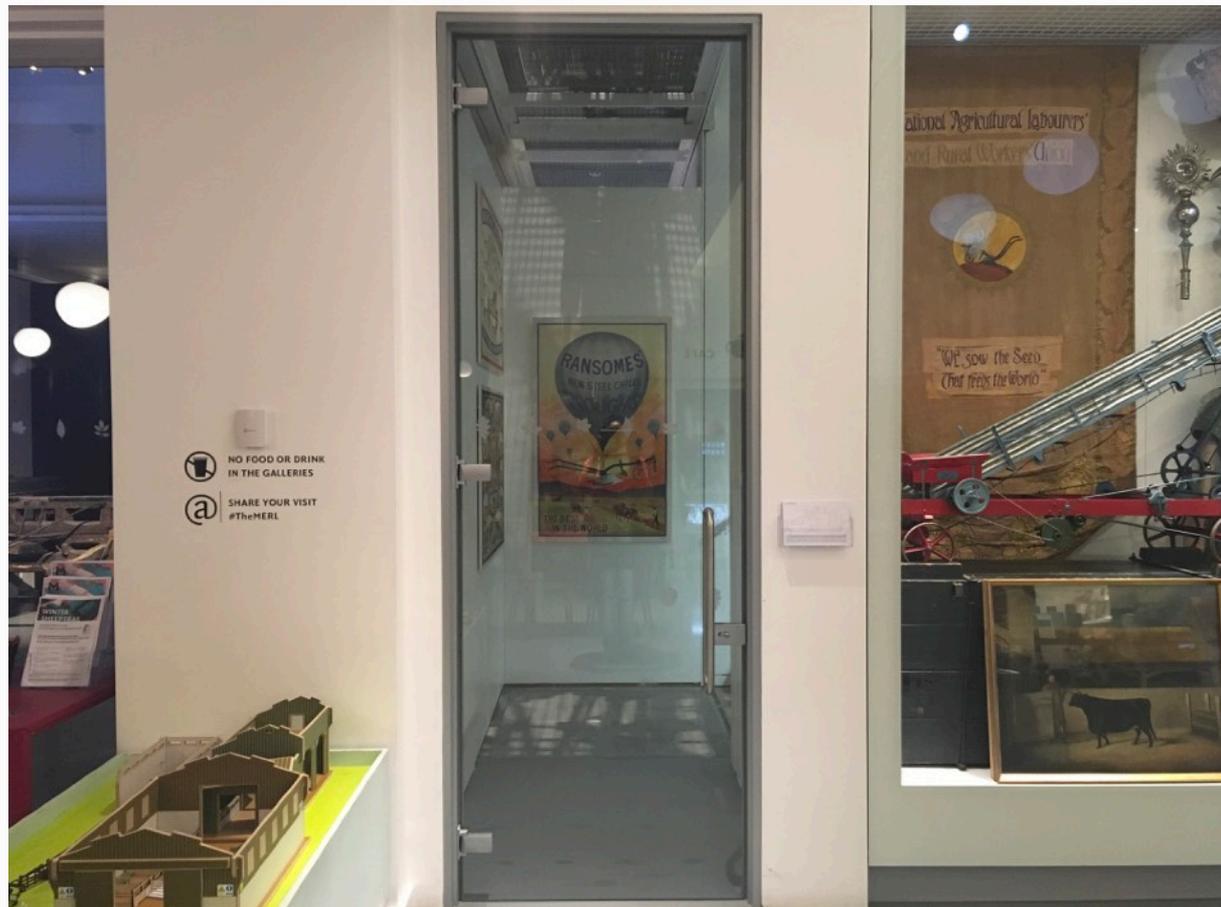
If you turn left at the top of the staircase you can view the galleries below on either side



Keep walking in this direction and you will find the Ladybird Gallery which overlooks the gallery below



You can use this door in the Welcome Space with a staircase also leading to the upper floor...



... or you can take the lift at the end of the Forces for Change Gallery



Walk back down the stairs and turn right to visit the Forces for Change Gallery



In this gallery you can choose a film to watch and sit on the bench



Our Country Lives Gallery: This gallery has dimmed lighting



In the centre is a bright, large interactive table where you can play games and there is a wicker model of King Alfred



Around the corner is the Wagon Walk:
This is very long and narrow and you might hear other
people walking across the mezzanine above you



You can watch a film about how wagons are made in this gallery



The end of the Wagon Walk will lead you back to the shop and Welcome Space

