



INFORMATION FOR OUTREACH REQUESTS

TALKS

If you are interested in finding out more about The Museum of English Rural life (The MERL) before or after a visit to the museum, we can come and visit you. Our fully trained volunteers can visit your group's usual meeting venue to give a presentation describing the museum, its history and its collections as well as information about recent projects and forthcoming event. They will also show a short film about the MERL's recent redevelopment.

THE MERL PLAYERS

The MERL Players are a group of enthusiastic and knowledgeable volunteers who bring our collections and the stories they tell to life through drama. Currently, the MERL Players are available to perform 'Our Country Lives', which uses the museum's new displays as inspiration to tell the fascinating stories of the people who would have used our objects.

COST

There is no charge for delivery of a talk or performance but we do ask for a suggested donation of £40 to cover administrative costs and volunteer expenses (cheques payable to 'The University of Reading' please).

AVAILABILITY

We can arrange an outreach visit on any day of the week, during the day or evening, subject to the availability of our volunteers.

EQUIPMENT AND VENUE REQUIREMENTS

For talks, our speaker will bring the equipment to your group, but will need to be able access a plug socket for the laptop. Our speaker can bring a screen to project on, but if you already have a screen or a large enough blank wall please let us know in advance so that our speaker does not need to transport this.

The MERL Players will just need enough space in which to perform and some chairs.

We have recently renewed our hearing loop facilities for the hard of hearing and can bring this equipment if required, subject to availability. Please contact us for more details.

HOW TO BOOK

If you would like to book an outreach visit, please contact us at merlevents@reading.ac.uk