

Family History Resource Weardale People

Call here first for your family history enquiries.

At the Weardale Museum we have a unique and powerful family history resource - Data from censuses, parish records and gravestone inscriptions have been brought together into our formidable genealogical database, "Weardale People", which we run on a well known commercial family history program containing more than 60,000 individuals whose family relationships can be displayed as ancestor charts or descendant trees.



New users of our extensive computer database are advised to telephone beforehand (01388) 517208, or (01388) 517433 to receive personal tuition.

What our visitors say about us

"Amazing amount of information in such a small space."
Linda Conroy, Berwick

"Could have spent a whole day here."
Joyce Ellerby, Newcastle

"Came to Sunday Service, lovely welcome."
R.Field, Birmingham

"A model of a museum, wish they were all like this."
M Headon, Colwyn Bay

"Came to see the Tapestry, amazing, beautiful work."
Renwick handicraft group, Cumbria

"Brilliant afternoon researching family tree."
Jill Githorpe, Low Fell, Gateshead

"Stopped on a whim. Glad we did."
David & Lucy, Morpeth



Our opening times are

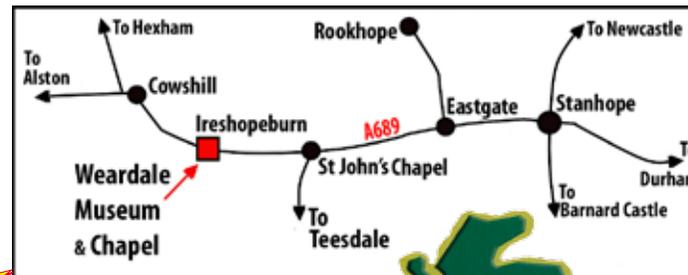
1.30pm - 4.30pm
Easter and Bank Holidays
May, June, Sept & October --- Wed to Sunday
July & August ---- Daily
Any time by appointment for organised groups.

Admission Adult £3
Child FREE with an accompanying Adult

Car parking is behind the Museum.

Access

We have wheelchair access to toilet, downstairs rooms and to the chapel. Upstairs displays can be viewed downstairs using large display books.



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The Weardale Museum & High House Chapel

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Touch Screen
Displays**

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The Weardale Visitor Network
www.discoverweardale.com



Three great attractions in one lovely countryside location

Friendly hands-on folk museum



Lead miner's kitchen

image © Peter Atkinson

Historic Wesleyan Chapel



High House Chapel

image © Peter Atkinson

Beautiful Tapestry



detail from the Weardale Tapestry

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"So much more to see than appears possible from outside."

- Lead miner's cottage kitchen with objects to touch.
- Dedicated room with stories of John Wesley.
- See High House Chapel as part of your visit.
- Galleries of beautiful minerals, crystals and fossils.
- The Weardale Tapestry.
- The story of "The Weardale Chest".
- Great War Exhibition.
- Weardale Railways.
- The early Westgate Subscription Library 1788.
- Stories of people who emigrated from the dale.
- An amazing family history resource of Weardale People
- A 'Virtual Museum' of artefacts exported from the area.
- New for 2018 - Interactive touch screen displays



High House is the oldest purpose built Methodist Chapel in continuous weekly use.

"This is the country where the fires of Methodism took hold ... there are many chapels in these parts ... many are early and handsome Ireshopeburn is the best."

England's Thousand Best Churches by Simon Jenkins

The Chapel, displays and memorabilia are open to visitors during Museum opening times.

Services are held every Sunday at 10.45am.
All welcome.

This free-style embroidery in five large panels, by 'Friends in Stitches' depicts the different periods in the developing history of Weardale from the formation of our mineral veins; the use by Romans and Normans of our valley as a hunting forest; the largest lead-mining area in the country; to the coming of the railway and through to present-day activities. It features not only the great and the good but also the lives, activities and events of ordinary people.

***A great place for a group visit.
Please ring for details.
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