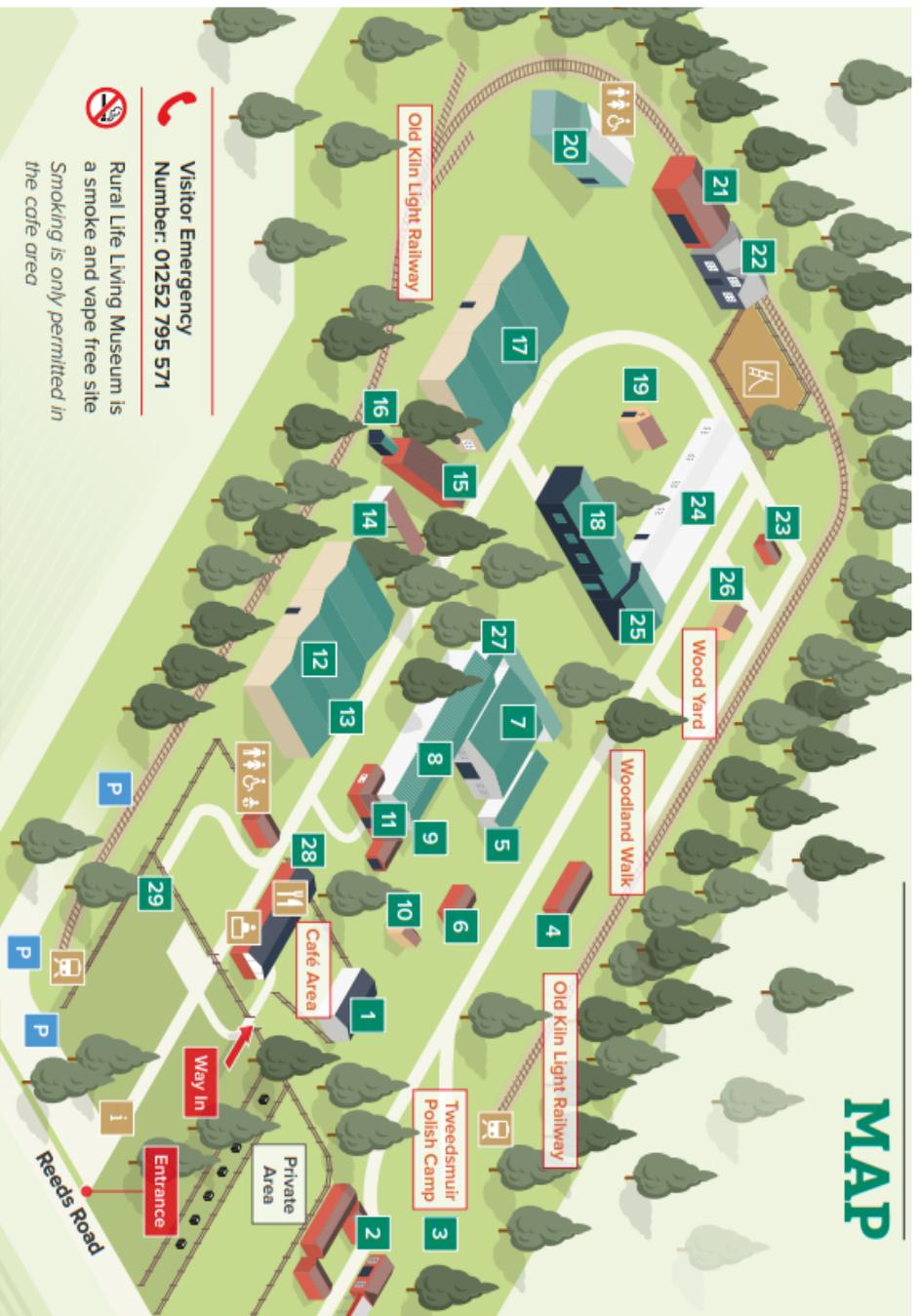


# **The Rural Life Living Museum**



## **Social Story**

# MAP



**Visitor Emergency**  
Number: 01252 795 571

Rural Life Living Museum is a smoke and vape free site  
*Smoking is only permitted in the café area*

## Icon Key

-  Information
-  Reception
-  Café
-  Toilets
-  Playground
-  Railway station
-  Parking

## Buildings & Exhibits

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| <b>1</b> Arcon Prefab & Stanton Shelter    | <b>16</b> Laundry                    |
| <b>2</b> Henry's Yard & Forge              | <b>17</b> Frensham Building          |
| <b>3</b> Tweedsmuir Polish Camp            | <b>18</b> Village Hall               |
| <b>4</b> Smudgers Holiday Chalet           | <b>19</b> Chapel                     |
| <b>5</b> Seale Building                    | <b>20</b> School Room                |
| <b>6</b> Granary                           | <b>21</b> Madge's Waggon Shed        |
| <b>7</b> Waggon Shed                       | <b>22</b> Cricket Pavilion           |
| <b>8</b> Gibbs Building                    | <b>23</b> Deeks Cycle Shop           |
| <b>9</b> Gypsy Caravan                     | <b>24</b> Carpentry Workshop         |
| <b>10</b> Shepherd's Hut                   | <b>25</b> Bourne Building            |
| <b>11</b> Churt Building                   | <b>26</b> Wood Yard                  |
| <b>12</b> Tilford Building                 | <b>27</b> Sands Building             |
| <b>13</b> Anderson Shelter                 | <b>28</b> Telephone Kiosk & Post Box |
| <b>14</b> Plough Gallery                   | <b>29</b> Water Pump                 |
| <b>15</b> Brick Carver & Hand Tool Display |                                      |



FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY please observe the following guidelines:

- Dogs must be kept on leads
- Children using the playground

- Do not climb walls, trees or fences
- Be aware of tree roots and other

# Welcome to the Rural Life Living Museum

- 1 The Arcon Prefab & Stanton Shelter** – A typical post war Arcon MK IV prefab. Outside you will see a vegetable garden and a garden shed which has converted from a wartime Stanton air-raid shelter.
- 2 Henry's Yard** – This is the site of the original museum from which the Rural Life Living Museum grew. You will find here the Wealden iron furnace, the blacksmith's forge, domestic interiors from both the Victorian age and the 1930s as well as the brewing exhibition.
- 3 Tweedsmuir Polish Camp** – Located behind Henry's Yard you will find an exhibition on the Polish community that lived in the ex-military camp at Thursley from 1947 to the 1960s.
- 4 Smudgers** – A 1920s holiday chalet from Box Hill.
- 5 Seale Building** – Pedestrian tractors and ploughs are on display here.
- 6 Granary** – Holds a selection of artefacts related to milling.
- 7 Waggon Shed** – Wagons from agricultural to transport.
- 8 Gibbs Building** – This holds the Ransome collection of machinery.
- 9 The Gypsy Caravan** – For protection, this is kept under cover in the Gibbs building.
- 10 Shepherd's Hut** – A typical moveable hut used by shepherds, particularly during lambing time.
- 11 Churt Building** – Contains a shepherding exhibition and a wood-turner's workshop which you can see in action on some weekends. There is also a video providing more information about the museum as well as items from the Gibbs collection.
- 12 Tiltford Building** – This large building displays example Victorian shop fronts including a cobblers, a butcher's, a bakery, a wheelwright shop etc. There is also a WWII collection, a large dolls house and a horse drawn vehicle collection.
- 13 Anderson Shelter** – A domestic shelter from World War II.
- 14 Plough Gallery** – Some of the ploughs from our extensive collection are on display here.
- 15 Brick Carver & Hand Tool Display** – The tools of many trades from ditching to thatching are housed in here.
- 16 Laundry** – This is a rare survivor from Weybourne and is used in our washday demonstrations for schools visits and other events.
- 17 Frensham Building** – Houses a corn handling area, threshing machine, elevator, small carts, fire engines, timber handling machinery and a stable.
- 18 Village Hall** – Came from Lindford near Bordon.
- 19 Eashing Chapel** – The non-conformist chapel contains a harmonium, lectern and WW1 memorial.
- 20 School Room** – Built in 1902 from corrugated iron, the School Room and recovered from the school in the neighbouring Bourne village in 2004.
- 21 Madge's Waggon Shed** – Built in memory of one of the museum's founders. This building has hop processing and large agricultural machinery on view.
- 22 The Cricket Pavilion** – Moved from Holloway Hill recreation ground in Godalming.
- 23 Deeks Cycle Shop** – The cycle shop and workshop from Frinley Green is a good example of how rural businesses evolved with changes in transport from the late 19th Century.
- 24 Carpentry Workshop** – Houses a wide range of hand tools and trade equipment for carpentry, engineering and plumbing.
- 25 Bourne Building** – Holds a display of various farm and horticultural tools as well as traps.
- 26 Wood Yard** – On selected weekends you can see the saw-bench and associated machinery being demonstrated. There is also a living van for a woodman who lived in the New Forest.
- 27 Sands Building** – Holds a machinery gallery and stationary engines.
- 28 Telephone Kiosk and Post Box** – So different from modern communication!
- 29 Water Pump** – Built by Duke & Ockenden around 1905, the 'Dando' Water Pump is unusual for its fancy ironwork.

*And don't forget the playground, the shop, and the cafe!*

***Thank you for visiting the Rural Life Living Museum.***

***We look forward to seeing you again soon – have a safe journey home.***

***Share your photos with us***





I'm going to visit a museum today.



When I arrive we will park in the car park. Sometimes it can be a bit muddy and wet.

We will then walk along the path to the main entrance.



This is the entrance to our shop.

We will be greeted by a friendly volunteer. Our volunteers wear orange lanyards. They will say hello and welcome us to the museum. We can take a map or trail if we would like one.

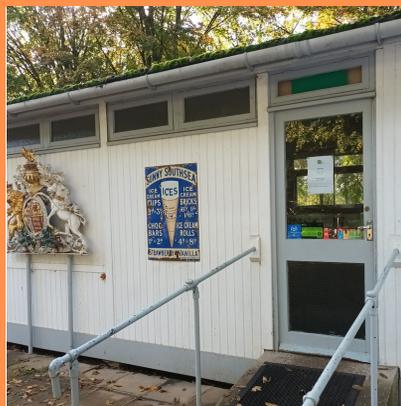
Hello.



There will be lots of things to touch and feel in the shop. I can have a little feel, but I'll try my hardest to look and listen instead. We might smell some food coming from the cafe next door.

I can then start my visit.

There is no set way around the museum so I can plan my own route.



This is our cafe area.



You can have your picnic here.



This is where our toilets are located .



Now it's time to start exploring!

Because we are a living and working museum, this means that our objects move about regularly.

If you can't find something, ask our friendly volunteers.



Sometimes there will be a special event on.

We might have our tractors moving and the train might be running.

This means the museum could be noisy and smell a little smokey.



When I see these signs, it means I can have a go!



HAVE A GO AT ...  
Tiling a roof!

Get an adult to help you. Gently place each clay tile onto the roof battens, but don't forget - they might break if they fall!



This is Deeks, our cycle shop.

Here are some of the buildings I might see during my visit.

This is our Victorian Classroom.



**There are many more buildings to explore!  
Which one is your favourite?**



**This is the Churt building.  
Sometimes you'll see our wood turners working in here.**

**This is Eashing Chapel.**



**This is our 1950s Playground.  
Have a go!**



**This is the Cricket Pavilion.**

**You'll see examples of old sports equipment in here.**



**This is the Old Kiln Forge.  
Sometimes you'll see our blacksmiths working in here.**

**When you are ready to leave, you can exit the same way that you came in, through the shop.**

**It might be noisy in here!**

**We hope you have a fun day  
exploring!**

**Thank you for visiting.**

**The Rural Life Living Museum**

