



COWPER & NEWTON MUSEUM

Registered Charity No. 310521

## Group Visit / Talk - Booking Form

Dear Group Organiser,

The Cowper & Newton Museum is now taking group and talk bookings for this year.

We offer a range of tours in the Museum and Gardens, which we tailor to the interests of your group. Our friendly and knowledgeable staff and guides provide a warm, welcoming atmosphere, enabling your group to have a great day out!



Please see the attached group/ talk booking form which includes prices for this year for you to complete and return to us at the address below, or email to:

[house-manager@cowperandnewtonmuseum.org.uk](mailto:house-manager@cowperandnewtonmuseum.org.uk)

Please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss tours and talks within the museum. If you have not received a response to your request within 3 days, please ring 01234 711516.

We look forward to welcoming your group soon!

Yours sincerely,

Paula Noble  
*House Manager*

Please note that there is 3 hour parking on the Market Place outside the museum, 1 hour on the side roads next to the Market Place, unlimited time further up the High Street and there is no parking on the Market Place 2am-6pm every Thursday and 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month. All parking is free in Olney!

ORCHARD SIDE, MARKET PLACE, OLNEY, BUCKS. MK46 4AJ

**The Cowper & Newton Museum and gardens celebrate two great men who lived in Olney, the home of ‘Amazing Grace’.**

Our Georgian gentlemen are the leading 18th Century poet and letter writer William Cowper and his friend, John Newton who wrote the hymn “Amazing Grace”, and later was to help William Wilberforce to abolish the slave trade. Together Cowper and Newton wrote the ‘Olney Hymns’ many of which are still sung today.

This Georgian museum is housed in Orchard Side where William Cowper lived and worked 250 years ago. It has beautiful, well-tended gardens, a lovely 18th Century Summer House and a substantial collection of original objects belonging to Cowper and Newton and their circle, as well as manuscripts and books relating to their work.

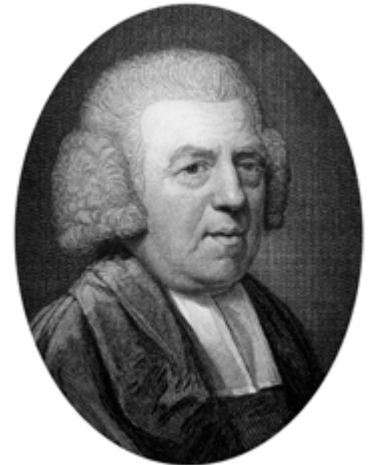
‘The Cowper Memorial Museum and Library’ was opened in 1900, but within a few years became known as ‘The Cowper & Newton Museum’, as it has remained ever since. Largely the creation of its first Custodian Thomas Wright, who worked tirelessly to raise local and national awareness of Olney’s heritage, the museum has steadily built up its collections resulting in a unique and endearing insight into Cowper and Newton’s life and that of Georgian times.



**William Cowper** (1731-1800) was England’s most respected poet in the late 18th and early 19th centuries. Robert Burns, Jane Austen, William Wordsworth and William Blake greatly admired his work. Since then famous writers such as George Eliot and Alfred Tennyson, and in the 20th century Virginia Woolf and John Betjeman, have all loved Cowper.

**John Newton** (1725-1807) perhaps best known as the author of the **world-famous hymn, “Amazing Grace”**, which was one of the “Olney Hymns” written in collaboration with William Cowper. John

Newton was the Parish priest of Olney and Cowper’s friend and collaborator. But he began his career as a seafarer and worked aboard slave trading ships, before becoming a famous London preacher and spiritual mentor to William Wilberforce, the abolitionist.



**Cowper wrote ‘Variety’s the very spice of life’ – come and see our fascinating variety of treasures from Cowper and Newton’s life.**

*‘I was overwhelmed by the amount of collection care that is taking place in the museum with such a small number of staff and the quality of the collection of early rare pieces, it really was very impressive.’ ~Extract taken from: 2014 Collections Care Health Check, Museum Development Service, Oxford.*

*‘Such a fascinating museum!’ ‘Thank you for keeping our treasures safe for all to enjoy’. ‘We had no idea this amazing museum with gorgeous gardens were here. We’ll be back using our Annual Pass!’ ‘So many interesting things to look at and stories to read about – thank you!’ Recent comments from our visitors.*



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## The Cowper & Newton Museum – Provisional Group Booking Form

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<b>GROUP VISIT PRICE per person:</b>	£6.00* to include introductory talk or guided tour (10 people and above. Usual admission applies otherwise) £3.00 Refreshments (tea/ coffee/ biscuits) £5.00 Olney Town Tour (subject to availability of a Tour Guide) £20 Non-refundable deposit Pre-order service for shop items available for group visits – 01234 711516. Please give at least 24 hours notice of your order.
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*\*Price includes an annual pass*

<b>SCHOOL PARTIES per student:</b>	£3.00 5-16 years (Multi-Collection Visits): One (free) adult to every 6 children £5.00 Additional adult per person (from 17 years): Please note that because of the size of our rooms children will be split into groups of no more than 10. Please make sure each group is accompanied by a DBS checked adult.
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<b>EXTERNAL TALKS:</b>	We are happy to respond to requests for speakers for local societies or schools. £55 per talk/ *Occasionally it is necessary to levy a charge to cover transport costs at 25p per mile.
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<b>PAYMENT:</b>	All fees are in pounds sterling. Cheques should be made payable to: The Cowper & Newton Museum. <i>As we are a volunteer-run charity with no external funding it would be appreciated if you could pay <b>BEFORE</b> your visit. <b>If paying by cash individually on the day of your visit, please bring the correct change to speed up the admission process.</b></i>
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**Please tick ✓:**

- Introductory talk only  Guided tour  Olney town guided tour  (subject to Guide availability) Talk at your venue
- Refreshments (May-Sep only)
- I will pay by cash  cheque  credit card  BACS transfer  (Sort code 20-05-74 A/C80294616 Cowper Memorial Museum)
- I have enclosed my deposit of £20 on cheque no ..... / Balance to pay .....
- I will pay my deposit by cash  BACS transfer  credit card
- Please raise an invoice for me to pay against

Group Name:			
Date of Visit:			
Arrival Time:		Departure time:	
Refreshment time required:			
Number in Group:	<i>Adults:</i>	<i>Children:</i>	
How did you hear about us?	Online <input type="checkbox"/> Magazine/Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Word of mouth <input type="checkbox"/> Leaflet <input type="checkbox"/> Community Event <input type="checkbox"/> Other.....		
Age of school children:			
Contact Name:			
Contact Telephone Number:			
Email Address:			
Contact Address:			
Particular areas of interest	<i>(eg historical/ literary/ religious):</i>		
*Special access requirements:			

\* Disabled access: Full access to the gardens; Cowper’s kitchen, hall and parlour accessible by 1-2 shallow steps; short films about the museum to watch in the reception area for those unable to manage our stairs (over 3 flights).

\* We do advise that our Museum has 6 small flights of stairs. If you have people in your party that may struggle to keep up with a guided tour, the Introductory Talk option allows groups to go at their own pace.

<b>OFFICE USE ONLY</b>	1) Paid deposit No/ Yes date.....	4) Tour guides:	7) Church informed Y/N
	2) Deposit cheque no.....date.....	5) Room stewards:	8) Gazebo Y/N
	3) Paid balance No/ Yes date.....	6) Refreshment provider:	9) Today’s date: