COWPER & NEWTON MUSEUM
Registered Charity No. 310521

Group Visit and Talk Booking Form

Dear Group Organiser,

The Cowper and 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 knowledgable 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

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

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Entertainment and intrigue for all ages

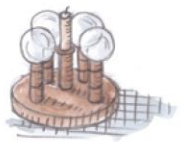
Help Mary find her beautiful silk shoes so she can go to the party tonight. Search high and low for William's pet hare. Get into character - put on your Georgian glad rags.

So much to discover in the gardens

12. The Walled Flower Garden
A beautiful sensory garden with plants from pre-1800 species. Take a seat in this peaceful place to discuss life with the hares as Cowper did, and admire the view of Olney's fine parish church.

13. The Summer House Garden
Featuring Cowper's 'verse manufactory', an original 18th century summer house set in an organically tended heritage fruit, herb and vegetable garden echoing its use as a medicinal garden in Cowper's time. Discover the naughty secret that Cowper hid under the floorboards of his summer house.

14. Olney Parish Church
From the gardens, look out for the impressive 14th century church where Newton was curate.



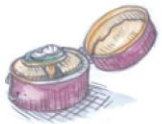
Lace Maker's Candle

Cowper's Coffee Pot

Amazing Grace & the Abolition of Slavery

Discover how John Newton's life and personal experience as a slave trade captain and as a slave himself inspired him to write the world's most famous hymn 'Amazing Grace', here in Olney. Learn about his time as the curate of the parish church, his involvement in the abolition of slavery and spiritual influence on William Wilberforce.

"Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me"
John Newton



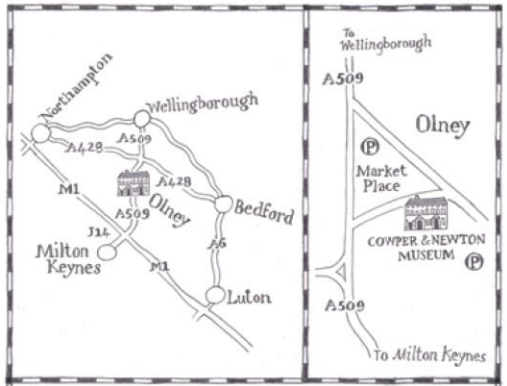
Cameo Ring in Case

Georgian Ladies Shoes

A Day Out in Olney

Spend the rest of your visit looking round Olney with its beautiful 14th century church, Georgian architecture and market place, nearby country park at Emberton, unique gift and boutique shopping, and a great choice of restaurants, cafés and public houses for quick stops or leisurely dining. There are walks of various lengths available around the town and surrounding area.

"Variety's the very spice of life"
William Cowper



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See us on Facebook and Twitter: @CowpNewtMuseum

Open times:
Open: March to December
Monday: Closed. Tuesday to Saturday: 10:30am to 4:30pm
Sundays: See website for details

Entrance Fees:
Adults (pay once, visit for 12 months): £5.00
Children 0-16 yrs: FREE
Garden only entry: £2.00
Guided tours and group visits welcome.
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Wheelchair access to courtyard, gardens, shop and toilet.
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RELIVE GEORGIAN LIFE IN OLNEY

The Home of Amazing Grace

Historic townhouse,
Tranquil gardens
and some of the
Greatest Stories
of the Era

Cowper's Sofa

Georgian Party Dress

Relive Georgian Life in Olney

Walk back in time through the home of William Cowper, renowned 18th century poet, featuring numerous personal artefacts and belongings. Discover Cowper's comic sense of humour, his poetry and writings, his dark depressions and his love of gardening and animals - especially his pet hares.

"Absence of occupation is not rest;
A mind quite vacant is a mind distressed."
William Cowper

Cowper's Coffee Mug

Medicinal Lavender Bottle

Relax in the Tranquil Gardens

Enjoy the sensory pleasures of two peaceful gardens. The historically significant walled flower garden with its numerous plants, shrubs and flowers of pre-1800 species. The Summer House Garden with its 300 year old garden house, medicinal plants, herbs and heritage fruit and vegetables all maintained organically.

"They who truth and wisdom lead,
can gather honey from a weed"
William Cowper

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The Cowper and Newton Museum – Provisional Group Booking Form

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GROUP VISIT PRICE per person:	£6.00 for self-guided groups (for 10 people and above) £6.50 to include introductory talk or guided tour (for 10 people and above). PLEASE NOTE: Previously purchased annual passes and all 2for1 passes DO NOT APPLY FOR TALKS/ TOURS. £3.00 Refreshments (tea/ coffee/ biscuits) if our gazebo is still up, otherwise there are many tea shops in town £6.50 Olney Town Tour (subject to availability of a Tour Guide) £20 Non-refundable deposit / Pre-order shop items for group visits – 01234 711516 with 24 hours notice.

SCHOOL PARTIES per student:	Minimum £30 for a school party under qty 10 children/10 children and over = £3.00 per child 5-16 years One (free) adult to every 6 children. Additional adult £6 per person (from 17 years). Sessions 1.5 hours. If a tour guide is available, a town tour would be an extra £1 per child. Our rooms are small, so children will be split into groups of no more than 10. Please make sure each group is accompanied by a DBS checked adult.

EXTERNAL TALKS:	We are happy to respond to requests for speakers for local societies or schools. £60 per talk/ ∗Occasionally it is necessary to levy a charge to cover transport costs at 25p per mile.

PAYMENT:	All fees are in pounds sterling. Cheques should be made payable to: The Cowper & Newton Museum. *As we are a volunteer-run charity with no external funding it would be appreciated if you could pay **BEFORE** your visit.* ***If paying by cash on the day, please bring the correct change to speed up the admission process.***

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 Musem)*
- 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:	*Adults:* *Children:*	
How did you hear about us?	Online ☐ Magazine/Newspaper☐ Word of mouth☐ Leaflet☐ Community Event☐ Other……	
Age of school children:		
Contact Name:		
Contact Telephone Number:		
Email Address:		
Contact Address:		
Particular areas of interest	*(eg historical/ literary/ religious/ garden/ visiting gardens only/ other):*	
∗Special access requirements:		

∗ Disabled access: Wheelchair/mobility scooter access to the gardens and Viper Barn. Cowper's kitchen, Hall and Parlour accessible by 1-2 shallow steps. Short films about the museum to watch in the Shop area for those unable to manage our stairs (over 3 floors). 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.

OFFICE USE ONLY	*1) Today's date:……*	*5) Tour guides……*	*9) On calendar……*
	2) Deposit cheque no……..date……	*6) Room stewards……*	*10) On SASCO……*
	3) Paid balance date……	*7) Refreshment provider……*	*11) On spreadsheet……*
	4) Church informed ……	*8) Gazebo needed?……*	*12) Email grp organiser*