



GRIMSBY FISHING HERITAGE CENTRE

# SCHOOL VISIT BOOKLET

The purpose of this booklet is to **assist schools** that intend to visit the **Grimsby Fishing Heritage Centre**.

For any further information, please contact the **Education Officer** on **01472 323646** or our **Main Reception** on **01472 323345**



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**Winner of the Sandford Award for Heritage Education!**



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We are delighted to have been re-awarded the Sandford Award for Heritage Education following an assessment of our school visit provision in 2021! This award, lasting 5 years, recognises the educational value of a school visit to Grimsby Fishing Heritage Centre and places the museum firmly on the map for our work within Heritage Education.

More information on the Sandford Award and what it means can be found at [www.sandfordaward.org](http://www.sandfordaward.org).

As an accredited museum, meeting the high standards of the Arts Council Accreditation Criteria, the Grimsby Fishing Heritage Centre prides itself on the standard of service delivered, whether for the general public or in the busy education service that we offer.

In 2021, we were again proud to receive recognition from VisitEngland in the form of their **Quality Rose Marque** in acknowledgment of our high standards.

We were thrilled to have the general public confirm our standards through the excellent feedback received on Tripadvisor, being awarded the **Tripadvisor Certificate of Excellence** for the last EIGHT YEARS, including in 2020! **Thank you!**

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## THE CENTRE

**Grimsby Fishing Heritage Centre aims to take pupils back to the height of the local fishing industry in the 1950s.**

This was a job regarded as the most dangerous peacetime occupation in the country. Great Grimsby was, at this time, regarded as 'The World's Premier Fishing Port'.

Through accurately recreated interiors, original trawler fittings and artefacts, smells, sounds, and movements, we are confident that children will receive a learning journey to remember, whatever their learning style!

The Ross Tiger trawler gives visitors the opportunity to see first-hand the environment that a Great Grimsby trawlerman called home for up to three weeks.

Where possible, former trawlerman guides are used to bring the ship to life as accurately as possible.

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## RISK ASSESSMENTS

We can provide a preliminary risk assessment of the museum building and the Ross Tiger trawler. However, visiting schools are responsible for the safety of all visiting children and their own risk assessments must be made. To allow you to form your own assessments and to help familiarise yourself with the building, staff are entitled to visit the centre building and Ross Tiger trawler free of charge prior to your arranged school visit.

**We will remind teachers that our Education Room has a railing that looks over our café area. Please ensure that children do not move chairs to the railing or climb on railings here and throughout the attraction.**



# ACTIVITY SHEETS & TEACHER TOUR GUIDES

**We can offer a range of simple activity sheets focusing on certain areas such as describing a job on the trawler, matching different jobs to their titles, and drawing and describing favourite areas of the centre.**

There is also a KS1 activity sheet that can be completed by children during a tour of the centre. Please get in touch with us for further details.

A full colour glossy booklet can also be obtained for the use of school staff that wish to conduct their own tours in the centre building. ALL tours of the Ross Tiger are guided by Grimsby Fishing Heritage Centre staff.

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## TIMINGS

Educational visits to the Grimsby Fishing Heritage Centre must be kept to a planned schedule. There are a number of reasons for this. Groups must be broken into groups of approximately 15 for touring the Ross Tiger and the centre. It is therefore important to time each section to allow for smooth change overs of tours of the building and those aboard the ship. It is also important that visits do not run into designated public tours of the Ross Tiger which may be taking place in the afternoon.

An itinerary will be suggested and emailed to you once your group numbers are confirmed. Whist minor differences in time are anticipated, we must urge visiting group leaders to keep as close as possible to those times.

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## HOW TO PAY FOR A VISIT

Payment can be made by school debit card, cheque or invoice. Please make cheques payable to NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL or, alternatively, bring a slip containing the full billing address and contact details for your school so that an invoice can be made out for the number of children.

**Our current charge is £7 per child.**

Supporting teaching staff are free of charge. Extra adult helpers (to a ratio of at least one adult for every six children) are also free of charge.

Extra adults may be asked to pay the standard cost of an adult to the centre, which is currently £8.50, plus £3 for Ross Tiger.

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## GIFT SHOP

The centre has a popular gift shop with a variety of 'pocket money' souvenirs available. Prices are kept very fair, with items costing between 95p to £2.50 Current items, among others, include:

Logo Pencils – 75p | Logo Pens - £1.25 | Logo Pencil Crayons – £1.55

For any further enquiries regarding the gift shop, please contact the reception on 01472 323345



# DISABLED ACCESS

**The Ross Tiger trawler is unfortunately not suitable for those with mobility difficulties. Sloping decks, high doorway sills and a number of steps aboard this once active trawler prevent the inclusion of disabled access.**

The Grimsby Fishing Heritage Centre building is fully accessible. There is a disabled toilet facility on the ground floor (adjacent to the main toilets) and a lift gives access to all floors of the main attraction. The wheelchair route of the centre differs slightly to the usual centre tour, however, all areas can be accessed.

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# PHOTOGRAPHY

Photography is permitted in all areas of the centre and Ross Tiger.

There are a number of areas (in particular the skipper's table) where many schools like to take a group photograph with classes each year as a special record.

We encourage children to take photographs in support of developing ICT skills, however, please keep in mind that the children should have their hands free whilst aboard the ship.

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# OPENING TIMES

April 1st to October 31st

Tuesday to Friday, 10am to 5pm

November 1st to March 31st

Tuesday to Friday, 10am to 4pm

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# COACH PARKING

We have the benefit of a FREE designated coach bay, suitable for a large coach, at the front of the main building. This is clearly marked HERITAGE COACH PARKING ONLY. We will aim to reserve this for you on the day of your school visits if you wish us to.

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# CONTACT DETAILS

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## EVACUATION PROCEDURE

**PLEASE STUDY THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY AND ENSURE THAT ALL STAFF HAVE A COPY AVAILABLE DURING YOUR VISIT**

- The fire alarm in the centre is a continually ringing bell. This will sound in such an emergency.
- Guided tours will stop and your guide will take you to the nearest escape.
- Escape routes are indicated by illuminated green signs with white writing. Please take notice of these during your visit.
- If you are self-guiding your group in the centre (without museum staff), please exit the building immediately via the nearest indicated fire escape. (A pre-visit to the centre would be beneficial in familiarising staff with fire exits).
- The assembly point is in front of the main entrance opposite the front of the centre building (near the bench seating).

### REMEMBER

- Leave the building immediately upon hearing the alarm bells
  - Do not return to the education room for belongings
  - Gather at the assembly point until instructed by staff to re-enter the building
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