

HEADSTONE MANOR & MUSEUM

Welcome to
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Come on a journey through English history told by a site that has witnessed 1200 years and more.

Through the museum, discover how Harrow became the unique place it is today. From the Stone Age to the arrival of the railways, Headstone Manor has seen it all.

Start your visit in the 16th-Century Small Barn, where a short film begins the story.

Continue over the bridge to the Grade I listed Manor House, where collections and displays combine to tell the story of Harrow and its place in English history. Stories about former residents help you to piece together the riches-to-rags story of Headstone itself.

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1 Small Barn

The 16th-Century Small Barn introduces you to the story of Harrow.

2 Headstone Manor

Continue into the Manor House to explore its story from the Middle Ages to the Modern day.

3 Great Barn

The 16th-Century Great Barn is open on special event days, & is also available to hire: please see www.greatbarnvenue.uk

4 Granary

Visit the 18th-Century Granary for Harrow's farming history and family activities and events.

5 The Moat Café

Head to the visitor centre to pick up a nature trail for the site, have some refreshments, or find that perfect souvenir.



The Moat Café & Gift Shop
Open Tuesday – Sunday.
Please check at the Visitors Centre for seasonal opening times.



Headstone Manor House was originally built in 1510, on the site of an even older building. Over the centuries, it's been modified and extended, but the Medieval Great Hall is still an impressive sight. Inside the 18th-Century Granary you can learn about farming at Headstone through family-friendly displays and activities.

When you walk through the gardens on the island and see wildlife on the water, remember that the moat has been here for 700 years.

JOIN IN!

Our Stories

Stories from local people help us piece together Harrow's rich heritage. If you know a story we could tell, please talk to a member of our team.

Volunteer with us!

Headstone Manor & Museum couldn't operate without all the wonderful people who help us every day. There are a lot of different ways you can volunteer with us, from being a Warden helping people to enjoy their visit, to being a Gardener keeping the flowers blooming.

If you are interested email info@headstonemanor.org

Digital discoveries

Use your own device or borrow one of our tablets to access extra digital content. Find out more about individual artefacts, rooms and topics.

On our tablets you can also read a transcription of the text panels, or use the audio option to have them read aloud.

You can also take a virtual tour of the entire Headstone Manor grounds on our website at www.headstonemanor.org



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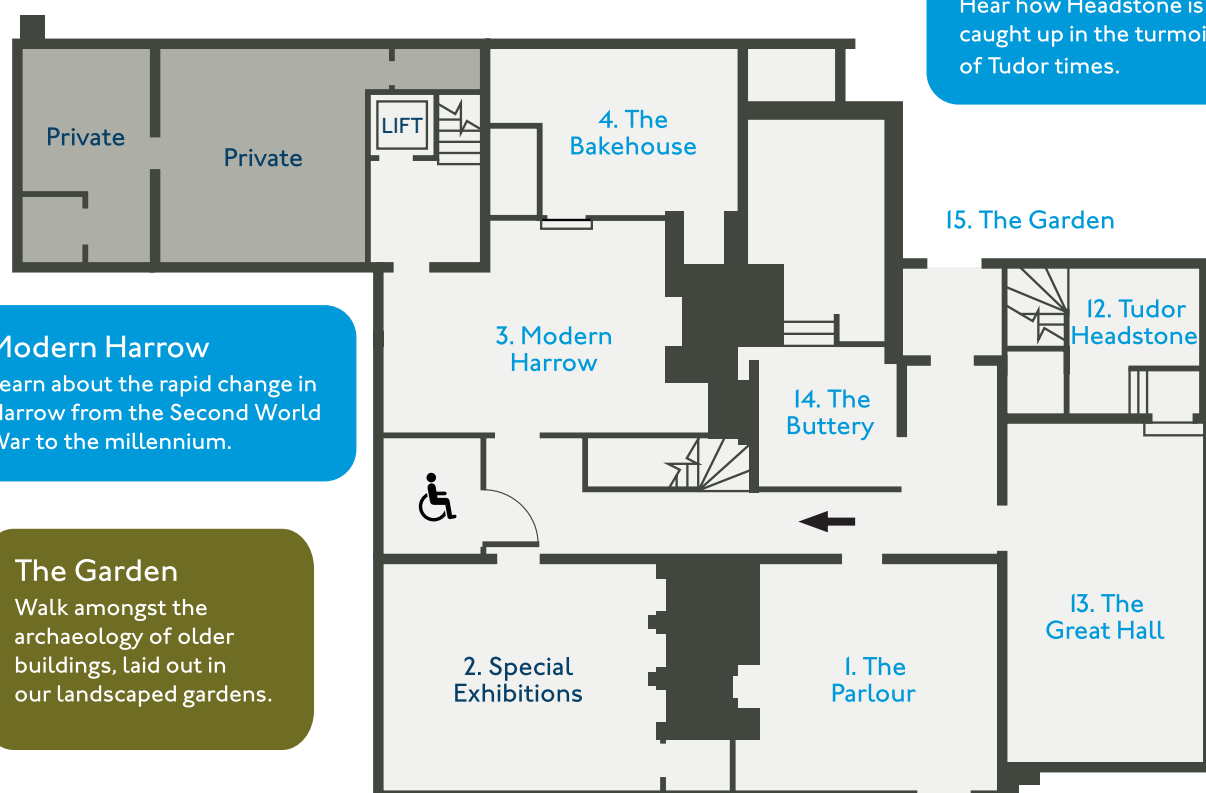
A journey through 1200 years of English history.



MANOR HOUSE

Begin in The Parlour and journey back through the centuries as you move from room to room.

Follow the numbered route to learn the history of Harrow back in time.



Ground floor

Special Exhibitions

Find out what our latest Special Exhibition is all about.

The Parlour

Discover how Headstone came to look as it does today.

The Great Hall

Absorb the atmosphere of this grand medieval hall.

Local History Room

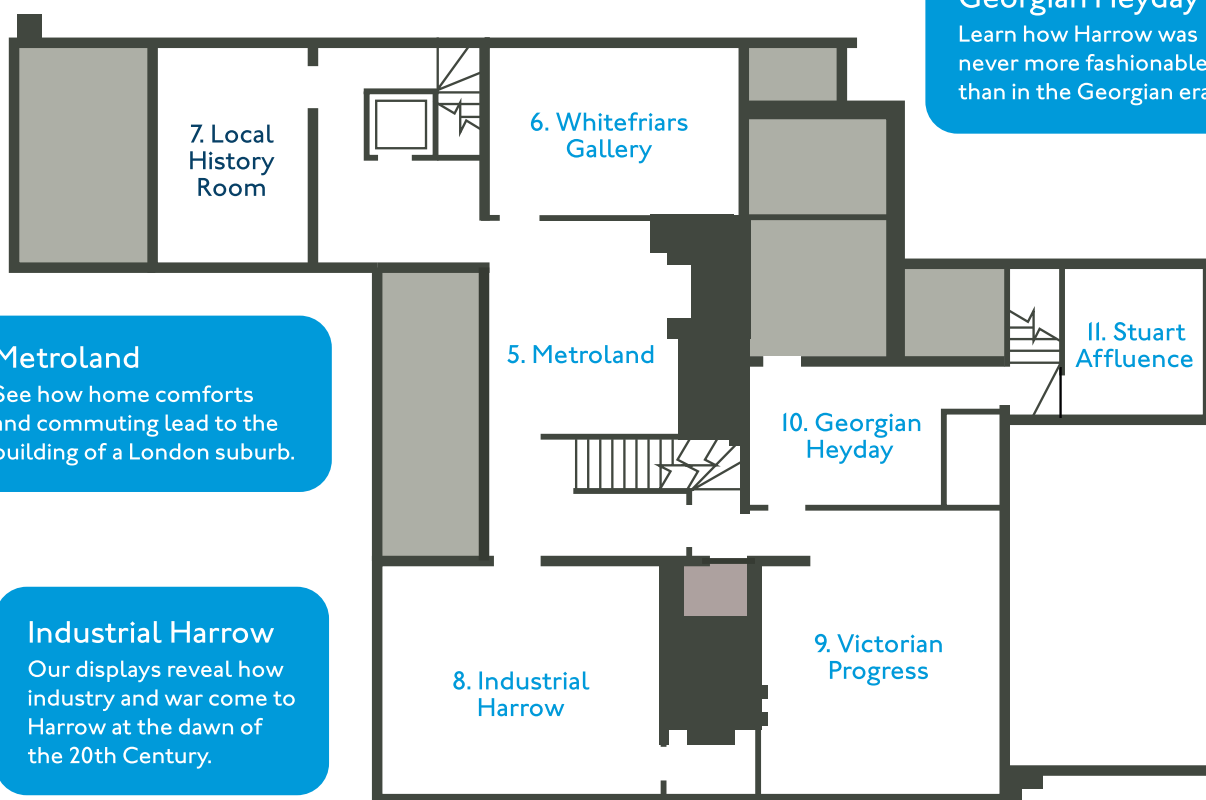
Read more about Harrow's history and search the online catalogue.

Whitefriars Gallery

Discover the craftsmanship of Whitefriars Glass.

Georgian Heyday

Learn how Harrow was never more fashionable than in the Georgian era.



First floor

Victorian Progress

See the railways cut through farmland and bring middle-class Londoners to Harrow.

Stuart Affluence

Read about Cavaliers who lost Headstone, and the Elizabethan who founded a school.



Discovery Trails

Find out more about the house and its history by following one of our themed trails.



Objects out of Time

Each room has been used for different things over the centuries. Keep an eye out for this symbol near mystery objects.



Secrets of the House

Built and rebuilt over many centuries, the house is everything from Medieval to Victorian, with many curious features such as the windows that aren't and the stairs to nowhere!



People of the Past

Hear the former residents of Headstone, tell their eyewitness accounts of Harrow's history!



Add Your Story

Do the objects and stories in the Museum have a special meaning for you? Pick up a postcard and tell us about it!



Nature Finders

Pick up a nature finders trail in the Visitor Centre and take a stroll around the moat to discover the wild side to Headstone Manor.



Explorer Backpacks

Families can enjoy our explorer bags full of activities to help younger children find and learn things in the museum. Borrow one from our Volunteer Warden in The Parlour.



Getting about

The Manor House is a historic building in which some of the rooms can only be accessed via steps, and some doorways are only 70cm wide. There is a lift to the first floor, where four rooms are step-free, but doorways are narrow.

Key objects from the displays on the first floor can be viewed on a handheld tablet, available from The Parlour or on your personal mobile device.

