A message from.... Bill the Duck!

Hello! It’s a new week and we’re going to delve into the history of Headstone Manor itself, starting with the entrance! The door we use now was rediscovered in the late 20th Century. It’s actually the original medieval entrance but was blocked up by the Georgians when they built the brick facade that is now the face of the Manor House. The Georgians were very fashionable people and liked to make sure their houses were up to date - but instead of rebuilding the Manor House, they just decided to build another wall in front of it! They were so proud of their achievement that they even carved their name into the bricks! Margery told me that the old house beneath the bricks is much nicer, but I think she’s biased... 😐

Once inside the door you enter the Georgian Parlour. It took a lot of work to make it look the way it does today! When you come to the Museum, this is where our volunteers will greet you and tell you all about the Manor House. There’s even some pretty Georgian plates, but they’re reproductions (don’t tell!). In the corner is the Community Cupboard, where community groups make objects to display during exhibitions! Have you participated in a Community Cupboard project before?
Here we are at the entrance to the Manor House!
If you’ve visited the Museum before, you entered through this door.
But until restoration, that door was totally hidden!

It should be right behind me, here!
Here is one of the Georgian initials in a brick!

Can you read the date?
The parlour during restoration! Look at all the careful work they had to do to the floor to protect the archaeology underneath!
Here’s the parlour today!
You can build a model of the Manor House and learn all about the earliest residents at the site of Headstone!
Here are those pretty Georgian replica plates!
Here’s the Community Cupboard. This display was for our exhibition on houses!