

Timetable for Local History – Chelmsford Time Travellers

The session is 1.45 hours: 10.15am to 12pm or 12.45pm to 2.30pm. The museum opens at 10am.

Please arrive in time to be ready to start the session promptly. If you need to change your arrival or leaving time, please let us know before your visit so we can adapt the session to fit with your travel times.

Lunch space. There is plenty of outdoor space to picnic outside or indoor space if wet or cold.

10am Museum opens

Arrive – toilets, coats and bags put away

10.15am (or 12.45pm)

Welcome and introduction to Local History – Chelmsford Time Travellers and the big question:
Why was Chelmsford built here, and how and why has it changed over time?

Sifting through the dirt from an archaeological dig, we will discover evidence of Chelmsford's Roman origins, and with the help of a Roman centurion learn why a mansio was built here nearly 2,000 years ago. We then travel through time to the Tudor period where Chelmsford has grown to a bustling market town. With the help of maps, pictures, objects and even smells, the children will experience what the town was like on a busy market day and learn the stories of some of the people living in Chelmsford at that time. Finally, we fast forward through time again to the early twentieth century where Chelmsford has become a globally significant centre of industry. How and why has the high street changed, and how is it different to today?

12pm (or 2.30pm) Whole class conclusion