

Tour of the Wiltshire & Swindon History Centre, Chippenham

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Summary

We will have a guided tour around the archives and conservation facilities at the purpose-built Wiltshire and Swindon History Centre in Chippenham.

The Wiltshire and Swindon History Centre

The former Wiltshire and Swindon Record Office was originally housed in an old mattress factory in Trowbridge but was declared substandard by the RCHM in 1998. Wiltshire County Council and Swindon Borough Council decided to build a new 'state of the art' facility in Chippenham, to be named The Wiltshire and Swindon History Centre in 2005. The building was completed in 2006 and handed over to the two councils in 2007.

The Centre brings together the collections of The Wiltshire and Swindon Studies Library and various other Wiltshire Archaeological, Conservation and Museum Services. There is a very large environmentally- controlled secure archive and the Museums Advisory Service conservation workshops provide specialist advice on all aspects of collections care, remedial conservation and training courses to 18 museums in Wiltshire.

We will be guided around the Centre 'behind the scenes' when the centre is closed to the public so will have a display of documents and a visit to the strong room!

Meeting time and place.

Meet at 2pm at the main entrance to the Centre, Cocklebury Road, Chippenham, Wilts SN15 3QN - There is car parking adjacent to the main entrance of the building. If coming by train it is a 10 minute walk from Chippenham railway station.

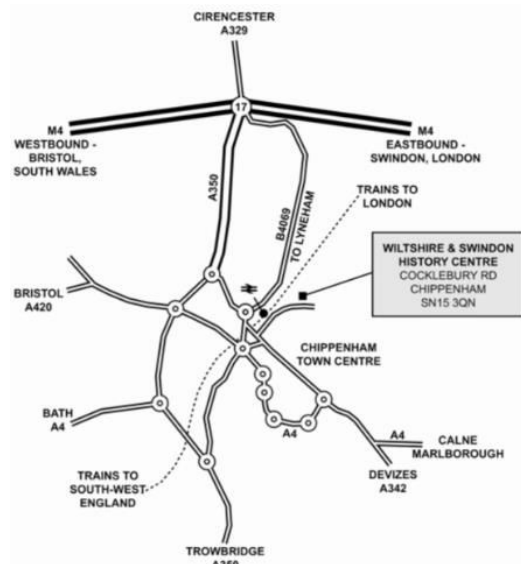
Directions

Travelling from Bristol on the A420 or from Bath on the A4 follow signs to Calne into the town centre, turn into Station Road then into Cocklebury Road and passing the railway station on the lefthand side proceed beyond where the road curves to the right. The Centre, which is a large modern building is approx 50m beyond the curve on the left.

Note

The tour will involve stairs but there is a lift alternative.

As this is a very secure building visitors may be asked to deposit coats, bags etc in lockers at the entrance.



Please remember that you are responsible for your own safety and by joining this BACAS tour you do so at your own risk