

# **The House on Crutches Museum**

**Find out about the olden days**

**In Bishops Castle, Shropshire By the Town  
Hall.**

**Friendly staff who will answer your  
questions.**

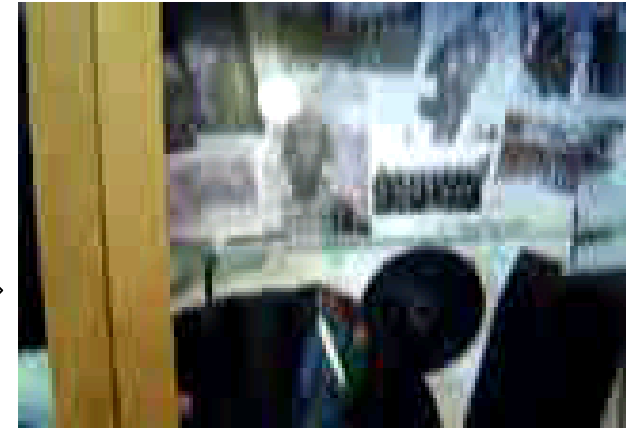
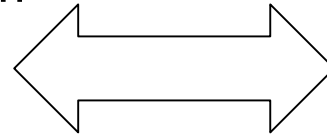


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# The Lobby

The first room you enter is the Lobby. In this room you will find a fire display.

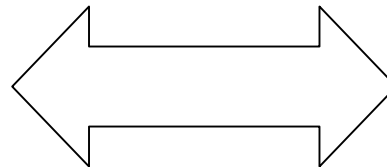
There is an old fireman's uniform and pictures of the Chief Fire Officers wedding in 1940, which was attended by the Red Cross.



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There is a picture of a lady using a stirrup hand pump for water that was used when there was a shortage of water.

Behind the counter in the corner is an old cheese press, meat safe and bread basket.



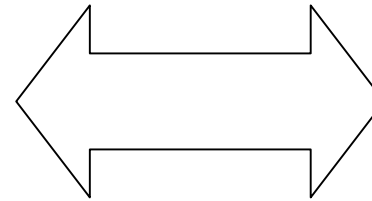
## The Town Room

Next you enter the Town Room. Here, there is a look out window which was used by a guard on watch who would blow a trumpet if the town was being invaded.

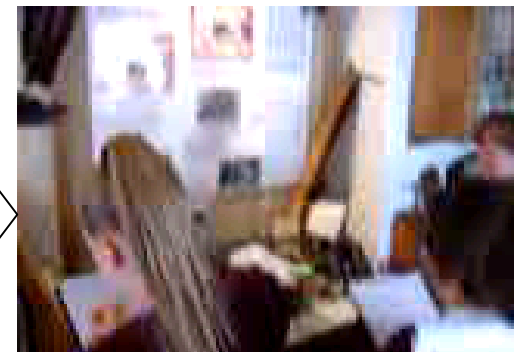
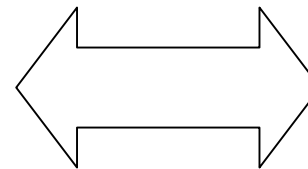
On the other side of the room where some old medical items. There was a dentists drill, ear syringes and some special cups.

Next to this display was a stone hot water bottle and medicine bottles for mixing and dispensing medicines.

There is also a display of olden day shoes. They needed lots of leather, at the bottom of the town they used to make leather and the running water had an unpleasant smell.



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Town Room



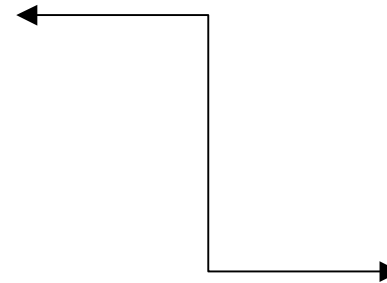
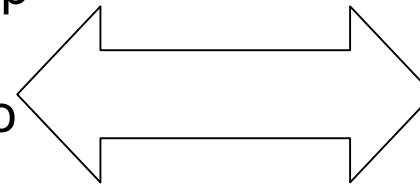
# The Agricultural Room

In the Agricultural Room you will find a man trap. This was used for to keep poachers and trespassers off rich peoples land. When you stepped into the man trap the jaws would spring closed shattering the bones in your leg leaving you unable to walk.

There is also a really large tool box displaying some of the old tools that where used in the olden days.

There are also examples of stuffed animals which people used to collect and display in their homes.

There is a butter churn and examples of different chemicals used to treat ill animals.



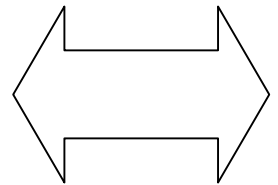
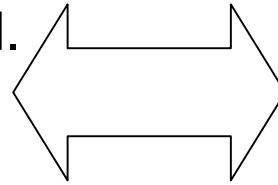
# The Parlour

There are many toys on display that have been made out of natural materials like lead, bone and wood.

A lot of people used to make their own toys because manufactured toys were very expensive at that time.

In the display is the smallest doll in the world that sits inside a blue egg made of wood.

On weekends there was no school. The children used to play with a wooden Noah's ark. Noah's ark is one of the bible stories that the children were taught.





## Conclusion

I have only described a small amount of the items that can be seen. There is lots more for you to see and learn about.

It is very interesting and educational to visit the house on crutches. Here we learn about how our ancestors lived in and around Bishops Castle.

**So come along, join in the fun. It's Great!**

