

Discovering Cranford Park

A fantastic new education programme introducing Key Stage 1 and 2 pupils to historic and beautiful Cranford Park

Learn about;

- 1. The ecology of the River Crane that flows through the park.**
- 2. A wide range of habitats in the park that support wildlife.**
- 3. The park's wonderful trees, some over 400 years old.**
- 4. The unique and fascinating history of the old park, the house that once stood there and the notorious Berkeley family.**

The programme has been developed by the London Wildlife Trust who have over 25 years of delivering first rate environmental and heritage programmes in West London.



What is the Discovering Cranford environmental and heritage education programme?

Discovering Cranford is a free education programme for schools in the following wards: Pinkwell, Heathrow Villages, West Drayton, Yiewsley, Botwell and Townfield.

The three year programme supported by the Hillingdon Community Trust, provides each school with a series of visits and activities aimed at one year group.

The Discovering Cranford programme will run until 2018 with 6 schools engaged per year, with recruitment on a “first come first served” basis.

Activities will be delivered by trained educational facilitators working for the London Wildlife Trust

The River of Life Game

Schools will be able to play the unique and fun “River of Life” game. The game is a teaching tool aimed at teaching children in a fun and interactive way using a series of exciting visual props, as well as roleplay, to show how humankind has impacted on the river environment through history. Focusing on the River Crane running through Cranford Park, it is a fantastic introduction to the park and its river. It is designed to be played by one class at a time and our trained facilitators can deliver it to one year group in a day at your school.

After playing the game pupils will be ready for a site visit to Cranford Park.



Site visit- field work

Teachers will be able to select from a range of activities from our education resource pack linked to the National Curriculum in Science, Geography, Art Literacy and History. Each topic included in the pack will have associated photocopyable worksheets and full details of National Curriculum targets.

Activities will include:

Geography-

River dipping.
River flow and morphology.

Science-

Plant studies.
Tree investigations.
Exploring the world of minibeasts.

Art-

Drawing and print making Linked to Cranford Park.

English-

Creative writing with Cranford Park as a background



The Discovering Cranford History Festival

Your school could be part of a unique and exciting theatrical event taking place at Cranford Park during the course of the project!

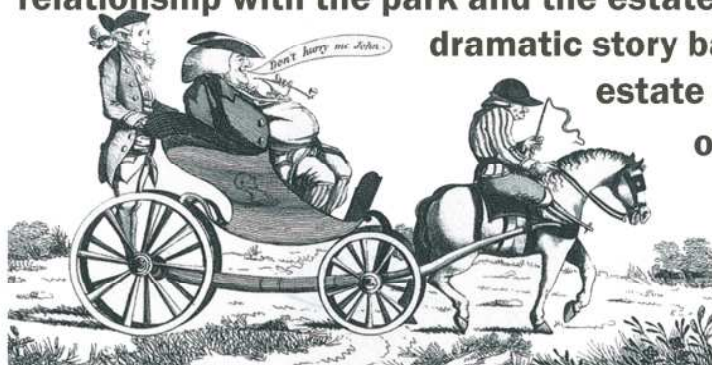
Become part of the scandal and intrigue as the Countess of Berkeley Mary Cole, evading the law, builds an escape tunnel from her bedroom to the stables.

Is it true that the Earl of Berkeley shot a highwayman?

Can you help a tenant farmer being thrown out of his house?



Theatre Merchants will be running a history event for schools in Cranford Park each year for the duration of the project. On their visit children will be actively involved in a piece of theatre lasting approximately one and a half hours. In small groups children will follow a character from the past, learning about their crafts, their relationship with the park and the estate. Children will then become involved in a dramatic story based on the real life events on Cranford estate during its most colourful and vibrant time of its history, the late eighteenth century.



Focusing on how both the land and the house were managed the project will help illustrate how changes in landscape have come about to create the park as it is today.

Theatre Merchants is a company of professional actors, very experienced in working with both children and adults. All actors are DBS certificated.

Please contact us if you would like further details about booking a visit. We are happy to come into school to present the project to your teachers just let us know.

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