

What people say about The Judge's Lodging

The most commodious and elegant apartments for a judge in all England and Wales
Lord Chief Justice Campbell, on staying in the building 1855

Truly inspirational

HRH Charles, Prince of Wales, in a letter after his visit

WHAT a stunning place!

Dr Lucy Worsley, Historian, on social media after filming in the building

One of the worlds' most appealing small museums

Dr John Davies, Welsh Historian, in his book 'Wales: The 100 Places to See Before You Die'

A fascinating social document – an amazing survival

Country Life Magazine, 1999

Arguably the most remarkable survivor of all UK court buildings and a visit today gives the most complete picture of a Georgian courthouse it is possible to find
SAVE Britain's Heritage, 2004

These days it's common enough to find well-preserved period buildings tagged with such clichés as 'frozen in time' or 'a real time capsule'. These places may please the eye but too often they don't convince. The Judge's Lodging is different for one simple reason: it smells right. One step through the baize-covered entrance door, and the odour of paraffin lamps fills your nostrils. The power of scent evokes domestic life in the 19th century more vividly than any stage-setting could.

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It is a refreshing change to visit a historic property and to be told that you are able to handle any of the Victorian artefacts on display and that there are no barriers. Of all the senses touch is perhaps the most revealing and available to all. To hold and feel demonstrates the weight, texture, the materials from which an object was made and its structure. For children and teachers visiting 'The Judge's Lodging' there is no stress, no evidence of intimidation, each pupil is encouraged and thus allowed to learn at their own level.

Not only was the experience good for the children and one that they remember; but also one in which teachers and accompanying parents were relieved of all the stress associated with taking the whole school out on an educational visit.

Sandford Award for Heritage Education most recent report (held now for 13 years)

Comments from the most recent visitor book:

Wow! Loved this house: a real gem! A true feeling of the past.

Pat & John, Manchester

Nice to do a return visit and just as wonderful

Jan & Mike, Dorset

Absolutely fascinating, thank you. Particularly for a defence solicitor and retired magistrate
Graham, London

Fascinating! Lovely there is nothing you can't touch! Educational, informative and good value for money
Claire & Hilary, Gloucester

Beautifully curated: a fascinating building. So much information and so well presented. Loved it!
Roy & Sue, Manchester

I have been here 4 or 5 times with my grandparents and it never gets boring
Isabella, Nottingham

Absolutely brilliant! Information delivered in an interesting and creative way. It really is a 'hidden gem'.
Racheal and Andrew, Somerset

Loved exploring this magnificent building. My great, great grandad performed in the courtroom, with the local brass band
Joy Wilkes, Stratford Upon Avon

Amazing building, lovely staff!
Daisy, Jack and Harry, Manchester

Possibly the finest museum that we have visited. The magic is in how much you have left to speak for itself. Extremely informative and such helpful staff.
Bev & Nick, Tiptree, Essex

A great afternoon – smelling, touching and seeing the past! Wonderful!
Jen, Colin & William, Wirral

Not to be missed!!!
Ruth, Alton, Hants