

## Corbridge Roman Town, Northumberland

### Hazard Information for Education Visits

It is the responsibility of teachers and group leaders to complete a risk assessment prior to the site visit. The following information is intended as an aid and does not replace the group leader's own risk assessment. We recommend coming to the site on a free planning visit, to help you with your risk assessment. Please note: where possible, English Heritage staff at the site will be happy to assist you with your queries, but cannot check or sign any section of your risk assessment.

Environmental conditions at historic sites may change rapidly and you will need to remain alert at all times during your visit. Most accidents are the result of slips and trips so please make sure you wear appropriate footwear and dress sensibly for the site and weather. Please be aware that the site may close at short notice due to adverse weather. Where applicable, stonework and trees at our sites are inspected regularly; however, extreme weather conditions can sometimes affect stonework and trees so as well as following any staff instructions and being mindful of temporary barriers and signage, please remain vigilant at all times. On-going conservation work may pose a temporary hazard; a member of staff will advise you of any works when you visit. Dogs on leashes may be present on site.

All learners who are 16 years or younger must be supervised by a responsible adult at all times whilst on site.

#### **Moving vehicles may pose a hazard upon arrival and while on the site.**

- There is a public car park adjacent to the entrance to the site. Groups need to cross the car park to enter the main building.
- Grounds maintenance teams may use vehicles throughout the grounds.

#### **The ruinous nature of the Roman town presents many potential hazards.**

- The ground within the town is slightly undulating. Some parts are grassed, other parts have loose stones.
- The main Roman road (Stanegate), running through the middle of the site from east to west, has an uneven surface with small and large loose stones.
- There is low masonry throughout the site.
- Walls contain uneven and sharp stones, with occasional small bits of loose masonry.
- Climbing on the walls is not permitted and poses a significant hazard.
- The raised floor surfaces of the granaries have gaps in them.
- There are unfenced drops in some places, in particular the steep grassy bank next to the granaries.

#### **The museum may pose possible hazards for use by large groups.**

- The museum contains glass cases, with some low-level handling objects on display, as well as larger objects that should not be touched.
- The restricted spaces around the exhibition displays mean that the museum can only accommodate groups of up to 15 during busy periods.

#### **Corbridge Roman Town is home to a wide variety of wildlife.**

- There are animals and birds on site and their droppings can present a zoonotic hazard. Visitors should wash their hands prior to eating.

#### **Asbestos has been identified on the site. This is common with older buildings and some historic artefacts and is being managed and monitored by English Heritage.**

- These areas and objects are clearly marked with red 'a' stickers.
- No activities that may disturb the asbestos are permitted; please raise any concerns or accidental damage with the Site Manager immediately.

**Covid-19 and flu.**

- We follow government and [NHS guidelines](#) to reduce the risk of transmission. Please also follow their guidance and do not visit if you have flu or Covid-19 symptoms or have recently tested positive.