

WEST BERKSHIRE
MUSEUM

LIVES & LANDSCAPE

Trail

FOLLOW MUSEUM DRAGON
IGNITE (IGGY FOR SHORT)
AROUND THE LIVES AND
LANDSCAPE EXHIBITION
ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF
THE MUSEUM. HE WANTS TO
SHOW YOU SOME AMAZING
OBJECTS FROM WEST
BERKSHIRE'S PAST.



LOTTERY FUNDED



West Berkshire
COUNCIL

GEOLOGY OF WEST BERKSHIRE

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DO YOU SEE IGGY? HE IS WAITING FOR YOU IN ROOM 1.

I'm on the activity trolley in this room!



IGGY IS READY TO GO! LOOK OUT FOR HIS CLAW PRINTS IN THIS TRAIL AND USE THE CLUES TO FIND THE MUSEUM OBJECTS AND LEARN SOME FUN FACTS.

STAY IN ROOM 1

How many different types of sea creature are there?

2

FIND THE FOSSILS OF SOME LONG DEAD SEA CREATURES...



Did you know that the word fossil comes from the Latin word fossilis which means 'dug up'?



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FOLLOW IGGY TO ROOM 2.

STONE AGE

...AND NOW SPOT A STONE AGE HAND AXE WHICH WILL LOOK SIMILAR TO THIS...

DID YOU KNOW THESE HAND AXES ARE MADE FROM STONE BY A PROCESS CALLED FLINT KNAPPING? A PIECE OF STONE WOULD BE SHAPED USING ANOTHER STONE CALLED A HAMMERSTONE.



What was I used for?

WHAT TYPE OF STONE ARE THESE HAND AXES MADE FROM? STILL IN ROOM 2.



BRONZE & IRON AGES

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BEING A DRAGON, IGGY CAN SENSE TREASURE. CAN YOU FIND THE BRONZE AND IRON AGE GOLD OBJECTS THAT IGGY CAN SENSE? TICK WHEN YOU HAVE FOUND THEM THEN LABEL WHAT THEY ARE.



DID YOU KNOW THE BRONZE AND IRON AGES ARE NAMED AFTER THEIR PREFERRED MATERIAL FOR MAKING TOOLS AND WEAPONS, ALTHOUGH THEY BOTH USED PRECIOUS METALS SUCH AS GOLD TO MAKE JEWELLERY AND HIGH VALUE COINS?

ROMANS & ANGLO SAXONS

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IGGY WANTS TO EXPLORE THE SHINY RED POTTERY IN THE ROMANS CASE. CAN YOU SEE IT?

What is this shiny red pottery called?



DID YOU KNOW THAT THIS POTTERY IS OFTEN DECORATED WITH HUMAN, ANIMAL OR FLORAL FIGURES AS WELL AS THE ROMAN GODS AND GEOMETRIC SHAPES? WHAT DECORATION CAN YOU SEE HERE?

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...AND ANGLO SAXON OBJECTS. OH NO, THERE IS MORE JEWELLERY HERE THAT IGGY WILL WANT TO ADD TO HIS TREASURE HOARD. FIND IT BEFORE IGGY!

What am I and what makes me so beautiful?



DID YOU KNOW THAT THE ANGLO SAXONS WERE MADE UP OF THREE TRIBES FROM EUROPE CALLED THE ANGLES, SAXONS AND JUTES? THE TWO LARGEST WERE THE ANGLES AND SAXONS MAKING THE ANGLO SAXONS.

REMAIN IN ROOM 2.

TUDORS AND ENGLISH CIVIL WAR

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IGGY HAS FOUND HIS FRIEND JOHN WINCHCOMBE (ALSO CALLED JACK OF NEWBURY). THEY HAVE LOST THE LOOM USED TO WEAVE CLOTH. CAN YOU FIND IT?



What material did I use to make cloth?



DID YOU KNOW THAT JACK OF NEWBURY MADE HIS FORTUNE THROUGH THE CLOTH TRADE?

DISCOVER A HELMET WORN BY A HORSE SOLDIER (CAVALRY) DURING THE ENGLISH CIVIL WAR.

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I am called a three-barred or lobster pot helmet. Can you see how I resemble a lobster?

DID YOU KNOW TWO BATTLES WERE FOUGHT AT NEWBURY DURING THE ENGLISH CIVIL WAR?



IGGY IS STILL HOVERING IN ROOM 2.

NEWBURY COAT AND STAGECOACHING



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IGGY IS LOOKING FOR THE NEWBURY COAT. CAN YOU HELP HIM?

In this case are the tools that were used to make the Newbury Coat...



DID YOU KNOW THAT THE CHALLENGE IN 1811 WAS TO MAKE A COAT FROM BEGINNING (SHEARING THE SHEEP) TO END (WEARING THE COAT) IN ONE DAY. IT WAS WON AND THE CHALLENGE HAS BEEN RE-RUN SINCE.



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IGGY REMEMBERS THAT BEFORE CARS AND TRAINS THE FASTEST WAY TO TRAVEL OVER LAND WAS BY STAGECOACH – NOT THAT IT WOULD BE FAST TO US! SPOT A RHYME ABOUT ONE OF THE COACHING INNS (WHERE A STAGECOACH WOULD HAVE STOPPED).



What is a stagecoach?



DID YOU KNOW THAT IN 1795 LOCAL MAGISTRATES MET IN THE GEORGE AND PELICAN INN TO TALK ABOUT BRINGING IN SOMETHING CALLED THE SPEENHAMLAND SYSTEM, WHICH WAS A WAY OF HELPING THE POOR BY PROVIDING THE COST OF BREAD?

FOLLOW IGGY TO ROOM 3.

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CAN YOU SPOT THIS
WOODEN BOX?

Who used me
to clean the
fireplaces of
big houses?



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IGGY HAS WANDERED INTO ROOM 4. HE HAS FOUND SOME OBJECTS
TO DO WITH WAR AND PROTEST.

TICK WHEN YOU
FIND EACH ONE AND
SAY WHAT IT IS

WAR AND PROTEST



KENNET AND AVON CANAL

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LOOK AROUND ROOM 4 FOR THE BLUE PROGRAMME (BOOKLET) FOR THE CRAFTY CRAFT RACE 1983. TICK WHEN YOU HAVE FOUND IT.

The Crafty Craft race is a boat race run annually on the canal between Kintbury and Newbury



DID YOU KNOW THAT THE KENNET AND AVON CANAL THAT RUNS FROM BRISTOL TO READING THROUGH NEWBURY IS 87 MILES LONG AND WAS BUILT BETWEEN 1794 AND 1810? IT WAS BUILT TO TRANSPORT GOODS BUT THE ARRIVAL OF THE RAILWAY SAW IT GRADUALLY FALL INTO DISUSE. IN MORE RECENT TIMES IT HAS BEEN REOPENED AND IS NOW USED FOR PLEASURE.

WELL DONE FOR KEEPING UP WITH IGGY!



Goodbye. Come and visit me again!

YOU CAN EXPLORE THE REST OF THE MUSEUM AND FIND MORE AMAZING OBJECTS AND FUN FACTS.