

An introduction to the museum

Hello!

Welcome to GMP Museum, the following pictures will show you what you can expect to see and who you might meet while you are here.

On Tuesdays in term time the museum is quite quiet but during school holidays the museum can be very busy and noisy, with extra guests such as the Fire Service or GMP Units.

If you would prefer guaranteed quiet you can book the museum for a private tour. We would provide a tour guide for you who would take you around the museum and tell you about the different areas and the history of policing. These tours last up to two hours and are available for groups of 5 – 30 people.

Email police.museum@gmp.police.uk or call 0161 856 4500 for more details and availability.

Staff

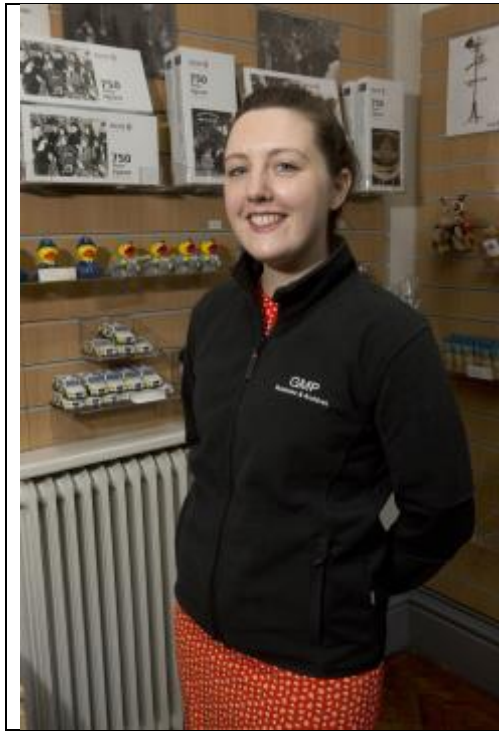
During your visit you can ask staff or volunteers any questions or for help. You can identify staff by their clothes or badges.



Staff might be wearing badges that look like this; they will be yellow or green.



Some staff wear historical uniform like this.



Other staff members wear museum t-shirts or fleeces that look like this.

The building

Entrance to museum



This is the front of the museum.

If you come on a Tuesday the door will be open and there will be a volunteer to greet you.

If you come for a private tour, the door will be closed and you will need to ring the doorbell on the right hand side of the door.

We are open 10.30 – 3.30 every Tuesday, except over Christmas. We do not let people in after 3.00.

Introductory gallery (Ground floor)



This room will give you information about the museum and tells the story of policing in Greater Manchester.

It is not finished yet.

Uniform Gallery (Ground floor)



The Uniform Gallery shows police Uniforms & hats from the past.

In here we have an iPad with a list of officers who have died while working for the police.

There is also a TV showing different films with sound.

Transport Gallery (Ground floor)



The ground floor toilets are inside the Transport Gallery.

In the Transport gallery we have motorbikes and a plastic horse that you can look at. You are not allowed to sit on the motorbikes or the plastic horse.

You can try on the uniform and hats in and next to the blue lockers if you would like to.



Ground floor toilets



There are two toilets.

Both are unisex, one is accessible and also has baby change facilities.

Crime Room (Ground floor)



The Crime Room is where we show visitors objects used by criminals, including weapons.

Some people may find these objects upsetting.

On busy days or in the summer this room can get quite warm.

Lift



Next to the Crime room is a small lift that will take you to the rooms on the first floor if you need it.

The lift is a platform lift; you will need to ask a member of staff to operate it for you.

If you do not want to use the lift there are stairs next to the Charge Office.

The yard



To get the police station you will need to walk into the yard and turn right.

The Charge Office (Ground floor)



In the Charge Office there will be a volunteer behind the counter who will show you police equipment if you want to see it.

You can sit on the bench while you talk to the volunteer if you want to.

Sometimes volunteers show visitors how a rattle and whistle was used by the police in this area. This is very noisy.

On open days this area can get quite busy.

The cells & cell corridor (Ground floor)



You can go inside the cells with open doors. The doors on these cells do not lock. The cells are quite small and darker than the cell corridor.

There is one cell that visitors cannot go in. It is locked. If you open the flap on this door you can see a mannequin sitting inside the cell. This can frighten some people.

The sound echoes in this area.

The iron gates and stone stairs



There are 22 stone stairs; they go up to the Court Room. If you don't want to use the stairs there is a lift next to the Crime Room.

If you need help, please ask a member of staff.

The door behind the iron gates is closed and only used in an emergency.

The Court room (First floor)



The Courtroom is where we show visitors what happens during a trial.

You can touch all the furniture in the Court room except for the stained glass windows.

You can sit in any of the seats in the Courtroom, except the ones behind red ropes.

The Doctors room (First floor)



This is a small room with information about the Court Room.

It is usually quieter in here than other rooms.

Audio Visual room (First floor)



In here visitors can sit and watch films about policing.

Some of the videos have sound and some do not.

It is quite dark in this room when we are showing films.

First floor toilet



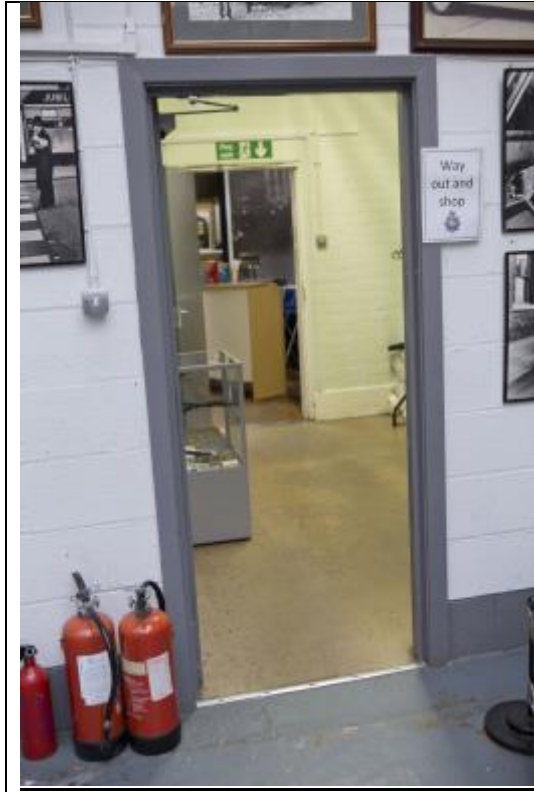
There is one unisex toilet on the first floor; you need to walk through the Audio Visual room to get to it.

Exiting the museum

When you are ready to go you can leave in two different ways:



You can leave through the yard



You can come back into the museum, then through the Transport Gallery, through the cloakroom into the shop and out the front door.

Shop



The museum has a small shop. You can buy gifts here.

Things to be aware of

- **Some of our demonstrations can be noisy.**
We have a rattle and whistle that we demonstrate to visitors in the Charge Office and they are very noisy. If you do not like loud noises, then please let us know.
- **Some of our exhibits have flashing lights.**
We have a motorbike with a blue flashing light that we sometimes switch on for visitors. If you do not like flashing lights, then please let us know.

We hope you enjoy your visit, if there is any extra information you would like then please get in touch.

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