



Activity Three

Activity Name	3. Visit to Watchet Market House Museum
Learning Aims	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Appreciate the difficulties and challenges of life in the mining communities of the Brendon Hills in late Victorian and Edwardian times.○ Use real life artefacts to enhance understanding of the West Somerset Mineral Railway.○ Learn something about the technology behind the railway and mines.
Links to National Curriculum	History <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Local history study● Knowledge and understanding of events, people and changes in the past● Victorian Britain● Unit 18: What was it like to live here in the past?● Historical enquiry
Resources required	3a WSMR Museum Trail worksheet; 3b WSMR Museum Trail answers.
Activities	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Complete the Watchet Market House Museum trail (resource 3a). Answers to the trail can be found in the resource section (3b).2. Observe the working model of the Incline and the model of the Lizzie. This is particularly helpful to prepare or consolidate for a trip to the Incline.

Teacher information

The exhibition and models

As a result of Heritage Lottery funding for the West Somerset Mineral Railway project a refurbished exhibition of Mineral Line artefacts was created in 2009, including a model of the Lizzie, which took the iron ore over to Wales, and a working model of the Incline.

Additional curricular links

In addition to Mineral Line artefacts and photographs the Museum houses many documents and artefacts charting Watchet's history through the ages. These include:

- locally found fossils
- collection of flint tools
- samples from the Anglo Saxon Watchet mint
- maritime artefacts
- Watchet's social history

Whilst visiting the Museum curricular links can be made to:

- British history (including Anglo Saxon times)
- Unit 18: What was it like to live here in the past?
- Materials and their properties - grouping materials
- Scientific enquiry

For more information

- ☞ For more information on the history of Watchet please refer to the History of Watchet activity in the Watchet and the WSMR Teachers' Pack.
- ☞ For more information on the operation and history of the Incline please refer to the Incline Teachers' Pack.
- ☞ For more information on mining please refer to the Langham Engine House Teachers' Pack.