

# Victorian Christmas Experience with Cumbria Outdoors



*“The visit was excellent in every way bringing the Victorian Period back to life for our pupils.”*



Imagine the luxury of the comfortable Drawing Room with its stunning architecture and the sparkling Christmas tree – plus being waited on hand and foot by servants!

Then imagine the daily grind of a servant’s lot, waiting at tables on the gentry, up to the elbows in washing-up at the sink, eating plain fare in the Servants Hall!

Experience all of this and much more at a unique three day residential course.

## Sample Programme - Hawse End Centre

### Day One

- MORNING** Arrival and induction to the centre.
- AFTERNOON** A brisk walk along Catbells terrace and Brandlehow woods, looking at local history. Including search and identification of minerals.
- EARLY EVENING** Formal Christmas dinner for the gentry. After dressing for dinner, the gentry enjoy parlour games whilst the servants help prepare for the candle-lit meal in the formal dining room. Children will have fun whilst learning about Victorian etiquette, the art of polite conversation and serving and waiting on tables.
- EVENING** Decoration making – Christmas tree dressing
- BEFORE BED** Diaries.

### Day Two

- MORNING** Victorian Crafts, including a hands-on felt making activity session.
- AFTERNOON** ‘Meet the Miner’ – an exciting candlelit journey into Goldscope Mine.
- EARLY EVENING** Formal Christmas dinner for the gentry. (Servants and gentry roles are reversed from the previous evening.)
- EVENING** Carol singing around the Christmas tree for everyone.
- BEFORE BED** Diaries.

### Day Three

- MORNING** Keswick Trail – a visit to the town of Keswick looking at a range of Victorian Industrial heritage. Hot Lunch before departure.

*“The three day residential programme was a true Victorian Experience and at times during our visit we felt we had stepped back in time.”*

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