

# Borehamwood Cattle Byre

The Museum runs a small working Chilterns farm, demonstrating and preserving traditional farming techniques and machinery. The Museum's farm buildings are laid out and used as a classic Chilterns farmstead that might have formed the heart of a local farm from 1800 to 1950. The farm buildings include our cattle byre from Borehamwood.

## What is it?

Borehamwood Cattle Byre started out as a stable for horses but later became a cattle byre or cow shed. This was where cows could be fed and milked.

## How old is it?

It's Victorian. It wasn't on the map from 1850 but was there in 1873.

## Where did it come from?

Tilehouse Farm in Borehamwood, Hertfordshire. The farm was a dairy farm, with lots of cows producing milk. Can you find Borehamwood on a map?

## What is it built from?

It's mainly wood on a brick base, with a slate roof. The brick floor slopes down to a drain so spilt milk (and other liquids from the cows) wouldn't make a big puddle on the floor!

## Why is it here at the museum?

The farm was going to be knocked down so new houses could be built and the museum saved and preserved it.



## Home Learning

### Imagine

Some of our favourite stories are set on a farm. Do you have any favourites at home to read and inspire you? Click Clack Moo, Mudpuddle Farm and Charlotte's Web are our favourites! Maybe even create your own story or find our online *Magic Milk* story starter on our learning pages to get you going...

### Research

Prior to the 20th Century, milk was mostly produced, handled, kept and sold in dirty conditions. Many illnesses and serious diseases could be contracted from drinking contaminated milk. Can you find out why Louis Pasteur may have been significant in changing this? Can you create a fact file about him?

### Create

Can you create a programme in Scratch Jr that contains a cow character and a farm setting? Can you make the cow move towards his barn?

<https://www.scratchjr.org/learn/interface>

## Experiment

Did you know that if you whip cream you can make butter? Give it a go! Can you observe the changes? How many different stages can you observe? Do you think this change is reversible? Can you design an experiment to change its state again?

