

# Marsworth Cattle Shelter

## What is it?

A multi-purpose building! One end is for storing carts and farm tools. The other has a manger and hay rack, where the cows were fed out of the rain. In the middle is a stable where horses were kept.

## How old is it?

It was built between 1836 and 1837, around the time Victoria became Queen.

## Where did it come from?

College Farm, Long Crendon, Buckinghamshire, where the land had been owned by Trinity College in Cambridge since 1601.

## What is it built from?

It's a wooden building, covered in tar and sitting on a brick plinth, or base, to protect it from the weather. The roof is thatched with straw and the floor is made of chalk packed in very tightly. There was lots of chalk in the area so it was easy and cheap to get.

## Why is it here at the Museum?

The farm was going to be turned into a quarry for digging up chalk.



## Home Learning

### Imagine

In 1875 there were eight horses in Marsworth Cattle Shelter – Punch, Jolly, Dragon, Short, Dumpling, Prince, Boxer and one with no name! Can you think why each of the horses were given their names? Can you create a character description each? What name would you give to the eighth horse?

Could you write and perform a play using the different characters you have created? Perhaps you could create puppets to help you perform your play. <https://www.activityvillage.co.uk/horse-finger-puppet>. Find out more about puppets on stage here <https://www.warhorseonstage.com/learning/puppets/>

### Create

Clementine is one of our cows, she is a red half Shorthorn (a typical breed in Victorian times), a quarter Guernsey and a quarter Limousin, she loves to feed out of the hay rack. Can you create a sculpture of Clementine for your room? Follow the link for your introduction to 3D sculpture <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/clips/zwq3xsg>

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