

A Musketeer

The Cromwell Museum was opened in 1962 and is designed to illustrate the course of the Parliament-Commonwealth side of the Great Rebellion or Puritan Revolution, 1640-1660.

The building which houses the Museum is the sole remaining part of a once extensive Hospital of St. John the Baptist. Founded in the reign of Henry II by David, Earl of Huntingdon, it was apparently originally used as an almshouse for the poor until it was remodelled by Bishop Dalderby along Augustinian lines. The hospital escaped destruction at the suppression of chantries and hospitals in 1547 by being under the control of the corporation of the Town who then turned it into a free school in which both Oliver Cromwell and Samuel Pepys were subsequently taught. The surviving remnant, which is the western end of the hall, dates from c1160 and has been restored several times, particularly in 1878 when the front was rebuilt.

The collection includes several fine portraits of Oliver Cromwell and his family and leading parliamentarians of the period; also, items which belonged to Oliver Cromwell, including his hat and walking stick, and many other exhibits. There is something of interest for all the family at the Cromwell Museum.

School parties welcome.
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The CROMWELL MUSEUM in Huntingdon



Open all year Tuesday - Sunday. Closed Bank Holidays except Good Friday

 Tuesday - Friday
 11 - 1
 2 - 5

 Saturday
 11 - 1
 2 - 4

 Sunday
 2 - 4

ADMISSION FREE

HOW TO GET THERE

