

## Horrible Habits & Costumes through the ages! Every Wednesday in August

Find out all about horrible habits through the ages from the Celts to the Victorians!  
You can choose to make a mask and get an information sheet from your favourite period in history to take home. Or you can make a collage picture of a person from your favourite period in history.

Sessions at 10.30am.

For up to 11 year olds. No booking needed.

Children to be accompanied.

Entry £4.00 per child, adult carer free.



Romans used powdered mouse brains as toothpaste! Yuck!

## School workshops

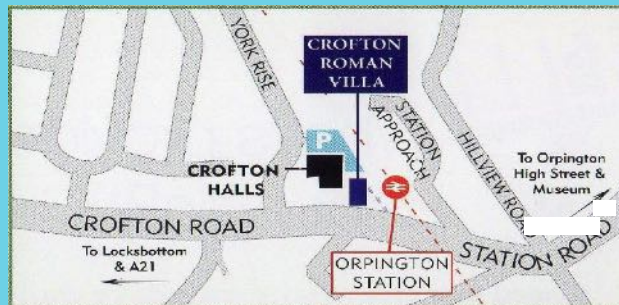
Roman Villa activity workshops designed to meet with the National Curriculum and targeted at Key Stage 2 are available from April to October.



Please contact Catherine on: 07805 138465  
or email: [crofton.roman.villa@gmail.com](mailto:crofton.roman.villa@gmail.com)  
for more information.

## Where is the Villa?

Crofton Road, Orpington, Kent, BR6 8AF



Adjacent Orpington Rail Station.

Bus routes 61, 208, 353, R2 & R7.

Car parking available off York Rise.

**Access for people with disabilities.**

## Information and Bookings

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## Opening times

Tuesday, Wednesday & Bank Holiday

Mondays: 10am-1pm & 2pm-3.30pm

(last entry 3.00pm)

Sundays: 1st in each month only,

2pm-4.30pm (last entry 4.00pm).

## Admission charges

Adults £1.50 Concessions £1.00

Family (of 4) £4.00, each additional  
child 50p.

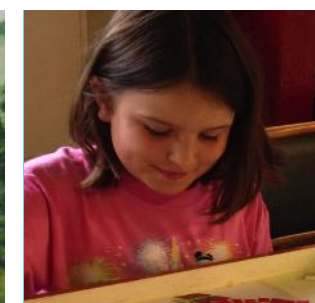
Staffed by the Kent Archaeological Rescue Unit

# Crofton Roman Villa in Orpington (adj. Orpington Rail Station)



## Open: 2nd April - 30th October 2019

Visit a unique part of Bromley's  
heritage on show to the public



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# CROFTON ROMAN VILLA

## About the Villa

The Crofton Roman Villa House was occupied from about AD 140 to 400 and was the centre of a farming estate of about 500 acres. Nearby would have been farm buildings, surrounded by fields, meadows and woods.

The house was altered several times during 260 years of occupation and at its largest probably had at least 20 rooms.

The remains of ten rooms can be seen today, now inside a modern cover building. Two rooms contain the remains of opus signinum (concrete) floors, and three have evidence of tessellated (tiled) floors. Details of the under floor central heating (hypocaust) can be seen, which features both channelled and pillared systems.

The site was fully excavated by the Kent Archaeological Rescue Unit, which also carried out the complete preservation scheme, with funding provided by Bromley Council. The unit now manages the scheme on behalf of the Council. For more information see contact details on the back of this leaflet.



“a gem in Orpington...  
an excellent visit”

## What's provided at the Villa?

- **Guided talk** on the villa house and its excavation
- **Graphic displays** of the excavations and villa
- **The Touch Table** with a selection of Roman finds from the excavation for handling
- **Replica Roman everyday objects** including pots, jewellery, lamps and writing tablets
- **Activities for children** - Roman games to play, mosaic making, dressing up as Romans and digging for finds in the excavation tray
- **Roman soldier 'rubbings'**
- **Gift shop** selling guide books, postcards, souvenirs and books on local archaeology
- **SPECIAL activity workshops for Schools**  
Two hour sessions (Tue & Wed) £3.00 per child.  
Call : 07805 138465
- **SPECIAL Facility for Societies**  
Sunday afternoons 1st of each month.  
Special guided tour of Roman villa for pre-booked societies and groups (min. 20) by the excavation director, Dr. Brian Philp. Normal charges apply, plus a donation to K.A.R.U.



## What's on at the Villa?

### Activity Events

### Easter Holidays

### Fun with Pots!

### Wed 10th and 17th April

Discover what the Romans used for cooking, eating and drinking. You will be able to handle *real* Roman pottery nearly 2,000 years old. Then you can make your own clay pot to take home!

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