



Timeline for the Weald & Downland Open Air Museum

Teacher's sheet

This timeline is designed to give students an understanding of the time the houses at the Museum span, with just a few examples here, and their chronology. The numbers refer to the reference number on the museum map (you can get copies in the shop).

Cottage from Hangleton (no.20) c.1250-

A small cottage with flint walls and a thatched roof, rebuilt based on archaeological evidence.

Hall from Boarhunt (no.19) c.1355-1390

A small medieval open hall. Post Black Death survivors benefited from slightly better housing than they could have afforded before.

Bayleaf Farmhouse (no.12) 1405-1430

A typical Wealden Hall house, with a central hall heated by an open fire.

Pendean farmhouse (no.18) 1609

A house with a brick chimney, which heats two rooms downstairs and allows for upper chambers throughout the building (a result of interior planning that took place in the 16th century).

Toll House (no.3) 1807

Tolls were taken on turnpike roads in the 18th and 19th century, the money was used for the upkeep of the road.

Whittaker's Cottages (no.5) 1860s

Cottages built along the new Epsom to Leatherhead railway line. In one of the semi-detached cottages there were 2 adults and 8 children. The cottages were rented by agricultural labourers or people who worked for the railway.

Downland Gridshell building (no.48) 2002

A modern building which demonstrates how timber can be used in construction today. It is the museum conservation workshop and artefact store.

For further information on all buildings please look at the website: <http://www.wealddown.co.uk/Buildings/Focus-on-buildings>

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