

The Cart Bays

The Cart Bays display many household and agricultural devices.

You'll find an example of an early hand-operated wooden washing machine and some tin baths which would have been taken into the house for use.

There are some horse drawn farm implements including a locally manufactured wooden plough and 'scruffiers' - adjustable hoes made in the 1930s.

Examples of changes in farming technology are also shown. There is a hand turned cattle cake crusher and a root crusher. A 'hicking barrow was the means by which two men would lift a sack of grain on to a third man's back. The later mechanical sack hoist enabled one man to lift a sack on his own.

Hidden in the farthest corner is the seat of a 3-hole privy, where it would have been situated, handy for tipping the contents on to the midden or refuse heap.