

## The Laundry

Inside the laundry, or washhouse as it was more commonly called, and in the yard outside, you'll see most of the equipment necessary for the arduous Victorian washday. Into the corner is built a copper which needed a well-stoked fire in order to heat the water drawn from the well (recently re-excavated outside the back door of the shop).

The hot water would then have been used to wash the clothes in either a wooden wash tub, or dolly tub, or a hand-operated washing machine of which examples are on display. The shower hanging in the yard is an example of several which the Burns filled with hot sea water and hung up in the cow shed in summer. They were advertising ' lodgings with hot baths ' in 1848.