

Weaver's Cottage for schools

The Weaver's Cottage, Kilbarchan, stands as a testimony to Kilbarchan's handloom weaving industry. The cottage was built in 1723 by the Brydein family (their names are on the lintel over the front door). In 1801, William Christie bought the cottage, and his descendants lived there until the early 1950s. The furnishings and fittings within the cottage are mainly Victorian, and present a view of pre-Industrial life for a working class family - without electricity, gas or running water. In the weaver's shop, below the cottage, tartans and blankets are still woven on the handloom, using a method not changed since the 1700s. The cottage garden contains several interesting period features.

● education programme

The Weaver's Cottage is an important primary resource that offers cross-curricular learning opportunities for key areas of the 5-14 Curriculum

a site visit offers

- an education programme - which covers a tour of the property, object handling session, and a series of activities in the weaver's shop
- an opportunity for pupils to dress in 19th-century style clothing
- a garden trail and a village trail

classroom resources

- teacher's pack
- video - *Handloom Weaver's Life* - and classroom quiz
- illustrated guidebook (available on request)
- *Young Person's Guide to The Weaver's Cottage* (available on request)

● practical information

before your visit

- pre-booking is essential
- maximum class size: 36 with a ratio of 1 teacher/adult to 10-12 pupils
- cost for school parties: children £1 - accompanying adults admitted free of charge
- Educational Membership of the National Trust for Scotland allows free entry to all NTS properties
- preparation: we welcome a free preparatory visit by the teacher

your visit

- visiting teachers are responsible for discipline
- on arrival: please report to the Property Manager a few minutes before your programme is due to begin
- coats and bags can be left in the cottage but space is limited
- picnic facilities: pupils may wish to picnic in the orchard next to the garden (weather permitting)
- refreshments: no facilities available
- toilet: an outside toilet is available

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