

History and information page

The Foulness Heritage Centre is located in the former Foulness Church of England Primary School at Churchend. The school was built in 1846. The school closed in 1988.

Following discussion with Defence Estates, the Foulness Conservation and Archaeological Society (FCAS) were granted a 15 year lease in 2001 to convert the former school to become the Foulness Heritage Centre. The building was completely renovated and the exhibitions prepared by volunteer members of FCAS. The Heritage Centre was opened on 3rd February 2003 to coincide with the 50th anniversary of the East Coast Floods.

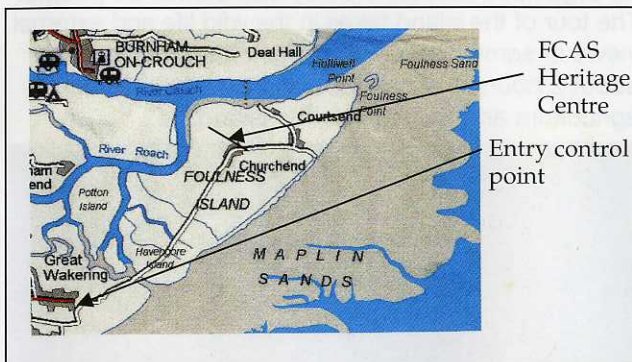
Displays include archaeological finds and study relating to the Romano-British Period and land reclamation during the Medieval Period on Foulness Island. Other displays show the island's flora and fauna and there is an extensive collection of tools and other artefacts from by-gone days, all donated by local inhabitants. The outcome is a diverse collection that shows a vivid picture of life over the ages on this unique and remote coastal habitat.



Part of the extensive display area

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How to find us



The Foulness Heritage Centre is open to the public on the first Sunday of each month beginning April through to October between 12 noon and 4 pm.

Visitors are required to sign in on arrival at the site gate at Landwick and must declare their intention to visit the Heritage Centre to gain access to the site.

Do not stray off the main road to the populated village of Churchend.



Please remember that this is an active explosives test area and you are required to observe all the safety requirements displayed on the numerous signs around the site.

Please be aware that unaccompanied access is to FCAS, the Church and George and Dragon public house only.

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Foulness Conservation and Archaeological Society Heritage Centre

Situated on the beautiful and unspoiled Ministry of Defence site on Foulness Island, the FCAS Heritage Centre is located at the end of a fascinating 4 mile drive and is housed in the old school where it provides a view of Essex farming and salt marsh life, past and present.



Local artist

Spend a few interesting hours with us and enjoy the wildlife, displays and memorabilia associated with this timeless corner of Essex

Free parking

Conservation activities and displays are important features of the Heritage Centre and reflect the important work carried out by Foulness Conservation and Archaeological Society



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Your pass allows you to visit our Parish Church of St Mary.

Old fashioned hay rides — These are available for organised parties; the hay cart carries 32 people. The tour of the island takes in the wild life and external views of some historic buildings. The tour lasts for about 2 hours and provides an insight to the local agriculture and industry on the island.



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Great Grandma's wardrobe

- and some of Grandpa's too!

See our display of Victorian and Edwardian clothing including items grandma kept well hidden.

Local Archaeology

This Roman burial urn was recovered within 2 miles of the Heritage Centre; see this and many other wonderful artefacts in the old school house.



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Local dwellings

Pass the original dwellings of rural Essex but please don't stare. Most are occupied in this idyllic (if sometimes noisy) setting.



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Enjoy a great day on our unspoiled landscape at the Foulness Heritage Centre on Foulness Island