



# CREGNEASH-PORT ST MARY, ISLE OF MAN

## Hazard information sheet for educational groups

It is the responsibility of teachers and group leaders to complete their own risk assessment prior to their visit. This is a requirement specified by local education authorities. Please do not ask our staff to fill in, check or sign any sections of your risk assessment as they have no responsibility to do so. The following information is intended as a preparatory tool for your visit, and does not replace a teacher's or group leader's own risk assessment. Please be aware that weather conditions at some historic sites may change rapidly and you will need to remain alert at all times during your visit.

Cregneash is open seasonally seven days a week from 10am – 4pm in low season (Easter to May/ September to late October) and 10am – 5pm during high season (June – August). Manx National Heritage's site opening season runs from late March/Easter to the end of October/early November. Please see our website for further details.

Cregneash is situated in the far south of the Isle of Man. It is a small crofting village with cottages that can be explored. It is an open air site. Buildings to explore include Harry Kelly's Cottage, Crebbin's Cottage, Church Farm, Quirk's Croft, Ned Beg's Cottage for Manx language, St Peter's Church, the Joiner's Workshop and Smithy, and the Creg y Shee Tea Room.

## Dropping off:

**By car:** There is a public car park 'Quarry Car Park' just outside Cregneash Village. It is approximately a five minute walk from the car park to Cregneash via public footpath. The route to the ticket office is down a steep hill, the route is accessible to a wheelchair user with assistance.

There is a designated disabled parking space to the left of the ticket office in the Village itself. It has a grassed surface.

**On foot:** Cregneash Village is in the far south of the Island and is at the top of Howe Road (from Port St Mary). It is 1.5 miles from Port St Mary to Cregneash Village and a similar distance from Port Erin. Any route to Cregneash is via a steep hill. By bus: Cregneash can be accessed by bus from Port Erin Bus Station. The journey time from Douglas to Port Erin is approximately 60 minutes. It is then a 15 minute onward journey from Port Erin to Cregneash on the No. 28. For more detailed information and timetable please see [www.iombusandrail.info](http://www.iombusandrail.info). The bus is wheelchair accessible. The Cregneash bus stop is 150 metres from the ticket office.





**By coach:** Coach parking facilities are available at the main Quarry Car Park, signposted at Cregneash. There is a two minute walk from the car park to Cregneash via public footpath. Coach operators should make visitors aware in advance of their visit that Cregneash is a living village, with many buildings to explore. There are many routes to take around the village and can be tiring for visitors with limited mobility.

**Cregneash arrival Point:** The entrance desk is situated in Cummal Beg Visitor Centre. It has a level entrance. The entrance way is 60cm wide. Cummal Beg also contains a gift shop and film room detailing the history of Cregneash. There is also an exhibition room upstairs in Cummal Beg. It is accessed by 12 steps.

**Cloak Room facilities:** There are no cloak room facilities at Cummal Beg, although bulky bags can be left at the ticket office if space allows.

**Toilets:** There is a toilet block in the village at Quirk's Croft. The toilet block has a modern standard unisex accessible toilet and baby changing facilities. There is also a standard unisex toilet in this block. There are additional toilets at the Cummal Beg Visitor Centre, which are accessed by a number of steps. There is also a bathroom at the top of the village in Ned Begs although access to the facility is very narrow and not suitable for wheelchair users.

**Quirk's Croft :** Cregneash Village has a recently converted cottage, Quirk's Croft, which can be booked freely as an educational space, hired for private functions, training sessions or meetings. It features a comfortable and characterful function room and multi-purpose space for up to 20 people. The cottage is wheelchair accessible and there are accessible toilets. The entrance to the suite is completely level. Chairs and tables can be moved to accommodate wheelchair users. There is good natural daylight and overhead lighting. There is no hearing loop. There is no WiFi.

**Young Children:** Young children are very welcome at Cregneash and are encouraged to explore and have fun. Our 'busy-bee' nature explorer back packs are free for children to borrow from Cummal Beg Visitor Centre. Why not hunt down a famous Manx Cat or meet a Loaghtan Sheep! You can even have a go at some traditional crafts, look out for our demonstrators who are always happy to meet young adventurers.





## Hazard Highlights

### **Roads and Farm Traffic:**

Teachers and parent helpers should note that all historic outdoor sites can be hazardous and children should be supervised at all times. Please note that Cregneash is a working historic farm and vehicles also use the main roads in the village. Large farm vehicles and farm machinery is used as part of the authentic interpretation of the site. Some stationary vehicles and farm equipment is very attractive to our younger visitors. Please ensure children are supervised at all times when approaching farm machinery. Children should never be allowed to climb on farm equipment or hay stacks.

**Farm Animals:** Please supervise children on the working farm. Cregneash has many animals on site, heavy work horses; pigs; sheep; chickens and farm cats.

**Adverse weather:** Please monitor the weather closely and make arrangements for adverse weather.

**Getting lost-pathways:** Please ensure that children are supervised closely if exploring farm tracks that lead away from Cregneash Village.

**Picnicing:** Cregneash Village is the perfect place to enjoy a family picnic whilst taking in the breathtaking views. We have benches positioned around the sites and bins for any rubbish.

### **Emergency Evacuation:**

In an emergency situation MNH Site Staff will ensure that you evacuate the buildings via the safest and closest exit. Please act immediately but do not run and never re-enter a building during an emergency situation.

The Emergency Meeting Point is on the Village Green behind the shop, please make your way to this point and await further instruction. MNH Site Staff will raise the alarm to the emergency services.

We welcome all visitors, and our helpful staff would be happy to assist you during your visit. Please speak to the reception desk team if you require assistance or would like details of museum events or activities.

A full Access Guide can be found by following the link below-

<http://www.manxnationalheritage.im/visit/getting-about/accessibility-information/>

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