

PASS THE SCALE MODEL ON THE OTHER SIDE

Catching a cold



Catching a cold in medieval Dublin was very dangerous. There were few doctors and people did not have medicine.

If you caught the plague what happened to your skin?

Did you know? The Black Death plague killed thousands of people!

Don't forget to listen to the story about the past!

Fun at the fair

At the fairground people bought clothes, food, weapons and had lots of fun too! The merchants with stalls had to pay a fee and if they didn't, they were punished and locked in a pillory.

Spot the man being punished.

Did you know? Passers-by threw rotten vegetables or fruit at people locked in the pillory!



Hit the pillory man on the nose and hear him admit his crime.

What crime did he commit?

Viking Dublin

The warrior in front of you is **OLAF THE WHITE** the first Viking king of Dublin!

The Vikings often used strange names like 'Ivar the Boneless' and 'Harald Redbeard'.

Create your own Viking name:

DISCOVER THE AREA THAT LOOKS LIKE A SHIP

The Vikings arrived by sea in fast ships called longships. Look at the map and sea chest. Can you work out the country that the Vikings came from?

How long did it take the Vikings to sail to Dublin?

Activity Sheet

Follow the scroll headers through the museum where you will find the displays to complete each activity.

Weapons were very precious to Viking warriors. They even had names for their swords such as 'leg-biter' or 'skull-splitter'.

What two things would a Viking need when going into battle?

Did you know? The word 'Viking' means 'pirate'!

Dublin becomes a city

Find the words listed below in the grid.

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| Henry Blund | Apprentice |
| Garrison | Charter |
| Cathedral | Dublin Castle |
| Famine | Defence |
| Bruce | Craftworkers |
| The Pale | Liberties |
| Guild | Merchant |

H J R L I B E R T I E S H D
 D Y A J C H A R T E R W B C
 F U I O Y L D A G K B T Y R
 C E B R U C E Y W D P G H A
 R G B L G H X B S A H U D F
 T A V J I E V F Z P Q I M T
 X R S D K N T H E P A L E W
 W R J E Q R C F D R K D R O
 N I C F D Y S A B E D W C R
 Y S D E P B C M S N M B H K
 F O R N W L T I H T S L A E
 L N B C D U P N R I L X N R
 C U S E G N U E G C B E T S
 C A T H E D R A L E I O P Y

WANDER INTO THE VIKING CAMP

MEET GUNNAR our Viking warrior!

The Vikings sailed around the coast of Ireland attacking monasteries. They stole money and food from the monks and took them back to Norway.

Look around the room. Can you spot any items that we have in our homes today?

When Gunnar died he was buried with lots of his personal items.

Write three of his possessions below.



CONTINUE UP THE RED STAIRS

Our final exhibition is The Past Today. Immerse yourself in our audiovisual experience.



➔ WALK TO THE QUAYSIDE

The Viking camp grew into a busy place and more people came to live here. There was a market where people could buy and sell goods.

What three things can you see that you would not find in a market today? Write them below.

You can see many of the goods laid out on the quayside. There is even a young girl being sold into slavery.



➔ VISIT THE HOUSE DOWN THE STREET

Welcome to our Viking house! It is very different from the homes we live in today. A whole family slept and lived in a house of this size!



Take a selfie with the king of Dublin, Sitric Silkbeard.

Dublin becomes a town

➔ STEP INTO THE NEXT ROOM

The Vikings fought many battles, sometimes against the Irish and occasionally with them!

After the Vikings, more people came to live in Dublin and many moved to Dublin from England. A lot of changes followed.

Word chest

Fill in the gaps using the words below.

- army Dublin 1014 Limerick Strongbow Liffey

In time, the Vikings decided to remain in Ireland and founded places such as Cork, Dublin, _____, Waterford and Wexford. In the spring of _____, Brian Boru returned with his _____ and burnt and plundered the area around _____ before camping north of the River _____.

Diarmait Mac Murchada secured the aid of an out-of-favour Anglo-Norman Welsh lord, Richard Fitz Gilbert de Clare, nicknamed _____.

Medieval Dublin

➔ WALK THROUGH THE DOOR OPPOSITE THE STAIRS

This medieval house belonged to a wealthy merchant named Peter Higley. His house is a big, two-storey house with a large fireplace. He eats good food and even has a servant!

Sit down at the kitchen table. Wealthy people ate from expensive metal plates. Lift up each plate.

What plate did the servant eat from?

Spot the difference

Find the 8 differences between pictures A and B.



Medieval detective

On the medieval street look in the display case and see what you recognise.

Can you identify what most of the items are made from? Write your answer below.

Find the shoe stall with a display of shoes worn in medieval Dublin.

Did you know? Pointy shoes were worn by wealthy people, like Peter Higley. He would have thought that he looked very smart!

Spot the two boys playing a game.

Did you know? Stones and chalk were used to play board games in medieval times.

➔ CROSS THE BRIDGE AND STEP ON BOARD A MEDIEVAL SHIP

Ships like this brought goods in and out of Dublin. Some goods are being unloaded from the boat onto the wharf.

Put your hand inside one of the bales and touch the object inside.

How does it feel? Circle your answer.

- cold hard furry squishy
- flat warm solid soft

