

LOCAL EXPLORERS

On the morning of 13 September, a group of Local Explorers made its way to the Windermere Jetty Museum. The museum is in a wonderful location and Windermere and its surrounding fells were resplendent under a cloudless blue sky. We browsed the museum at our leisure and explored the wide range of artefacts on display; items ranged from lovingly restored nineteenth century lake cruisers to late twentieth century powerboats.

We were also given a talk on the techniques used in the conservation/reconstruction processes undertaken at the museum.

It was a very interesting and informative visit.

After lunch a smaller group of us travelled the short distance to the Blackwell Arts and Crafts house. Blackwell is described as an internationally significant example of the Arts and Crafts movement.

Unfortunately, our scheduled tour had to be cancelled as our guide was unavailable due to sickness. Nevertheless, a very pleasant afternoon was spent browsing the house and its varied contents. Blackwell has a very interesting history (including having been used by Huyton college from Liverpool as a school to house its junior girls in order to avoid air raids during the second world war) which is clearly explained throughout.

A very interesting and enjoyable day.

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