

Ufton Court



22 - 24 Nov - Cherry and Apple Classes

27 - 29 Nov - Lime Class

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Green Lane Ufton Nervet Reading Berkshire RG7 4HD



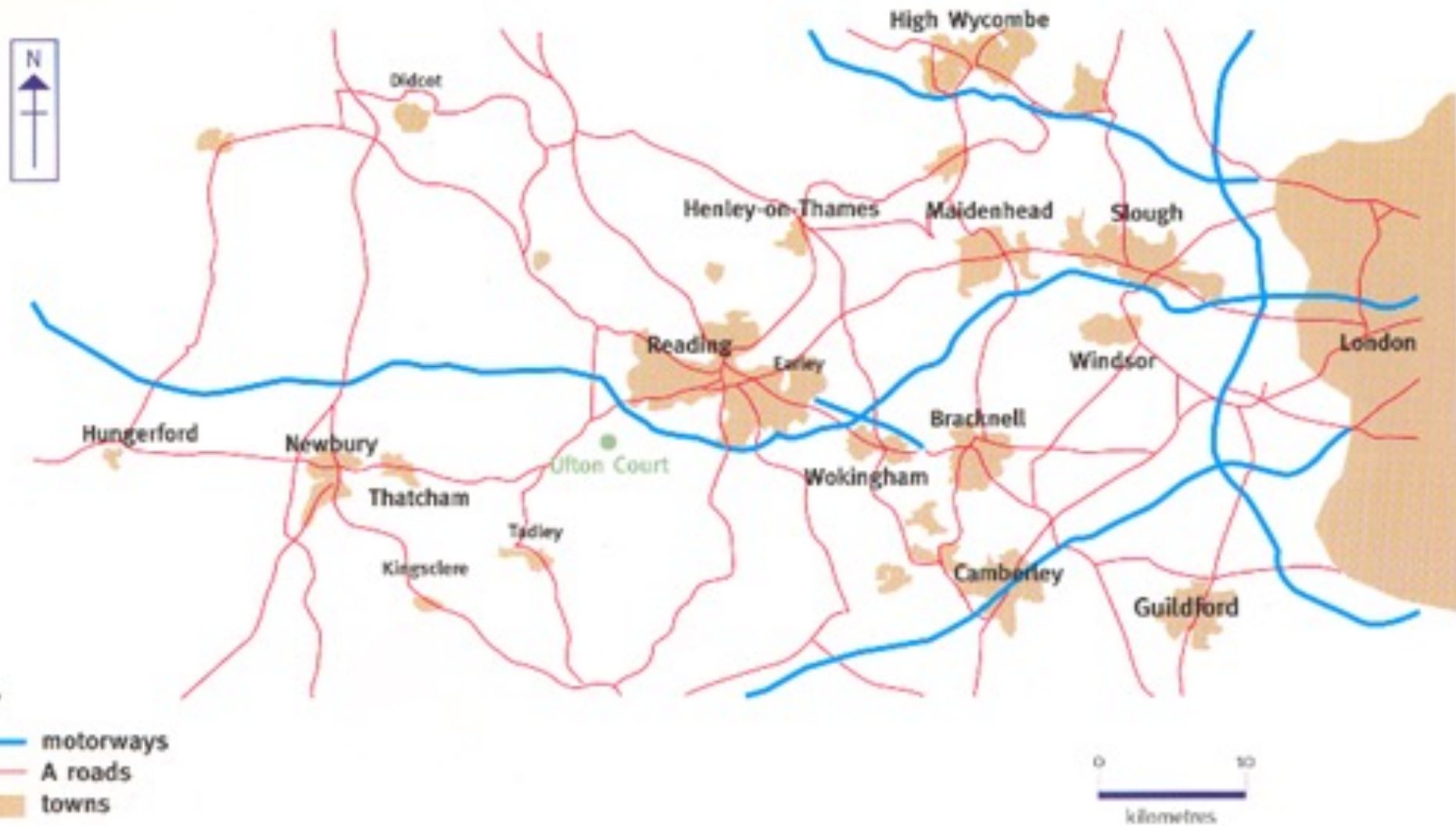
Front view

Ufton Court



Back view

WHERE IS UFTON COURT?



Ufton Court: an overview

- A timber-framed Tudor house incorporating an earlier medieval manor house.
- A magnificent Tithe Barn and range of outbuildings.
- Set in 16 acres of beautiful grounds, surrounded by private woodland.



A Brief History of Ufton Court

- **A Grade 1 Listed Tudor building, with parts dating back to the 15th Century.**
- **Initially owned by the Lovell family, the main owners were the Catholic Perkins family who were responsible for the many Tudor characteristics present today.**
- **Currently owned by the Benyon family of Englefield. Ufton Court has now passed from LEA management to become an independent registered charity, the Ufton Court Educational Trust.**

Facilities

- 8 dormitory bedrooms
- 4 staff bedrooms
- Separate dining rooms
- 3 teaching rooms including the Great Hall
- The Tithe Barn for evening banquets
- 16 acres of beautiful gardens and grounds giving ample space for games and outside activities



Activities – Day 1

10:00	Arrival and Welcome <i>On this day, in 1599, you have been sent here by me, a Justice of the Peace in Berkshire, to investigate the 'strange goings on' at the residence of Lord and Lady Francis Perkins. There are rumours of strange goings on and secret Catholic things happening here. As local Petty Constables of the parish of Ufton Nervet, your legal duty is to investigate these claims, find evidence of the claims and consider what might be happening here. If you are diligent in your duties you will earn promotion to High Constable. If your work is not successful, you shall be demoted to the lowly position of Watchmen.</i>	
10:15	Refreshment Break and Welcome paperwork	
	Group 1	Group 2
10:45	Exploring the grounds KQ: What evidence is there of strange goings on? The JPs show the Constables around the orchard, ponds, ice house and herb garden.	Exploring the Manor House KQ: What evidence is there of strange goings on? The JPs show the Constables around the Manor House.
11:45	Exploring the Manor House	Exploring the grounds
12:45	Lunch	
14:00	Show to rooms/ Fire Drill	
15:00	Photomapping Develop increased initiative and perseverance as you become more aware of the natural environment	Tudor Artefacts
16:00	Refreshment Break	
16:30	Tudor Artefacts	Photomapping
17:30	Dinner	
18:30	Tudor Crime & Punishment (led by UC, free of charge) KQ: What happens if you break the law? As local Petty Constables of the parish of Ufton Nervet, your legal duty is to uphold the law. What will you do to those that have broken the law? Take part in a Tudor trial to see how people were treated	
19:45	School led activity / bedtime routines	



Activities – Day 2

08:00 Breakfast

Today your investigations continue. You may be joining some of the Lord and Lady's staff in certain parts of daily life, for example: making a posy bag for the banquet, playing Tudor games, wotling a tray, investigating the brass rubbings, portraits or objects in the Manor House. You may have time to cut a quill and make some ink to report your findings to the Justices of the Peace. You may also have to ensure other laws are being upheld, for example, that all children aged 7 onwards are shooting arrows.

09:15 Group 1

Tudor Archery

KQ: Why is archery important?
As local Petty Constables of the parish of Ufton Nervet, your legal duty is to ensure laws are upheld. The law states that every boy from the age of 7 should be taught archery

10:30 Refreshment Break

11:00 Brass Rubbing/Tudor Games

12:15 Prepare for lunch

12:30 Lunch

14:00 Quill and Ink

15.15 Refreshment Break

Group 2

Quill and Ink

KQ: How can you record your findings?
As Constables, you need to report your findings to your JP. How will you do this? The JP will expect word from someone about the strange goings on. Are you up to the task?

Tudor Archery

Brass Rubbing/Tudor Games

Group 3

Brass Rubbing/Tudor Games

KQ: Has the family got catholic connections?
The Lord has many portraits but wants to express his wealth even more. When he dies, he will have a monumental brass on top of his tomb. The Lord has many monumental brasses. Could this collection link him to Catholic connection?

Quill and Ink

Tudor Archery



Activities – Day 2 continued

11:00	Brass Rubbing/Tudor Games	Tudor Archery	Quill and Ink
12:15	<i>Prepare for lunch</i>		
12:30	<i>Lunch</i>		
14:00	Quill and Ink	Brass Rubbing/Tudor Games	Tudor Archery
15.15	<i>Refreshment Break</i>		
16:00	Meet to prepare for Banquet		
	KQ: What is the importance of a banquet in Tudor life? This is a time for fun and to be thankful to the Lord for his hospitality especially during this difficult time. As constables, we can enjoy an evening of fun after a busy time investigating. Make merry and be ready for what the next day brings!		
17:15	Elizabethan Banquet		
19:15	<i>Return to the house, change out of costume</i>		
19:45	<i>School led activity / bedtime routines</i>		



Activities – Day 3

Wake, wash, dress, strip beds

08:00 *Breakfast, bags downstairs and in to luggage store.*

Following the news at last night's banquet, the soldiers may or may not visit the house. What evidence do the Constables have? Is there a priest? Where will he be hiding? Who can we trust? Is this fair? The soldiers are carrying out the orders of the Queen. They are only doing their job.

09:30 **The Raid**

KQ: Why should my choice of religion matter?

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11:00 *Refreshment Break*

11:30 **Reflect and review**

12:00 *Picnic Lunch*

13:00 *Departure*



The Tudor Banquet



Dining facilities

- Fully catered – 3 meals daily.
- Nutritious home cooked food.
- Special diets catered for if notified in advance.
- Cake provided for birthday children.



Bedrooms

- Eight dormitory bedrooms sleep 3-10
- 4 Staff bedrooms adjacent. Night lights in rooms and corridors.
- All bedding provided.



Health and Safety

- All Ufton staff are DBS checked and trained.
- Children are given a safety briefing on arrival.
- Activities are all risk assessed.
- All activities take place on site.
- Members of staff attending are experienced in residential trips and have visited Ufton before.

Security

- The Ufton Court Site Manager is resident on site, and is on 24 hour callout duty.
- Staff bedrooms and Site Manager's house are connected by internal phone.
- Each school group has exclusive residential use of Ufton Court.
- All bedrooms (except one) are on the first floor.
- Dim nightlights are switched on in bedrooms and corridors at night.
- Staff bedrooms are adjacent/close to children's rooms.

Children's Kit list

- Important items:
- Suitable waterproof
- Wellies/boots + indoor trainers/shoes
- Gloves/hats
- Black tights + shoes for banquet – girls AND boys
- Medication - labelled
- Teddy!



Useful tips

- Make sure all articles are named.
- Do not bring valuable items, mobile phones, or money.
- Ensure your child's bag is not too big/heavy. Try to avoid suitcases on wheels – hard to get over the gravel and up stairs!
- Remember indoor shoes (with grip, NOT smooth soles,) and boots/wellies. Pack indoor shoes at the top of the bag!
- Bring suitable clothing – not 'best'.
- Spare carrier bags are useful for taking home muddy shoes/boots.
- No food items please, unless by arrangement for special diets, which should be notified well in advance of visit.

What happens next?

- Teaching staff will allocate groups of children to dormitories and activity groups.
- Behaviour expectations are made clear to the children before we go.

Things to Do

- Complete medical information on Parent App.
- Make any final payments.
- Talk to your child about behaviour expectations / anxieties.

Children say...

- It was my best trip ever.
- The food was delicious
- I had a brilliant time.
- Now I know how the Tudors lived.
- I am in History Heaven.
- I've learned more about the Tudors here than at school.
- It was great fun to explore and sleep with my friends.
- I'd give it 10 /10.



Please do talk to us if you or your child have any concerns about the trip. Any questions via email to office.

Any Questions?

Check out the website for more info and details!
www.uftoncourt.co.uk