

One of the main attractions in Tetbury

The Police Museum is one of the main attractions for all ages of visitors to the town and is well worth a visit if you enjoy history.

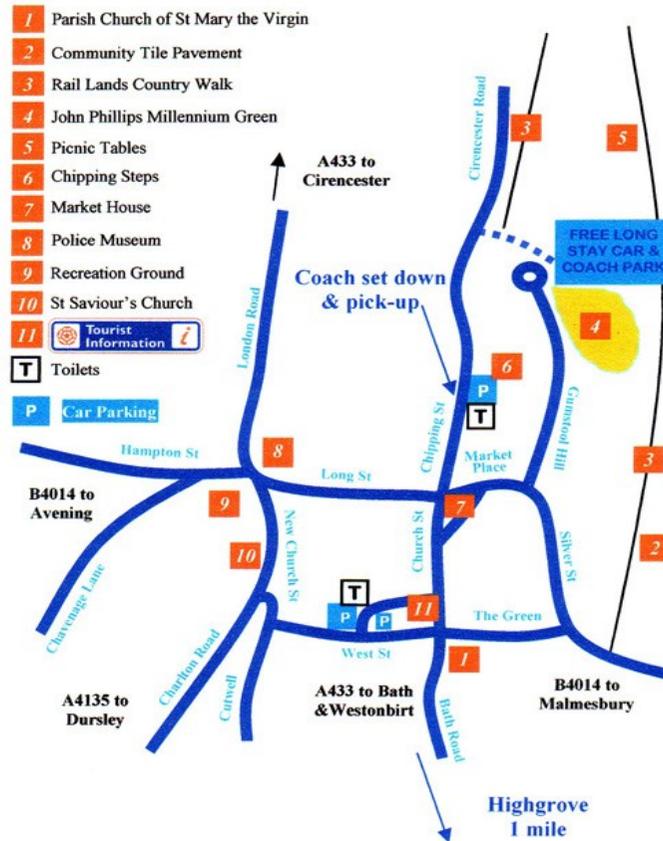
Our resident Sergeant is always on duty in the station watching over the prisoners, local trouble-makers and the public, as he has done for over a hundred years.

Fred, one of our prisoners, sleeps it off in one of the cells and should not be woken, as he is known to become violent if disturbed!



Opening Times

Monday - Friday (excluding Bank Holidays):
10.00 am to 3.00 pm
Other times by appointment



Tetbury Town Council
The Old Courthouse
63 Long St, Tetbury GL8 8AA
Phone: 01666 504670
E-mail: curator@tetbury.gov.uk
www.visittetbury.co.uk/police-museum

Discover the history of crime and detection in Gloucestershire

Tetbury Police Museum & Courtroom



63 Long Street, Tetbury

FREE ADMISSION

Tetbury Police Museum & Courtroom

In 1969 the Tetbury Magistrates Court was moved to Cirencester, this in turn led to the local Police force taking over a new building in London Road. At this time, in order to preserve a part of Tetbury's heritage whilst keen to provide a 'public' council office, the Town Council purchased the Victorian Police Station and Courtroom in Long Street, known as the Tetbury Council Offices and Police Museum.



The former Police Sergeant's living quarters currently house the Town Administration offices, with the original Police office and cells containing the not to be missed array of police exhibits and memorabilia, including the world renowned Alex Nichols collection of handcuffs and restraints. The courtroom houses a tableau of a magistrate's court scene in action.

The Museum is primarily dedicated to the history of the Gloucestershire Constabulary, founded in 1839; despite a petition raised by the people of Compton Greenfield against the necessity of forming a police force in Gloucestershire at all!

The museum covers 170 years of policing history and we are sure you will enjoy your visit.

Main Attractions

- Collection of artefacts relating to Gloucestershire Constabulary
- Alex Nichols Collection of Handcuffs and Restraints
- "Resident Sergeant" on duty in the station to watch over the prisoners



- Fred, one of our "prisoners", sleeping it off in one of the cells
- Magistrate's court scene in the Victorian courtroom, with audio commentary
- Children's quizzes



The Alex Nichols Collection

The Alex Nichols Collection of Handcuffs and restraints was formerly housed in the Galleries of Justice in Nottingham and was moved to the Tetbury Police Museum in 2007.

The collection consists of restraints and handcuffs from different countries around the world.

This is the largest collection of handcuffs and restraints on public view in the United Kingdom.



A Tetbury Town Council Attraction