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### Christmas at Somerset Rural Life Museum in Glastonbury

This winter Somerset Rural Life Museum will be stepping back in time for 'A Very Victorian Christmas' on Saturday 7 December.

This seasonal celebration includes Christmas carols, mince pies, arts and crafts and, of course, a visit from Father Christmas.

Museum Manager Susie Simmons said: "From Christmas cards and crackers, to decorating trees, many of our best-loved Christmas traditions are from the Victorian era.

"We hope our visitors will enjoy this seasonal celebration within the historic setting of Abbey Farm."

There are more events taking place at the museum over the festive season. On Friday 29 November the museum's Curator of Social History, Bethan Murray, will be giving a 'Christmas Traditions' talk exploring the traditions that are so much a part of this special time of year.

On Saturday 30 November the museum is hosting a 'Wooden Reindeer Making' workshop with 'Explore the Great Outdoors.' These workshops are specially designed for adults and children to work together to create a unique Christmas decoration or a gift for family or friends.

## Event Information

### **A Very Victorian Christmas**

Saturday 7 December, 10.00 am – 5.00 pm

Drop-in, usual admission applies/free with the Museum Unlimited annual pass. Booking is essential for Santa's Grotto (£5 to include a present) on 01458 831197.

### **Christmas Traditions Talk**

Friday 29 November, 2.30 pm

Booking advisable, £5, on 01458 831197.

### **Wooden Reindeer Making Workshops**

Saturday 30 November

10.30 am – 12.30 pm, one adult and one child aged 5-8 years, £40.

1.30 pm – 4.00 pm, one adult and one child aged 8-16 years, £50.

Booking required on 01458 831197.

Somerset Rural Life Museum is part of The South West Heritage Trust, an independent charity that protects and celebrates our rich heritage.

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## **Notes to editors**

### **1. The South West Heritage Trust**

The South West Heritage Trust is an independent charity committed to protecting and celebrating Somerset and Devon's rich heritage. As well as the widely-praised Museum of Somerset and the redeveloped Somerset Rural Life Museum, in Glastonbury, the Trust manages state-of-the-art facilities in Taunton and Exeter to care for the extraordinary archive collections of the two counties. The Trust also provides essential advice about the historic environment and manages historic sites. Individuals and businesses are invited to support the charity through its Supporters' scheme. Visit [swheritage.org.uk](http://swheritage.org.uk)