

# The Grove Prison Museum

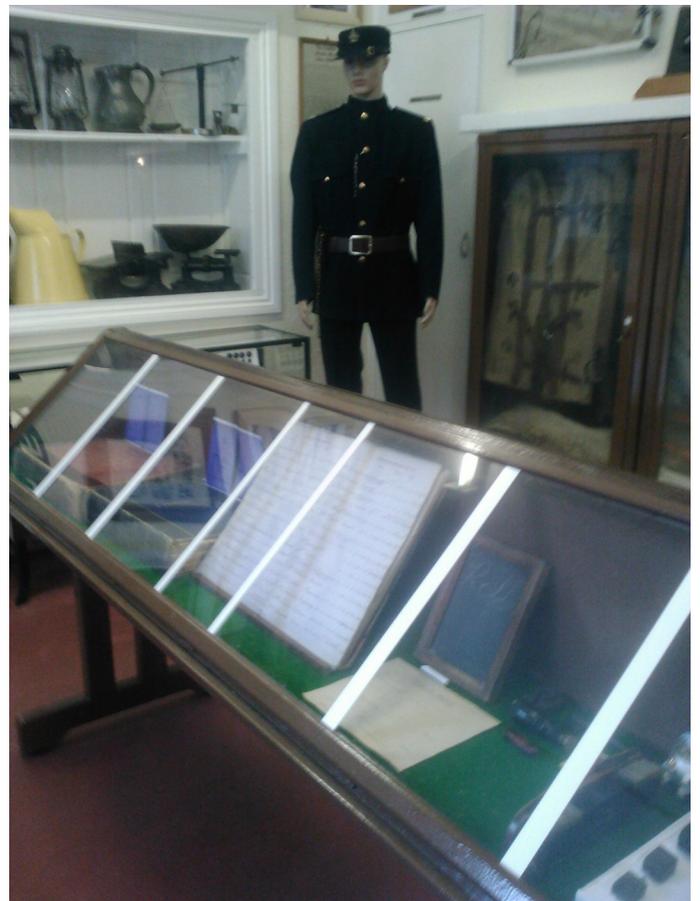
Situated at: The Governor's Community Garden, The Grove, Portland  
Opening times: 10am - 2pm - Thursday, Friday & Saturday only.  
From July 2014 Also opening on Sundays 10am - 2pm



With an extensive collection of display items pictures and modelled uniforms the museum offers a factual history of Prison Life on the Island. The Prison at the Grove Portland opened in 1848 and held convict adults until 1921, when it was converted into a Borstal. It has been a Young Offender Institution and now has become a Prison again.



Convict labour was an integral part in the extraction of stone for the building of the Portland Breakwaters. Just a short walk from the Prison at Grove Point you can see the full extent of these .





Displays include:

- Convict department room
- Borstal room
- Fireplace wall displays
- Uniforms
- Prison kitchens display
- Various photographs & memorabilia

The building in which the museum is located, is only a small part of what was originally the Deputy Governor's residence, built in the 1880's. This sits within the Governor's Community Garden.

The Gardens and The Museum whilst offering a visitor attraction were also established for the Grove and Portland community to enjoy.



Directions:

Follow main road through Underhill and up to Tophill. Take second exit on Yeates Roundabout. Proceed down the road, past the Esso garage until you reach signs pointing left into 'The Grove'. Follow this road, passing the Clifton pub and St Peter's church. You'll now pass the former Alma Terrace prison quarters. The road skirts the boundary wall, which is on your left. After this, the road takes a sharp turn. You're now at the site of the former Governor's house and gardens. Enter these gardens, and immediately turn left. The Grove Prison Museum entrance is only a few paces away.

It is advisable to check opening times prior to visiting.  
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