

# Mr Cowper's Bedroom

*Mr Cowper's cousin, Lady Hesketh, made him a cap to wear when he wasn't wearing his wig.*

## 'Gratitude, Addressed To Lady Hesketh'

1786

- I found the cap

'This cap to my Cousin I owe,  
She gave it, and gave me beside,  
Wreathed into an elegant bow,  
The ribbon with which it was  
tied.'

- Find Mr Cowper wearing his day cap in the paintings

# In the Gardens

'The Task' 1785

'How airy and how light the graceful arch'

- I found the arch



'Square Tower, tall spire, from  
which the sound of cheerful  
bells...'

- Look up and find the spire of John Newton's church

'The Task' 1785

- Find the Summer House used for chatting & writing.



The Summerhouse



COWPER & NEWTON MUSEUM

# Poetry Treasure Trail



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**Mr Cowper could write a poem about ANYTHING...**

**Find the places & objects in his house & gardens which gave him his ideas**

## In the Courtyard

*Mr Cowper was walking past The Viper Barn when he saw a poisonous snake called a Viper threatening his kittens*

- **Find the viper**

Tick when found



## 'The Colubriad'

August 3rd 1782

## In the Hall

*Mr Cowper had 3 orphan hares as pets. Their names were Tiney, Bess & Puss.*

*This is from a poem about Tiney.*

'A Turkey carpet was his lawn,  
Whereon he loved to bound,  
To skip and gambol like a fawn,  
And swing his rump around.'

1783

- **I found Tiney, Bess & Puss**

*He also enjoyed walking and encouraged people to get out of their sedan chair - and use their feet ...*



- **Find the sedan chair**

## In the Parlour

*Mr Cowper was feeling a bit depressed so his friend Lady Austen suggested he write a poem to help him feel better - the poem started with a sofa!*

- **Find the sofa**



Cowper's Sofa

*In his very long poem called 'The Task' Mr Cowper described this room on a Winter evening.*

- **Find this bit of the poem in the room and find all the things he listed**

'The Task' 1785