



# GROUP VISIT BRIEFING PACK 2011

## BEFORE YOUR VISIT

### Background

The Model Village at Godshill on the Isle of Wight is quite simply one of the best model villages in the country. Set in more than an acre of landscaped gardens surrounded by over 3000 bonsai treated conifers and shrubs it depicts Island life as it was in the 1920's and 1930's. The models are of Godshill and Shanklin Old Villages, with dioramas of little Islanders going about their daily business. As a privately owned attraction we strive to ensure all our visitors enjoy their time with us and we trust that the information enclosed will be useful to you.

## ON THE DAY

### Arriving

When you arrive in Godshill your coach will park in the main village Car Park opposite the Griffin Pub. There is then a short (approx 200 metre) walk up the High Street to our entrance. We are situated right on the corner of the main road so we are easy to spot if you are on your first visit. You will need to cross the road so please take care.

Please come to the Kiosk in the entrance archway where a member of the Model Village team will welcome you. We have found that to ease congestion and get the maximum from your visit any large groups should be divided down into teams no larger than 10.

### Our facilities

**Accessibility** - The garden is fully accessible to all and is wheel and push chair friendly.

**Picnics & Refreshments** - You are welcome to eat your lunch on our picnic lawn. Our Tea & Coffee Kiosk stocks cakes, fruit, water, soft drinks & ice cream. (Open April - Sept)

**Photography** - Our garden is perfect for photography so bring your camera!

**Toilets** - Toilets are available on site, with disabled and baby change facilities.

**Shop** - Rated by our visitors over the years as one of the best gift shops on the Island, we welcome all group sizes. We stock a comprehensive range of gifts & pocket money pressies from 50p upwards so please feel free to browse at your leisure.

# DURING YOUR VISIT

To get the most from your visit you may wish to try some or all of the following three options:

## Option One

Walk around the garden in groups discussing what you see. This is a quick, simple and easy choice and works for all.

## Option Two

Split into groups and use the "Godshill" and "Shanklin" questionnaires provided in this pack (please photocopy as required). The questions refer to the different areas in our garden so have different start points thus helping to ease congestion and reduce chances of copying!!

You will have to look very carefully in and around the Model Village to get the right answers so take your time. Don't worry we will have the real answers on display so everyone gets to see how observant they were.

## Option Three

Use the Activity Sheet provided, once again please feel free to photocopy as required.

## THINGS TO NOTE:

Whichever choice your group takes please ensure all children are fully supervised at all times whilst on our premises.

We ask that you are respectful of other visitors during your visit and ensure paths and doorways remain clear.

Should you require any assistance at any time please speak to a member of the team.

# We look forward to seeing you!



# Godshill Questionnaire



By the airfield you will find “A” painted on the floor. Start here.



What type of aeroplanes can you see on the airfield?

What is a windsock and why do you have one on an airfield?



What type of animal is over the door of the first building you come to?

What is the name of the first thatched cottage you come to?



You can see the real Church up on the hill. Including that one, how many “All Saints” Churches can you see from here?

At the “Bats Wing” there are two routes up to the Church. Find the signs that tell you what they are and make a note here.

Welcomes Cottage has a WC what is it and where is it?

How old is All Saints Church? Work out how old it is, in years, including this year.



What time is it on the clock on the Church tower? Which ancient civilization created the numerals used on the clock face?

Who is at work outside the church entrance?



What is the gardener doing in the model of the model?

Whose beer does a visitor to the model of the model advertise?



Our airship is 2.1meters long. To make sure the model wasn't too big we had to use 1/100 scale. Now work out how big a real airship would have been.

**We have a one-way route around the garden. So continue up the steps to enjoy the top of the garden & to find your Start Point for the Shanklin Quiz.**

# Shanklin Questionnaire



**Start point: walk past the airfield; stay on the path, up the steps to the lookout where you will find “G” painted on the floor. Start here.**



What is being delivered to the building across the valley from you?

Where is the bus going?

What is the railway station called?

Who wants to join in with the band?



Where is the train at Shanklin station going?

What activity is taking place on the lawn outside The Monteaule Hotel?

What flag is flying at the scout camp?



Use the date on the red balloon to calculate how many years have passed?

What language is used on the gate at St Blasius?

Name the trees that form the avenue you walk through by the football match?

How many jumps are there at the gymkhana?



What sweets can you buy in Choat's shop?

Make a word from the following letters “NICHE”. What do you think it means?

Stand under the big tree and look across the Chine. What can you see happening at the big house?

**It's just for fun - check your answers to see how you did!  
Thanks for joining in!**

# Godshill Questionnaire

## Answer Sheet



By the airfield you will find "A" painted on the floor. Start here.



What type of aeroplanes can you see on the airfield?  
Fox Moth, Tiger Moth & Flying Flea



What is a windsock and why do you have one on an airfield?  
Material tube mounted on a flag pole to show wind direction  
What type of animal is over the door of the first building you come to?  
A Griffin



What is the name of the first thatched cottage you come to?  
The Old World  
You can see the real Church up on the hill. Including that one, how many "All Saints" Churches can you see from here?  
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At the "Bats Wing" there are two routes up to the Church. Find the signs that tell you what they are and make a note here.  
Via the hill or via the steps

Welcomes Cottage has a WC what is it and where is it?  
Water Closet or lavatory outside in the back yard

How old is All Saints Church? Work out how old it is, in years, including this year.  
1042 to 2011 is 969 years old



What time is it on the clock on the Church tower? Which ancient civilization created the numerals used on the clock face?  
2pm & Roman

Who is at work outside the church entrance?  
Photographer (& Vicar!)



What is the gardener doing in the model of the model?  
Mowing the lawn

Whose beer does a visitor to the model of the model advertise?  
Burt's



Our airship is 2.1meters long. To make sure the model wasn't too big we had to use 1/100 scale. Now work out how big a real airship would have been.  
210 metres - a bit too big for our garden!!

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# Shanklin Questionnaire

## Answer Sheet



**Start point: walk past the airfield; stay on the path, up the steps to the lookout where you will find “G” painted on the floor. Start here.**



What is being delivered to the building across the valley from you?  
Burt's Beer in barrels

Where is the bus going?  
To the Station

What is the railway station called?  
Godshill

Who wants to join in with the band?  
The Black dog



Where is the train at Shanklin station going?  
Ryde Pier to Ventnor via Brading for Bembridge, Sandown, Shanklin, Wroxall.

What activity is taking place outside The Monteagle Hotel?  
Tennis

What flag is flying at the scout camp?  
Georges Cross or the Flag of St George



Use the date on the red balloon to calculate how many years have passed?  
1783 to 2011 is 228 years

What language is used on the gate at St Blasius?  
Latin

Name the trees that form the avenue you walk through by the football match?  
Oaks or Miniature Oak Trees

How many jumps are there at the gymkhana?  
6



What sweets can you buy in Choat's shop?  
Fox's Glacier Mints, Limefizz; Liquorice and Allsorts; Barley Sugar; Toffees

Make a word from the following letters “NICHE”. What do you think it means?  
CHINE. A Chine is a steep sided valley formed by water

Stand under the big tree and look across the Chine. What can you see happening at the big house?

Window cleaner or builder up a ladder or is it a burglar!





# Visitor Safety Statement 2011

1. There are large signs at the entrance to the Model Village stating that all visitors must:
  - Keep to the pathways
  - Not enter the miniature gardens, even for photography
  - Not run
  - Look after the young or frail
  - Follow the signs
2. Children under the age of 16 are not permitted into the Model Village, unless a responsible adult accompanies them. This means that Group Leaders and Teachers must be fully aware of their responsibility to supervise their group effectively at all times whilst on our premises.
3. Paths are clearly marked and are bordered clearly with either post & chain fencing; metal fencing or hedges. Please ensure your party remain on the paths.
4. Our employees cannot undertake to supervise children on the premises, however they will intervene if they observe unsafe or unruly behaviour.

Potential hazard	Action taken to mitigate	Review
Visitor entering miniature gardens where in some areas there are steep banks or ponds.	Clear signage at the entrance stating no entry to miniature gardens. All groups on site are supervised by their own party leaders. Borders and fences marking the edge of pathways that must not be crossed	Jan '12
Visitor tripping or falling on path, or colliding with other visitors if, children particularly, run around the pathways.	Clear signage at the entrance stating "No Running". Supervising adults are required to monitor minors in their charge whilst on our premises.	Jan '12
Visitor slipping on icy paths (Winter opening only)	All paths will be checked on daily walk round. Any that are found to be slippery due to ice will be treated or closed & diversions put in place.	Jan '12