

Victorian Costume

What to Wear for Victorian Newstead

The children of Newstead estate workers entering Newstead Abbey either in search of work within the house or as invited guests to an entertainment will dress in a simple manner. They will be respectable, clean and tidy, as will all accompanying adults.

All visitors should carry a handkerchief and dress warmly with plenty of layers of clothing. Being built of stone, Newstead Abbey is cold within at all seasons, particularly in winter. Shawls should be firmly tied in place. Children should not wear hats of any kind in the house. Mrs Webb is very particular that all visitors should have clean hands

Girls

Long sleeve, high necked blouses or dresses
Skirts calf or ankle length, covered with a pinafore
Tights and outdoor shoes
Shawls optional
Hair in plaits, bunches or ringlets, pinned up or simply neatly brushed

Women

Long sleeve, high necked blouses or dresses
Skirts and dresses full length
Optional: fitted jackets, hats, long white aprons, shawls
Hair pinned up or neatly brushed

Boys

Thick, long sleeved shirt
Shorts to below knees (long trousers tucked into socks)
Long socks and outdoor shoes
Optional: braces, neckerchief, muffler (tied like a cravat), jacket, waistcoat
Hair neatly brushed

Men

Thick, long sleeved shirt
Long trousers
Heavy shoes
Optional: braces, waistcoat, jacket, neckerchief, stiff collar and tie, muffler (tied like a cravat)
Bowler hat or flat cap
Hair neatly brushed

