

Knowledge about Shugborough: History and Family Members

- ❑ Shugborough Hall was built in 1695 and is located in Stafford. It is an elegant country house.
- ❑ Shugborough Hall was bought by a gentleman named William Anson. It was inherited and owned by many Anson family members.
- ❑ Thomas Anson and George Anson were two brothers who had a significant impact on the development of Shugborough.
- ❑ When Thomas inherited the property, he wanted to create an Arcadia, a perfect paradise, where the landscape mirrored the beauty and grace of the sights he had seen on his travels around Europe.
- ❑ George Anson was a successful Navy captain and commodore. In 1743, he captured a treasure ship which carried gold and silver worth £400,000. He used this money to further fund the development of the Shugborough estate.
- ❑ Park Farm was built in 1805. It was designed to provide a practical solution to farming on the estate.
- ❑ The farm housed pigs, cattle and horses. There was a mill for grinding flour for baking. A working dairy provided milk for the estate. A brewhouse was added to provide beer for the main house, visitors and servants.
- ❑ In 1832, Queen Victoria, aged 13, and her mother, stayed at Shugborough Hall.
- ❑ Shugborough was handed over to the National Trust in 1966 and is a place for visitors to enjoy throughout the year.

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Subject-Specific Vocabulary

Word	Definition
Tier 1	
❑ Cattle	Animals with 4 legs, such as cows, that are used to provide food.
❑ Farming	Growing crops and raising animals. Animals are used to provide food.
❑ Mansion	A large, impressive house.
Tier 2	
❑ Development	A change or growth in something. An improvement.
❑ Estate	A great area of land in the country, usually with a large house.
❑ Inherit	Receive as an heir someone's money, property or title.
❑ Landscape	An area of land, and/or their human and physical features.
❑ Mill	A building that has machinery for grinding grain into flour to bake.
❑ National Trust	An organisation that saves the historic buildings, monuments and countryside of parts of the United Kingdom.
❑ Navy	A part of the armed forces that are based at sea.
❑ Servants	A person that performs duties for others. Often employed for household tasks.
Tier 3	
❑ Arcadia	A perfect paradise.
❑ Hierarchy	A ranking of importance.

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Knowledge about Shugborough: Servants and the Mansions

- ❑ Servants provided a crucial role in serving the needs of the Anson family.
- ❑ There was a strict hierarchy of servants with some staff's role being more important than others. The servants earned different amounts of pay.
- ❑ The servant's quarters were next to the main house so that they could be called upon quickly and food could be served without needing to go outside.
- ❑ Living conditions were simple. Servants shared toilets outside and often 5 or 6 people would sleep in one bedroom. Cold water was used for washing and bedrooms were often freezing. There were fires but these were rarely lit.
- ❑ Some of the main rooms in the mansion include the state dining room, the red drawing room and the library. The mansion was extravagantly decorated and contained many art pieces.
- ❑ The estate was expensive to run with 109 staff in total and wages totalling over £3,000 which is equivalent to almost £300,000 today.
- ❑ During the 1940s, there was a need for a direct rail route from London to the North West, bypassing Birmingham through Shugborough. A track line was built that passed through Shugborough from Rugby to Stafford.



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