

# The Victorians

The Victorian Age is the years between 1837 and 1901 when Queen Victoria was on the throne. It was a time of great discovery and also the Industrial Revolution. Whilst life in cities became very different, life in the countryside changed more slowly.

All these items are in the area around Pickard's Cottage, the wash house and the dairy.



## pump



The Pickard family didn't have taps inside, they would collect all the water they needed from a pump.

## goose wing



Victorian people sometimes used goose wings for cleaning delicate items, such as ornaments.

## range



All the cooking was done on a range cooker which was fuelled using wood, coal or peat.

## carpet beater



Before the vacuum was invented people took their rugs outside and hit them with a carpet beater to get the dust out.

## wash house



This is where the clothes were washed and ironed. Large wash houses would have done other people's washing too.

## butter churn



Butter and cheese were made in the dairy. To make butter you churn the milk until it separates into butter fat and butter milk.

## privy



Most houses did not have inside toilets. They had outside privies like this one. It would have been very chilly in the winter!

## wash board



To get clothes clean you would soak them in hot water and soap and then rub them on the wash board.

## bowl and jug



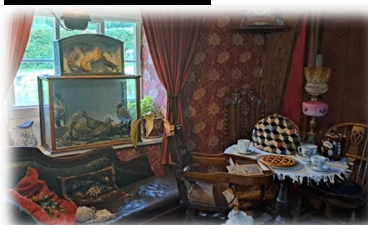
Before bathrooms, you would wash in a bowl like this one, which would be filled with water from a jug.

## chamber pot



A chamber pot was kept under the bed if you needed the toilet in the night, saving the walk to the privy.

## parlour



Victorian 'parlour rooms' were often very full with a family's possessions, and decorated with dark colours.

## copper tub



This tub was filled with water (from the pump) and a fire underneath heated the water for washing clothes.

## butter pats



Once the cream had been churned to separate the butter fat, it could be shaped with butter pats.

## oil lamp



The Victorians didn't have electricity. Lamps used oil to burn a large wick, a bit like a candle.

## piano



The Victorians entertained themselves with music and storytelling.