No 5 Vicars' Hill



Access Guide

Background to No.5 Vicars' Hill

No 5 is a short walk from the Library, opposite St Patrick's Cathedral. From the outside No 5 looks no different from the houses on either side. However, its small hallway opens into two beautiful, octagonal rooms with vaulted ceilings.

Archbishop Robinson built No 5 as the Registry to hold Church of Ireland and civil records. In 2011 the Library restored No 5 to exhibit examples of the Library's collections, such as Roman and Medieval coins, Neolithic stone tools, Bronze Age weapons, Irish hand bells and eighteenth-century fine art.

Rare survivals of eighteenth-century fine art include James Tassie's 'gems' from the 1770s. Tassie reproduced classical figures in a hard-setting sulphur paste. Collectors of his 'gems' included Russia's Catherine the Great, while Louis XIV of France commissioned medals to commemorate his reign. You can see some very rare casts of these medals, made in about 1690 from originals in the Paris mint. In addition, a number of Hogarth's satirical engravings from the Library's internationally important print collection are on display.

Opening Times

By prior appointment only through Armagh Robinson Library:

028-37523142
admin@armaghrobinsonlibrary.co.uk

Free admission (donations welcome)

Group tours: £5 per person

Getting here by car

From Portadown

- Follow the Portadown Road to the roundabout at the Mall, and then go straight ahead up College Street
- At the top of College Street, keep to the right, and take first turn left onto Abbey Street, in front of Maison Estate Agents
- At top of Abbey Street turn left, you may park in the ground of the Cathedral and No.5 is located in the row of houses across from the Cathedral

From Dungannon

- Follow the Moy Road to the first roundabout, take the third exit onto Railway Street and follow Railway Street until the second roundabout at the Mall
- Take the third exit from the roundabout and drive up College Street
- At the top of College Street, keep to the right, and take first turn left into Abbey Street, in front of Maison Estate Agents
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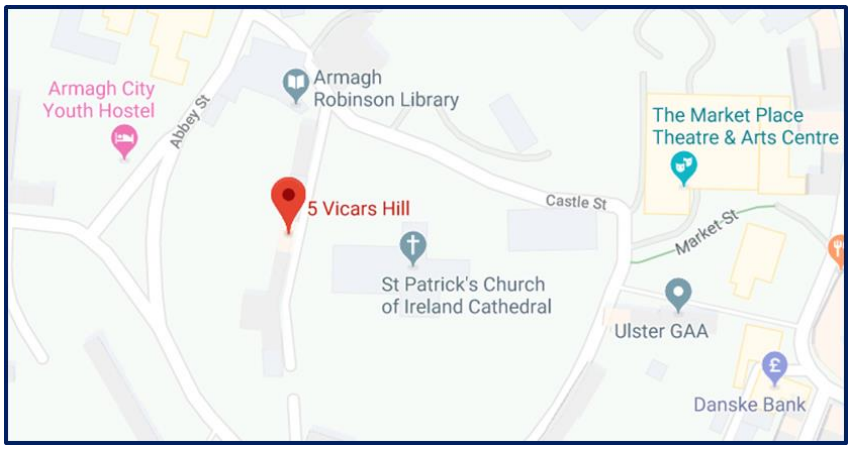
From Dublin/Newry

- Follow the Newry Road to the traffic light at the police station, turn left unto Friary Road
- Follow the Friary Road past the traffic lights at the Palace Demesne, take the next turn rightAt the T junction turn left into Irish Street
- Follow Irish Street up and around the hill until another T-junction
- Turn right here. You may park in the ground of the Cathedral and No.5 is located in the row of houses across from the Cathedral

Getting here by bus

- Make your way to Friary Road
- Follow the Friary Road past the traffic lights at the Palace Demesne, take the next turn right
- At the T junction turn left into Irish Street
- Follow Irish Street up and around the hill until another t-junction
- Turn right here. No.5 is just across from the Cathedral



Car Parking

Visitors are welcome to park in the grounds of St Patrick's Church of Ireland Cathedral which is very close to the Library and No 5.



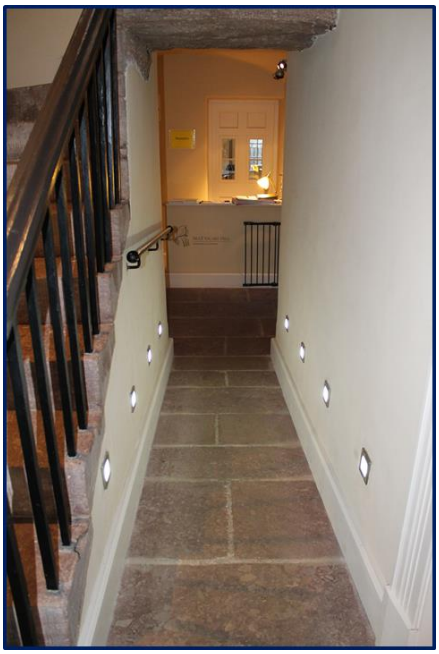
Your Arrival

There is a ramp up to the entrance of the building at No 5.



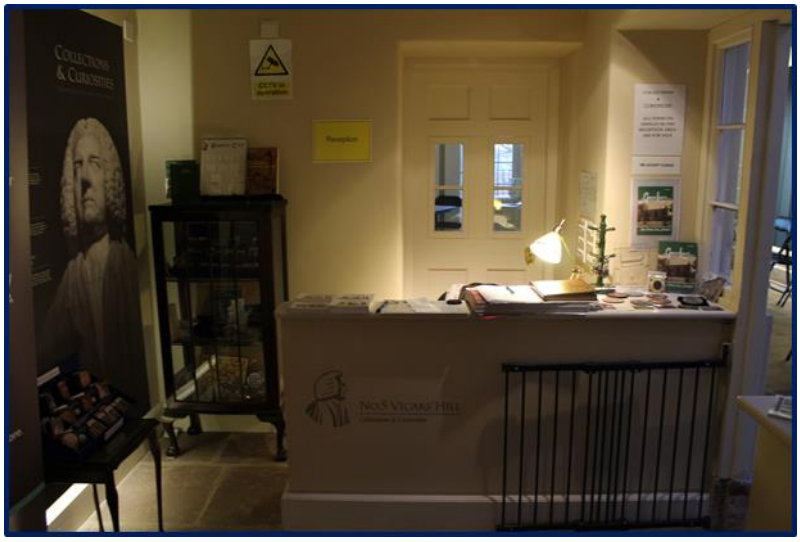
You will walk through an open door and down a corridor to the reception.





You will be welcomed by a staff member at the reception. The staff member wears a badge to make them easy to distinguish.





Turning right at the reception you will see an alcove which joins the two main rooms of the museum.





Toilet Facilities

If you turn right at the reception and walk through the alcove, there are toilet facilities through the door in front of you.





Get photo of blue hinged handle and baby changing station.

Robinson Room

Towards the back of the building is the Robinson Room.



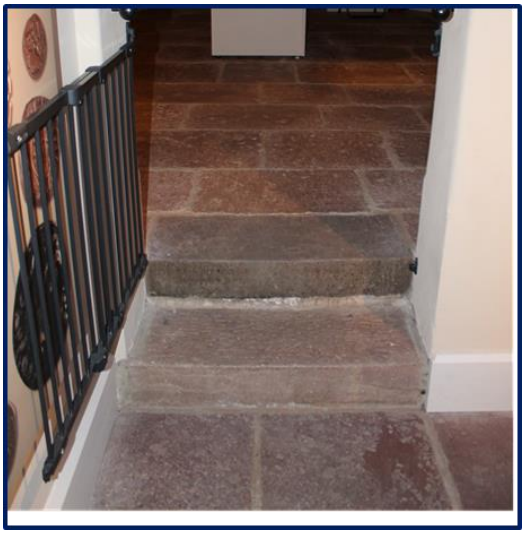
Balcony

In the Robinson Room, there is a door which leads to a balcony.



Registry Room

Walking straight from the Robinson room, up two steps, is the Beresford room. If you do not wish to take the steps you can go back out into the entrance hall and turn left through a doorway into the Registry Room.





The Library and No 5 are closed on Bank Holidays, Morning/Afternoon on the Hill group visits and special events.

Please check the calendar on our website for special closures before making your journey!

We hope you enjoy your visit to No.5 Vicars' Hill!