

Aston Hall: A Jacobean House

Note down the evidence you can see (or have seen) on your visit. Make it clear what evidence remains from the time the house was built (e.g. ceiling patterns) and the evidence put there by museum staff (e.g. furniture).

What is the evidence for...

..the Entrance Hall being a room to impress?

Clues:- ceilings, walls, fireplace, doorways

..the Great Parlour being a private family room?

Clues:- name, position, furnishings

..the main staircase being a grand processional route?

Clues:- construction, position, decorations

..Aston Hall being attacked during the 17th century Civil War?

Clues:- the newel post, original written sources

..the south side of the first floor being a set of State rooms

Clues:- layout, position, ceilings, fireplaces, walls (Long Gallery)

..the attic being the servants' sleeping quarters

Clues:- position, room layout, lack of decoration, fireplace

Use the notes you have written above and other information from your visit to answer the questions below.

- ❖ How can we tell about life in Aston Hall 400 years ago?
- ❖ What tells us Aston Hall was built as a home not a fortress?
- ❖ Why can Aston Hall be called a Jacobean house?