



# The Tudors

By the Tudor period, Nantwich was a thriving market town with people coming from all over Cheshire to trade goods. Nonetheless Nantwich was still susceptible to fire and illness, the two main fears of the time. Cramped housing and poor sanitation were contributing factors to the Great Fire of Nantwich of 1583 and outbreaks of illness throughout the period.

Find out about Tudor Nantwich's lasting impact on the town and learn about the role that Nantwich born herbalist John Gerard had nationally on combating illness.

## Curriculum Links:

History KS1: Learn about significant historical events, people and places within the locality.

History KS2: Learn about an aspect of history or a site dating from 1066 that is significant in the locality.

Science KS1 & 2: Identification of materials, identification of plants.

## Learn About:

The importance of written evidence and artefacts in forming opinions about local inhabitants

Local industry

Reaction to catastrophic events including the Great Fire of Nantwich

Significant local person – Tudor herbalist John Gerard and attitudes towards health

## Session Summary

Become a Tudor history detective and uncover clues about life during this significant period.

Town tour- look for evidence and develop questions by investigating building use, materials, industry, entertainments and crime and punishment. Consider concepts such as continuity and change and differences between rich and poor.

In the Museum – a hands on experience handling objects, trying costumes and examining source material. There is chance to look at artefacts on permanent display, learn historical terms and take part in a quiz.

## Extend Your Visit

- Make Tudor medicine. Find out more about Tudor herbalist John Gerard and consider how this has impacted on our medicines of today.
- Special drama session – develop judgements about attitudes to health, medicine and punishments (see additional information sheet).
- Visit St Mary's Church – find out more about the oldest building in the town and its role during the Tudor period.