

*A selection of Robinson's  
other buildings*



# *The Robinson Trail*



*The Mall*

*We want to welcome  
you to Armagh!*

We would suggest that you allow at least half a day for a visit so that you may experience all parts. We would ask school and youth groups to have adults available to accompany each of the groups. The Music Hall is available where refreshments can be enjoyed and items left securely.

**Booking is essential and fees apply.**

If any of this seems unclear, please contact us to clarify.

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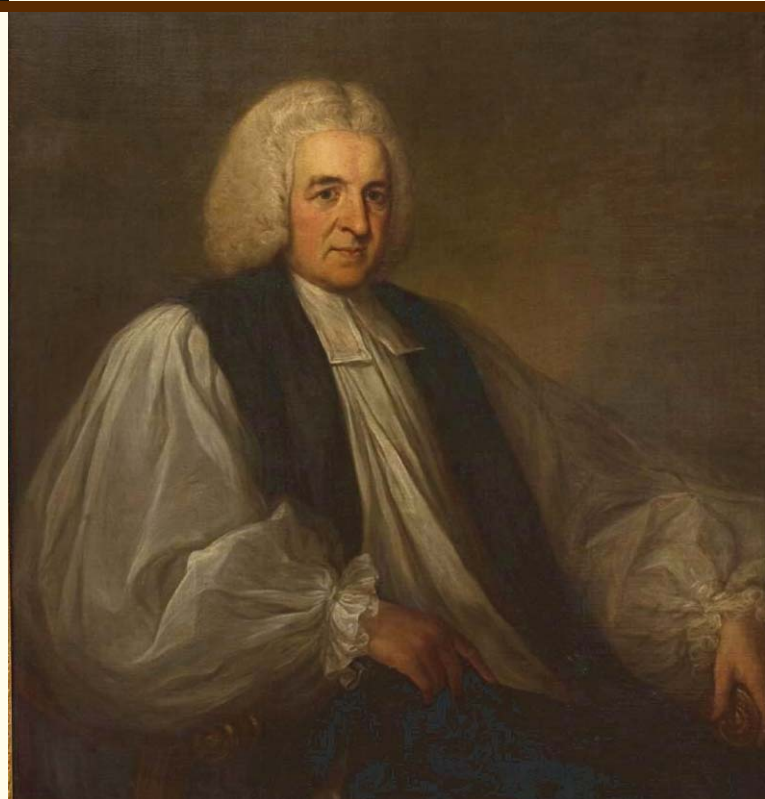
*Armagh  
Royal School*



*The Palace and Primate's Chapel*



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*Discovering the Legacy of  
Primate Richard Robinson*

*(Baron Rokeby)*

*1708-1794*

# *Archbishop Richard Robinson*

Richard Robinson was enthroned as Archbishop of Armagh in 1765 and is remembered for transforming Armagh into a city of stunning architecture. He was responsible for building several iconic buildings in the City e.g.: Armagh Public Library; Armagh Infirmary; Armagh Observatory; The Royal School; The Gaol; and The Archbishop's Palace, Chapel, and Palace Stables. He also transformed the Mall from a racecourse to the pleasant setting it remains to this day.



## *Armagh Public Library*

Armagh Public Library, the oldest library in Northern Ireland, was founded in 1771 by Archbishop Richard Robinson as part of his plans to establish a university and to improve the City of Armagh. The nucleus of the collection is Archbishop Robinson's own library on theology, philosophy, classic and modern literature, voyages and travels, history, medicine and law. Apart from encouraging visitors to handle 18th and 19th century books with care, the visit will also allow people to view the 1835 Ordnance Survey Maps to show how their townland, village or town looked all those years ago.



## *Armagh Observatory*

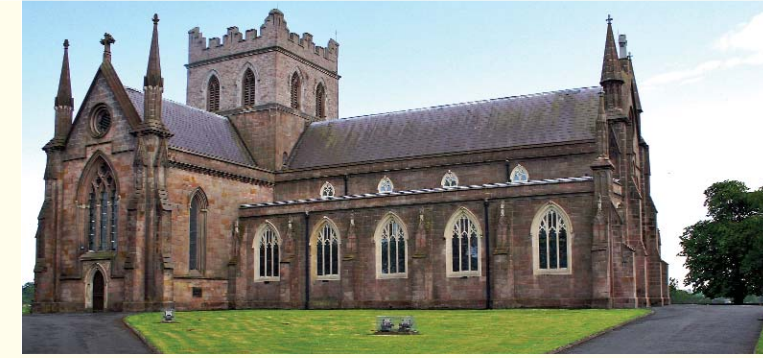
The Armagh Observatory is a modern astronomical research institute with a rich heritage. Around 30 astronomers are actively studying the Sun and Stars, Solar-System astronomy and the effect of the Sun and other bodies on the Earth. Founded by Archbishop Robinson in 1789 as part of his desire to see a university in the City of Armagh, it stands hidden by trees on a secluded hill to the north-east of the Mall beyond the boundary of the historic city. Surrounded by modern developments and the Armagh Planetarium, the Demesne now comprises some 14 acres of attractive, landscaped grounds and parkland known as the Armagh Observatory Grounds and Astropark.



## *No 5 Vicars' Hill*

Built in 1772 as the Diocesan Registry to hold records for the Cathedral and Armagh Diocese, its octagonal rooms contained many public as well as Church records. Whilst the records are no longer retained in the building, some examples are on display along with ancient coins, gems, significant prints, early Christian artefacts and other collections and curiosities. Recently restored, this deceptively large building has a fascinating interior and retains many of its original features.

There is an opportunity to explore the collections in more detail through the use of touch screens. Further advice and information can be provided for those who wish to carry out more in-depth research of the archives, many of which are contained in the nearby Armagh Public Library.



## *St Patrick's Cathedral*

The story of Armagh Cathedral begins in the year 445 when, according to tradition, St Patrick built a church on the hill from which the City derives its name 'Ard Mhacha - The Height of Mhacha'. The plan of the Cathedral, as it now stands, is the design of Archbishop O'Scanlain in 1268. Some of the highlights of the tour will include the Cathedral silverware, the Crypt containing the remains of three Primates and notable Armagh families, and some interesting stone carvings which date from the Pre-Christian period.

*The Cathedral stands on one of  
the most ancient christian sites in  
the UK and Ireland.*

*A place of worship for over 1500 years*