

Discover History wins Accreditation.

The team of Historical Interpreters based in Worcester have recently received a top award in their field of work. Discover History was awarded an accreditation by 'Tabulae', The Guild of Historical Interpreters.

Historical Interpretation is very different to re-enactment. Interpreters work in an educational role predominantly in schools, museums and in particular documentary roles acting as real life characters from the past. Re-enactment however is a hobby with props that look the part but often have no historical evidence to back it up.

Discover History staff wear very accurate hand stitched clothing and use only artifacts that can be linked to an archaeological or primary sourced material. We have items such as lanterns that are exact copies from those found on the Mary Rose wreck for example.

Discover History was approached by Tabulae for accreditation after being described by Worcestershire Living Magazine as “The Midlands leading team of historical Interpreters”. Tabulae looked at every aspect of the company and thoroughly enjoyed the teams guided walks around Worcester.

The Worcester Story has grown greatly since it was created by Discover History in 2007 to encourage Worcester citizens to look further into Worcester’s past and bring the history of Worcester alive to Tourists. The team dress as past characters so people can get the added insight and ability to ask questions about the age.

Tabulae used similar tactics as mystery shoppers, asked specific historical questions and graded the entertainment value also. They took part in school workshops, living history and assessed the company’s guided walks. Tabulae was amazed with what Worcester has to offer. Wearing accurate clothing and often staying in character was an added bonus on the walk.

To accompany the walk Discover History have also wrote a brief guide to the history of Worcester called the ‘Worcester Story.’ The guide can be obtained from Worcester City Museum & Art Gallery, Tudor House Heritage Centre and Worcester Tourist Office at the Guildhall in Worcester. Sales of this publication have been phenomenal since it was released.

Discover History is following up the successful Worcester Story walk with a number of age specific tours. The Worcester Story follows the history of Worcester from its Mesolithic origins.

The Faithful Story was launched on Oak Apple Day, which the team organises. This tour takes people around Worcester looking at the turbulent Civil War years. Sites include climbing to Fort Royal, strolling along Friar Street and ending at King Charles House.

In August the Tudor Story will be launched to coincide with the famous visit from Elizabeth I in 1575. In total the team has planned 15 themed tours to be launched over the coming years.

To keep up to date with Discover History and their ever growing walking tours and interpretation you can visit their website at www.discover-history.co.uk

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