

*A selection of Robinson's
other buildings*



The Robinson Trail



The Mall

*Armagh
Gaol*



*Armagh
Infirmary*

*Armagh
Royal School*



*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. In the case of school and youth groups, we would ask you to have adults available to accompany each of the groups. We will provide a place for refreshments to be eaten and where items may be left safely.

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

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The Palace and Primate's Chapel



Trimprint Ltd., Armagh



*Celebrating 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 now enjoyed.

Armagh Public Library

Armagh Public Library is one of the oldest libraries in Ireland, having been established in 1771 by Archbishop Robinson. The Library's collections include books, manuscripts, prints, coins and gems and part of the tour will show how to locate and handle old manuscripts, books and maps.

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.

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 known as Druim Sailech (Sallow Ridge).

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 silverware from 1796; the unusual staircase to the bell tower; and the various stone carvings inside the Cathedral, some of which date from 500-1000BC.

Armagh Observatory

The Armagh Observatory is a modern astronomical research institute with a rich heritage. Founded by 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.

*The Cathedral, stands on one of the most ancient christian sites in the british isles.
A house of God for over 1500 years*

