



## Burghley – Best Bits

How old?  
How big?  
Built by who?

Burghley House is just over 450 years old. Building started in 1555 and it took 32 years to build! The House is built in the shape of a rectangle with a hole in the middle, (the inner court), it has 76 chimneys, over 100 rooms and it has a huge roof which spans over an acre (nearly as big as a football pitch!) William Cecil, the first Lord Burghley had the House built. He worked for Queen Elizabeth 1st and became her Lord High Treasurer – and her friend.



**The Old Kitchen** is the second biggest room at Burghley and is a real Tudor kitchen. Here you'll find a collection of over 260 copper kitchen utensils!



**The Great Hall** is the largest room, with a 60-foot-high ceiling, original fireplace and minstrel's gallery for musicians. Banquets and Balls were held there.

### Famous Burghley State Rooms

Queen Elizabeth 1st has her own bedroom at Burghley.

55 Bells hang in Hog's Hall to call the servants.

You'll find turtle skulls and a moose's head in the Old Kitchen

## FASCINATING BURGHLEY HOUSE FACTS

There's a painting of the Baby Jesus with three arms in the Ante Chapel

The Billiard Table once used to be a ship!

Queen Victoria visited Burghley not once, but twice!

### Burghley Challenge:

- Do you think Queen Elizabeth 1st slept in her bed at Burghley House?
- What happened to the Royal George, the ship that became Burghley's Billiard Table?
- What sort of jobs did the servants do at Burghley House?