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MUSEUM

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Amersham Museum brings to life the fascinating story of Amersham and the surrounding villages through an exciting programme of exhibitions and events.

Based largely in a medieval hall house, Amersham Museum explores life in the town through family-friendly displays that focus on the years 1580, 1775, 1892, 1939 and 1964. Sit at the Tudor dinner table, relax in the 1930s living room, or listen to stories in Ron Haddock's 1960s record shop.

Visit our changing exhibition programme, join a guided walk, take part in an activity session, or wander through our medicinal herb garden. Pop into our shop full of local and locally-inspired gifts. Get in touch if you'd like to explore our rich collections.

Our website is a constantly updated treasure trove of resources about Amersham and its residents from ancient history to the present day, perfect for researchers and anyone wanting to explore the area's past.

Visiting the Museum

Amersham Museum is great value, with adult entry only £6. Children aged under 18 visit for free. Each ticket comes with an Annual Pass so you can come back and explore as many times as you like.

WALKS

Tickets are £6 for adults, children free.

Town Walks

From April to October, join one of our weekly walks around Amersham Old Town, with two different topics on alternate Sunday afternoons at 2:30pm. Starting at the Museum and lasting around an hour, explore Amersham's early history, or its 19th and 20th century development. Pre-booking via our website advised.

Tudor Walks

From April to October on the last Saturday of the month at 2:30pm, find out about life – and death – in Amersham in Tudor times. Costumed guides will tell you about food and drink, work and housing, fairs and markets, sickness and cures, clothing, ghosts and religious beliefs, including the Lollard martyrs.

Note the walk includes a steady climb through the fields to the martyrs memorial. The walk starts at the Museum and usually lasts about 2 ¼ hours, but can be shortened by request. Pre-booking via our website advised.



CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

Our hands-on Create! family workshops run every school holiday. Find out more about what's coming up on our website.

Children's Art Club

We run a fantastic accredited art club for children aged 7-11. Topics range from watercolour painting, printing and illustration, to sculpture and glasswork. Children work towards Arts Award Discover and Explore.

Schools

The museum runs an award-winning programme for KS1 and KS2. Themes include: traditional toys; Amersham and the coming of the railway (this is a good topic for a local history study); Fossils; Amersham in Tudor times; Settlements and the Chilterns; and Amersham in WWII. We can also visit your school to deliver a session or assembly.

Young Curators

Young Curators is an Amersham Museum run after-school group for 14-18 year olds. The group provides opportunities for young people to work with museum professionals to develop their skills and understanding of museum curation. The sessions are fortnightly on a Monday and can be used to support DoE and school work experience.

AGE FRIENDLY

Join our monthly reminiscence group where we share our stories and memories from the past. Everyone is welcome, whether you are a long time Amersham resident, new to the area, or simply interested in meeting new people. These sociable, stimulating and fun sessions run on Mondays at 10am. Cost £3 including tea, coffee and biscuits.

Our singing group meets monthly on Tuesday as at 10am for a sing-a-long to much loved songs from the 20th century. We sing for fun and as a sociable way to get together, so no musical experience is necessary. Sessions are free, just drop in.

We can also deliver a session in your setting using our range of memory boxes or lend you a box.



Mobile Museum

Our Mobile Museum, housed in a retro-style vehicle, tells the story of Amersham in the 20th century. We can travel to fetes and festivals as well as care homes and schools. Get in touch if you're interested in the Mobile Museum attending your event.

Volunteering and Friends

The Museum is supported by an active Friends group. Find out more at www.amershammuseum.org/friends-of-the-museum

Our team of over 125 volunteers contribute to every aspect of the museum's activities. Volunteering is flexible and fun, with a huge range of opportunities.

Visit us

The Museum is open Wednesdays to Sundays and Bank Holiday Mondays, 12noon – 4:30pm.

Admission: £6, children free.

Contact us to find out about bringing a group, booking a bespoke guided walk, room hire, or booking a historical talk.

Entrance to our shop, stocking a range of local and locally-inspired products, is free.

Support us

We are an independent museum and registered charity, run almost entirely by volunteers. We do not receive funding from local or central government. Donations help support the running costs of the museum and the creation of special projects with community groups, older people and schools.