

Gifts & Souvenirs

Our small but well-stocked gift shop has a range of unusual cards and souvenirs related to our collections – we're sure you'll want to take a reminder of our museum home with you!

Outreach

We are committed to life-long learning and actively encourage visits to and from schools and other groups. Our Learning Outside the Classroom quality award ensures a safe and enjoyable occasion. Loans boxes of handling items are free to borrow for up to six weeks. We also run a series of public winter talks that are free to members.

Accessibility

All are welcome to the museum in accordance with our Equality and Diversity policy. We aim to be autism and dementia friendly and have a downloadable social narrative on our website to assist with preparation for a visit. Out of hours visits and one-to-one tours can be arranged by appointment.

The main entrance is 33 inches wide. Wheelchair access is limited to the level ground floor although touch screens provide access to images of our collections. An accessible WC with baby changer is available. Our sensory trail features some Braille. We permit all support dogs.

Opening times

Summer season:

Usually the Tuesday before Easter to mid-December
Tues-Sat 10.30 am – 4.30 pm (last entries 4 pm)

Winter opening:

Tues & Thurs 10.30 am – 12.30 pm.

Closed during January for changing exhibitions. Please check our website for any further information, including our events programmes, and downloadable forms for membership, volunteering and research queries.

Admission

Admission is **FREE** to all although donations are very much appreciated.

How to find us:

Church Lane runs from the Abbey to the Conduit at the bottom of Cheap Street. The nearest long-stay car park is Culverhayes DT9 3ED. We are approximately 7 minutes walk from Sherborne railway station on the London Waterloo-Exeter line. Buses stop at the top of Digby Road near the TIC 4 minutes walk away and also at Greenhill at the top of Cheap Street. National Cycle Route 26 runs from Yeovil to Sherborne. Our exact location is Lat: 50.946742, Long: -2.515694



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ADMISSION



Stories to
ignite the imagination



We tell our story through our wonderful collections of archives, photographs, art, textiles, archaeology, natural history, geology, books and other objects of social history – all of which inform, delight and inspire.



SHERBORNE Museum

is centrally located in the heart of this beautiful Dorset town and occupies the former Abbey Gatehouse, now a Grade II listed building.

We are within walking distance of two castles, Sherborne Abbey, a 15th century Almshouse and the Steam and Waterwheel Centre as well as being close to Cheap Street with its independent shops, pubs, cafes and restaurants, so a visit to the museum can be part of a great day out! From the outset in 1968, we aimed to be an independent museum dedicated to telling the story of Sherborne and its surrounding villages and celebrating the rich heritage of the local area.

Highlights include a unique medieval wall-painting, our famous Victorian dolls' house, two hundred watercolours by the town's pioneering Edwardian botanical artist, seventeenth-century artefacts from the Siege of Sherborne Castle and a digital version of the glorious illuminated manuscript, the Sherborne Missal.



We are a registered charity (no. 1176535) and the first volunteer-run museum in Dorset to be awarded full Accreditation.



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